

School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, January 27, 2025 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow and Zastrow. Others present were: Superintendent Doug Froke, Barton Rud, Tammy Cebulla, Jenny Thelen, Mitchell Ganske, Renee Kreemer, Daniel Ludvigson, Randy Mechels, Jody Bebault, Josiah Tonder, Brad Evenson, Sherri Evenson, Jen Houdek, Cindy Roos, Beth Gustafson, Patti Larson, Audrey Morrill, Abby Becker, Kyle Lamb, Kari Lamb, Susan Kroll, Steven Hinson, Steve Christians, Chet Hudalla, Daniella Chavez, Carissa Bitz, Paula Muellner, Jennifer Earley, Tracy Schultz and Nancy Hillman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

It was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to adopt the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zahnow to approve the following Consent Agenda:

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes for December 19, 2024 and January 6, 2025.

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 22516-22651=\$415,163.00

Checks numbered to and including 22652-22749=\$255,769.92

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Amount
12/12/24	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	179577.79
12/12/24	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	86031.85
12/12/24	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	32741.43
12/12/24	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	40775.39
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	1716.88
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	1984.17
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	9122.52
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	15.40
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	3433.38
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	150.00
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	5653.78
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	4418.39
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	420.01
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	425.00
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	333.34
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	3317.04
12/12/24	WX	AVIBEN	333.34
12/12/24	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	297.92
12/12/24	WX	HEALTH PARTNERS	116748.47
12/13/24	WX	MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT	43.20
12/13/24	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	3784.51
12/31/24	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	29.00

12/31/24	WX	REVTRAK INC	566.77
12/31/24	WX	EMPOWER	1100.00
12/9/24	WX	BMO	6632.19
12/31/24	WX	MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK	30.00

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including – 5838=\$60.00

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Wilfredo (Yomar) Morales - Paraprofessional
- 2) Jocelyne Raya - Paraprofessional

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) Josia Tonder - Varsity Soccer
- 2) Alex Cervantes - JV Soccer
- 3) Mitch Johnson - JH Baseball

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Michael Bolton - Head Football Coach
- 2) Michael Bolton - Paraprofessional

CA-5 Approve Memorandums of Understanding with LPGE Education Association

- a. Head and Assistant Soccer Coaching Stipend (addition to Schedule C)
- b. Assistant Cross Country Coaching Stipend (addition to Schedule C)

CA-6 Approve the 24-25 LGEA Seniority List

CA-7 Approve Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorships

- a. Girls Tennis - Swanville and Upsala
- b. Boys Soccer - Little Falls

CA-8 Approve Agreement with Long Prairie Hockey Association

Motion unanimously carried.

Student Representative Abby Becker gave a report of the upcoming Snow Days Events

Cindy Roos, Girls Club Director, gave a report on what the program does for girls grades 3-6 and how the program works. Jasmine Ecker has been with the program since the beginning and American Heritage National Bank allows Tara Stanek to come over and be a mentor as well. We are very thankful for their continued help.

Activities Report - MSHSL Form B Grant was approved and will be used to purchase medical kits.

Community Ed Report - Winter/Spring Brochure was distributed. Release of the summer brochure is going to be earlier so families can plan other summer activities. Thunder Academy dates have been set for 2025. 21st Century is working on the Federal 21 APR Report and other Federal Program Amendments for 2024-2025.

Technology Report - Working on updating the door security system in both buildings. Looking into lighting and sound system upgrades for the secondary auditorium. Talked about a new lease for new staff computers and a computer lab.

Principals gave their report - Generous donations have been given of winter clothing from anonymous donors. "I Love to Read" month is February with a shout out to Beth Gustafson for creating the calendar. A new slushy machine has been installed at the Secondary School. January's discipline report is showing that things are going well. PBIS has been a big thing to turn the discipline around.

The Board stated that they attended the MSBA Conference and attended many good sessions with a lot of good speakers. They also gave a shout out to the Paras for Paraprofessional week and all the hard work they do with the kids everyday. Also shout out to One Act Play for taking 3rd place in their competition.

Superintendent Froke reported that December enrollment was down 3 kids Project updates were given on Phase 2 of the HVAC project at the Secondary School. The track and turf committee has been meeting relative to the project design and equipment needs for the project. The Highway 287 Resurfacing project was discussed with the City Administrator and the school will pay for the resurfacing of the whole parking lot and then in exchange the city will no longer pile snow there, it will be utilized as a full time parking lot. There will also be crossing lights put in as part of the project and the city and school will split that cost. Superintendent Froke also gave a little bit of insight on the Governor's budget and how it could potentially affect the funds allocated to schools.

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for January 2025

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)
Jodi's Network of Hope, Inc	\$5,000.00	Dollars for Scholars
Felling Family Partnership Fund Merle & Kathy Felling	55-ton Edwards Ironworker w/attachments, 3 Miller wire feed welders, 1-time saver for woodshop = \$25,000	Welding Class

Felling Family Partnership Fund Merle & Kathy Felling	Misc. tooling/supplies = \$5,000	Welding Class
Hillig Auto Center, LLC – The Trailer Center	\$300.00	Activity Day
Peace United Church Women of Peace	\$50.00	Activity Day

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.

Motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to Accept the Board Policy Series 100. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the 2025-2026 Preliminary School Calendar. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Wolf to appoint Hollenkamp and Zahnow to the District Wellness Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve the changes to the High School Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Information was presented on the Cell Phone Policy/Survey which will be discussed more at the next board meeting.

Motion was made by Zahnow and seconded by Wolf to approve the Computer Lease with Hewlett Packard in the amount of \$119,472.20 for 4 years to upgrade the staff computers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Zahnow and seconded by Levin to have an open discussion on the Superintendent/Interim Superintendent matter. Discussion was held between the board members and the board attorney, Jennifer Earley on the options available to begin to resolve this issue.

After discussion a motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to reinstate Mr. Ludvigson from his special assignment to full duties as Superintendent effective Tuesday, January 28, 2025, but with condition that duties be gradually reinstated subject to a plan developed by the Executive Committee with assistance of legal counsel. Until fully reinstated, Mr. Froke remains in charge of all day-to-day Superintendent duties. Roll call vote was taken with the following voting yes, Gohman, Hollenkamp, Wolf, Zahnow and Zastrow. Voting no were members Levin and Wright. Motion carried with a 5/2 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk