School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2026

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, October 19, 2026 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Other members present were: Renee Kreemer, Jim Kreemer, David Ruda, Marja Krueger, Brad Evenson, Kelsey Paurus, Charlotte Roe, Nicole Cuchna, Nate Hibbs, Stephanie Luna, Kaleb Bundy, Rachel Bothun, Tammy Cebulla, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to adopt the agenda with the addition of Jim Kreemer as a Guest Speaker regarding Soldiers Field with possible action and the addition of $8527.50 to the Donation list from the Workathon for Letterclub. Motion unanimously carried.

Guest Speakers Stephanie Luna and Kaleb Bundy presented on behalf of the SALT team. Their presentation focused on the athletic program and the “Journey through the culture of Belonging”

Nicole Cuchna and Nathan Hibbs gave a presentation on the testing data results from the recent testing that has been conducted.

Charlotte Roe gave a recap of the Thunder Online Academy and how things were going. Current enrollment is 34 students and 3 more joining the end of the quarter.

Jim Kreemer, Mayor of the City of Long Prairie is requesting that the LPGE School provide a Quit Claim Deed for Soldier’s Field to the city so they can use the 1.2 million dollars to transform it into a community area with a splash pad, walking track, playground, outdoor ice rink, etc.

A motion was made by Zahnow and seconded by Zastrow to allow the Superintendent to check with legal to see if we are able to give the land to the City of Long Prairie and bring a recommendation back to the board at the next meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Ludvigson gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan. The goal for this plan is to make it more usable as a school.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Wolf to approve the following Consent Agenda with the Removal of E6 (a,b,c) regarding MOU’s, Coaches and Extended Absences, Addendum to the Read Act and Shared Registered Nurse Coverage, for further discussion and the addition of the hiring of Cesar Rodriguez for the Elementary Night Custodian:

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes September 21, 2026

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 25787-25900=$162,413.06

FY 27 Checks numbered to and including 25901-25953=$805,270.44

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Amount
9/15/2026	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	23,824.58
9/15/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	-417.24
9/15/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	31,032.48
9/15/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	308.96
9/15/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	104,315.22
9/15/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	-2,265.03
9/15/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	163,528.10
9/15/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	1,528.71
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	-482.00
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	13,150.00
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	482.00
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	3,566.66
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	2,254.16
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	416.66
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	4,266.72
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	766.67
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	3,847.07
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	6,580.09
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	1,386.67
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	503.35
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	660.00
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	333.34
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	41.67
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	50.00

9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	-41.67
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	-50.00
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	2,983.70
9/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	750.02
9/17/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	-69.70
9/17/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	3,990.83
9/17/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	69.70
9/17/2026	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	358.57
9/17/2026	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	-1,538.00
9/17/2026	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	129,237.00
9/17/2026	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	769.00
9/24/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	232.76
9/24/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	1,457.13
9/24/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	1,185.14
9/24/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	1,190.71
9/24/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	-1,791.46
9/30/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	2,189.10
9/30/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	22.78
9/30/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	491.22
9/30/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	15,967.95
9/30/2026	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	11,815.75
9/30/2026	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	214.20
9/30/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	178.84
9/30/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	-9.62
9/30/2026	WX	AVIBEN	308.34

9/30/2026	WX	AVIBEN	270.00
9/30/2026	WX	AVIBEN	2,464.00
9/30/2026	WX	AVIBEN	240.00
9/18/2026	WX	BMO	4,882.63
9/30/2026	WX	ZIONS BANK	26,720.47

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including – 5880-5887=$200.00

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires
1) Layla Sorensen - Elem. Paraprofessional
2) Kim Pohlman - Para Sub
3) Cesar Rodriguez - Elem. Night Custodian
4) Kristi Gaida - Head Gymnastics Coach

The following appointments are made contingent upon adequate enrollment/participation in the program. The board retains broad discretion to discontinue programs, without notice if enrollment/participation is not adequate.

