

## **Board Agenda Information**

### **Monday, June 16th, 2025**

**Item C. Adoption of the Agenda** - The hiring of Amy Langford as the High School Secretary should be added to the agenda.

**Item D. Conduct Hearing on Renewal of District Operating Levy** - Materials regarding the renewal of (one of) the District's Operating Levies are included in the packet for the Board's review. As part of the renewal process, the District must open the meeting to receive information and feedback from the public who may be interested. This portion of the agenda satisfies that requirement. I will have a few comments from the slides that are included in the packet that address the importance of the Operating Levy to ISD #2753 before we open the floor to those in attendance who may wish to address the school board on the issue. This comes by way of the Finance Committee's recommendation to bring this forward this month from their meeting on May 19th, 2025.

**Item E. Consent Agenda** - See the Consent Agenda Information sheet.

In Item D.4. The Administration is recommending the hire of Erica Ebnet as the Extended School Year teacher (ESY) for this summer. We are grateful for Erica's willingness to step in and take on this role for the summer. Finally, the Administration is recommending the acceptance of the resignation from Shelbi Bisbee as an Elementary teacher. We thank Shelbi for her service to the children and families of the Long Prairie Grey Eagle School District.

In Item E.5., we are recommending the approval of the amended MOU regarding Kelsey Paurus's relationship to the District. The amendment, in pertinent part, voluntarily changes the amount of days as part of her extended contract from 30 to 20 for the 2025-2026 school year. This agreement also removes her assignment to St. Mary's as that no longer applies. This is a one year Memorandum with further discussions between the District, Ms. Paurus, and the Education Association to take place over the next year to clarify assignments related to her position.

Item E.6. has the Board approving its annual membership to the Minnesota School Boards Association. The dues for Fiscal 2026, which includes the membership, policy services and the Boardbook subscription, amounts to \$8,486 which represents a 4.5% increase over the dues paid for Fiscal 2025.

And in E.7. the School Board should also approve the 2025-2026 membership to the Minnesota Rural Education Association. A really good organization and they took our (LPGE) situation with Compensatory Revenue and made it a priority around the Legislature. This could be deleted from the agenda as we don't have the membership renewal materials from MREA as yet.

Item E.8 is an annual Board resolution that designates the Superintendent as the EDIAM representative for the District. The Board should designate Supt. Daniel Ludvigson as the District's EDIAM effective July 1, 2025. The EDIAM is the designee from the District that authorizes staff within the District to submit reports as needed to the Minnesota Department of Education.

**Item I: New Business** - Item I.1. calls for the Board to recognize the various donations the District receives over the course of the month. As the Board can see from the enclosure in the Board packet (book), the District received \$ 13,826.77 in donations over the past month. As a highlight, we are seeing some donations coming through for the weight room project.

Item I.2. Included in the Board packet are recommendations coming from Principals Tammy Cebulla (Elementary) and Barton Rud (High School) for teachers achieving tenure status with the District. This is a marking point in the professional careers for these 13 teachers and as such, worthy of commendation by the School Board. Congratulations to these teachers on reaching this important milestone in their professional teaching career!

Item I.3. calls on the Board to approve a Preliminary Fiscal 2026 School District budget. Initially, the Board must pass a budget for the ensuing fiscal year prior to July 1st in order to have the statutory authority to pay bills or claims on account. The Board's action on this presented budget this evening meets that requirement. Second, the delay in the Legislature in finalizing a state budget puts the District in a position of "rolling over" last year's budget to again, permit it to pay bills on July 1st. A few adjustments have been made to reflect some of the containment measures discussed this Spring, namely the removal of the Interim Superintendent's contract and the reduction in the legal services budget. Mrs. Evenson and I have talked about having the Board conduct a budget revision in October when the staff is solidified as well as the information from the Minnesota Department of Education as it finalizes software support to reflect the new Legislative K-12 allocations. Finally, as the revenue side of the budget is dependent on enrollment, and because the enrollment appears to be remarkably consistent, a budget for Fiscal 2026 would likely mirror that of the 2024-2025 school year with an Average Daily Membership of 982. I would venture to say that number would hold true as a basis for a revised budget in October. All totaled, a "roll over" budget would be the best scenario based upon the information the district has at this point.

Item I.4. asks the Board to approve the Language Access Plan pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 123B.32 indicating that this plan has to be in place for the 2025-2026 school year. As you can see from the plan, the District must identify that it will use trainers or interpreters for communications related to academic outcomes, progress and placements in special programs or services. **Administration recommends approval of this plan in accordance with state law.**

Item I.5. is the official action to renew the District Operating Levy. Given authority by the 2023 Legislature, School Boards can enact a one time, 10 year renewal of an existing operating levy. The Operating Levy up for renewal means that almost \$512,000 in local property tax revenues would continue to flow for an additional ten years (after initial authority's passage). These dollars go to support general District operations. At their May 19th meeting, the Finance Committee of the Board recommended that the full Board proceed with the renewal of the Operating Levy at the June Board meeting. **Administration recommends passage of the Resolution to Renew the District Operating Levy.**

Item I.6. is an overall review of the status of the contracts involving the Interim Superintendent and the Superintendent. It is a clarification of the duties and responsibilities transferring to Mr. Ludvigson on July 1, 2025. Chair Gohman will have some information for the Board at the table.

**Adjournment -**