1) Kristi Gaida - Head Gymnastics
2) Chad Wehrman - Head Boys Hockey
3) Justin Moore - Assistant Boys Hockey
4) David Wright - Head Girls Hockey
5) Otis Ostendorf - Assistant Girls Hockey
6) Brett Eisenschenk - Head Boys Basketball
7) Jonathan Young - Assistant Boys Basketball
8) Tanner Roske - 9th Grade Boys Basketball
9) Tyrone Scott - JH Boys Basketball
10) Brent Sterriker - Head Girls Basketball
11) Angela Eldred - Assistant Girls Basketball
12) Brandon Schulte - 9th Grade Girls Basketball
13) Diana Hegseth - JH Girls Basketball
14) Nate Pachan - Head Wrestling
15) Michael Meagher - Assistant Wrestling
16) Bryce Kircher - Assistant Wrestling

B. Accept the following resignations:
1) Nikki Rohde - Assistant Gymnastics Coach
2) Cecilia Gonzalez - Paraprofessional/HS

C. Conferences/Trainings - MASBO Fall Conference Nov 5-6, AASA Education National Conference on ED Feb 24-27 (Atlanta, GA) - Mr. Ludvigson is presenting a breakout session at both conferences.

CA-5 Approve the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan

CA-6 Memorandums of Understanding

- Coaches and Extended Absences
- Addendum to the Read Act

- Shared Registered Nurse Coverage

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Evenson reported that we got an additional 19 VPK seats. Our 4 year old class should be fully funded now. The Career Fair was a huge success. A big shout out to Luan Brunkhorst with the Long Prairie Area Chamber, Alex Tech and CLC college. A few former students were also there representing different professions. Mr. Evenson also gave a shout out to the mentorship with the work base learning program.

Kelsey Paurus stated that they have hired a new Head Gymnastic Coach. She stated that the Lions donated $10,000 to the athletic department, most will be utilized for scholarships. The 5th Quarter party after the Homecoming Football game went over good with about 160 attending. Discussion was held on the Hudl invoice as prices have been going up pretty consistently. This will be tabled until the next meeting and hopefully more information will be available by next meeting.

Tammy Cebulla and Rachel Bothun - Both invited all to their Veterans Day Programs on November 11. The recent PD day went over good, it started with information on Trauma, then the staff had a meeting and then the staff broke out into smaller groups and worked with their teams. It was a very productive day. Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up the first week in November.

Board - All board members are wanting to be signed up for the MSBA Conference.

Superintendent Ludvigson explained where our drop in enrollment was coming from.

Board Highlight – Homecoming was a good event. Big “Thank you” to the River of Life Church for putting on the 5th Qtr Party. Shout out to all of the people involved in getting the Career Fair put together.

Old Business: Discussion was held again on the purchase of a Skidloader for the Elementary School. The board denied this request due to the lack of need.

The donation resolution was moved by Wolf and seconded by Hollenkamp:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for October 2026

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: “The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.”; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: “Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or device of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.”; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Long Prairie Grey Eagle, ISD 2753, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Open Gym	$26	Weight room
Mid Central National Bank	$684	Letterclub (Tailgate)

Open Gym	$19.05	Weight room
Open Gym	$31	Weight room
Cash Donation	$750	Tennis
American Food Groups	$1000	FFA
American Food Groups	$100	LPGE Elementary
Minnesota National Bank	$300	Junior Class 1st Place– School Spirit
The Trailer Center	$300	Junior Class 1st Place – Most Creative
Ring Studios	$100	LPGE Tennis 3rd Place – Most Creative
Long Prairie Lions	$300	Junior Class – People's Choice
Phone-a-thon	$8527.50	Letterclub
Long Prairie Lions	$10,000	Athletic Department

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:
Aye: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow and Zastrow
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Discussion was held on having a student representative to sit on the board. Kelsey raised concern that the kids have full plates already and do not want to have their grades suffer. The board was going to put together a list of expectations and provide it to Kelsey to see if there would be any student interest at this time.

The school board calendar for 2027 was reviewed with the suggestion of having the November meeting date changed to November 22, 2027 to avoid the overlap with the MREA Conference. A new calendar will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the Online Academy and where we go from here as we are close to meeting the threshold of 40 students. Suggestion by Rachel Bothun and Jeremiah Zahnow to keep the program at the cap of 40 students for this 1st year and reevaluate going forward.

A special meeting was set to Canvass Election Results for November 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in District Board Room 209.

Questions concerning the MOU's from the Consent agenda were addressed. A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to accept the MOU's. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm by Chairman Gohman.

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Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk