

School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, October 20, 2025 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Wolf, Wright, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Members Levin and Zahnow were excused. Other members present were: Sherri Evenson, Tammy Cebulla, Barton, Rud, Ashley Pesta, Carissa Bitz, Brad Evenson, Beth Gustafson, Nicole Cuchna, Mitch Johnson, Caylee Kuehne, Maddie Wehrspann, Curt Gjerstad, 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 the addendum to the secondary handbook. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve the following Consent Agenda with the addition of the revision of Policy 413 designating a Human Rights Officer: Motion unanimously carried.

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes September 15, 2025

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 23892-24006=\$1,144,137.04

FY 26 Checks numbered to and including 24007-24096=\$1,379,098.63

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Amount
9/4/2025	WX	AVIBEN	1,345.83
9/15/2025	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	20,549.33
9/15/2025	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	91,105.59
9/15/2025	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	143,887.80
9/15/2025	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	26,071.35
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	38.72
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	3,766.71
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	300.00
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	5,595.46
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	4,610.07
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	666.67
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	461.68
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	425.00
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	333.34
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	2,942.03
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	500.02
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	2,227.46
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	2,060.83
9/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	7,299.00

9/15/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	-34.16
9/15/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	3,686.19
9/15/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	115.10
9/15/2025	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	323.45
9/18/2025	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	111,990.00
9/30/2025	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	12,316.96
9/30/2025	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	14,771.22
9/30/2025	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	1,802.88
9/30/2025	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	29.00
9/30/2025	WX	REVTRAK INC	641.95
9/10/2025	WX	AVIBEN	50.00
9/30/2025	WX	MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK	20.00
9/30/2025	WX	BMO	7,162.28
9/30/2025	WX	ZIONS BANK	22,402.22

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including – 5868-5870=\$5,135.00

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Charlotte Williams - Kitchen Sub
- 2) Alma Acosta - Kitchen Sub
- 3) Nicolas Claseman – Night Custodian – HS
- 4) Alexis Kraska – Paraprofessional
- 5) Johnelle Christiansen – Food Service
- 6) Kristin Vanderheyden - 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) Brent Sterriker – Head Girls Basketball
- 2) Brandon Schulte – C Squad Girls Basketball

The following Winter Coaching Positions were approved: Jesse Sogge – Head Gymnastics, David Wright – Head Girls Hockey, Brett Eisenschenk – Head Boys Basketball, Tanner Roske – 9th Grade Boys Basketball, Tyrone Scott – 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Brent Sterriker – Head Girls Basketball, Angela Eldred – Assistant Girls Basketball, Brandon Schulte – 9th Grade Girls Basketball, Diana Hegseth - JH Girls Basketball, Nate Pachan – Head Wrestling, Michael Meagher – Assistant Wrestling.

The following Spring Coaching Positions were approved: Joe Gaida - Head Softball, Andy Engelhardt – JH Softball, Diana Hegseth – JH Softball, Paul Urman – Head Baseball, Noah Urrman – Assistant Baseball, Dave Blanchard – 9th Grade Baseball, Mitch Johnson – JH Baseball, Andy Otremba – Head Girls Track, Jonathan Young – Head Boys Track, Jose Jimenez – Assistant Track (Hurdles), Kim Crosby – Assistant Track (Throwers), Brooke Ostendorf – Assistant Track (Mid Distance), Charlie Stier – Head Golf, Cooper Goerdt – Assistant Golf

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Steve Rist – 9th Grade Girls Basketball
- 2) Carrie Reece – Head Cook
- 3) Brandon Schulte – JH Boys Basketball
- 4) Johnelle Christiansen – Paraprofessional
- 5) Kristin Vanderheyden – Food Service

CA-5 Overload – Jessica Rosenow, Allison Winge and Lisa Marty

CA-6 Policy 413 updated to designate the Superintendent as the District's Human Rights Officer

Motion unanimously carried.

Guest Speaker Caylee Kuehne and Maddie Wehrspann talked about homecoming and that it was a success this year with even more participation than before. The Veterans day program will be November 11 with programs at both the High School and Elementary.

Mitch Johnson from the Baseball Association came to the board with a few updates that they would like to do on the baseball and softball field. First, the batting cage at the varsity baseball field is in need of replacement. Second, it was proposed that the fence at the softball field be moved in to 200 feet which does meet standard field dimensions. The board, through general consensus, designated the Superintendent to work with the Baseball Association on the details of the fence project. These upgrades will be paid for by the baseball association with no cost to the school district. The board gave the general consensus to go ahead with these upgrades.

Curt Gjerstad discussed the FFA program and gave financial updates and student opportunities.

Nicole Cuchna and Beth Gustafson presented student data testing results as part of the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan.

Mr. Evenson gave an update on BOLT, Achievement and Integration, after school programs and the activity bus. Programs like Robotics and some of the other programs offered should remain being offered. The activity bus should remain running for 3 nights a week even after December 31 as this is crucial to many of our students. There was a motion by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to extend the activity bus for 3 nights a week from January – May, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology reported that they received a Cyber Security/Building Security Grant in the amount of 50,000.00

Business Manager Sherri Evenson gave an update on the ongoing Audit. Things are going well and there should be a report of findings at the November board meeting.

Principal Barton Rud presented the addendum to the Secondary Handbook allowing certain exceptions for students needing to wear headphones or have earbuds. There was a motion by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to accept this addendum. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Clerk, Lori Hollenkamp, presented the board with the Thunder Clothing options available for purchase from two different vendors. An email will go out with options to the staff and students.

Superintendent Ludvigson gave his report on enrollment. He also stated that the MSBA conference will be January 15-16 and all members wanting to go need to let him know so they can get signed up.

Chair Linda stated that the Superintendent Evaluation form was near completion and will be sent to the Board, the District Leadership Committee and staff. It was encouraged for everyone to take a look and fill out the survey.

Board Highlight – Thank you to Jerry Bleess and Steve Petrie for stepping up to assist with custodial work during staffing transitions. The ribbon cutting at the new Thunder Stadium was a success.

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for October 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)
LP Chamber	Support & Request Letter Sharing	New Teacher Baskets
Happy Trails Embroidery	Can Coolers	New Teacher Baskets
American Heritage Bank	Gift Bags	New Teacher Baskets
Vitality Wellness	1 month membership	New Teacher Baskets
Double R Bar and Grill	Gift Certificates	New Teacher Baskets
Dairy Queen	Gift Cards	New Teacher Baskets
Little Rose Custom	Shirts	New Teacher Baskets
Meadow Place Assisted Living	Insulated cups with chocolates	New Teacher Baskets
Peace United Methodist Church	Gift Cards	New Teacher Baskets
Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions Club	\$1,000.00	Weight Room Fundraiser
Anonymous	\$30.00	Weight Room Fundraiser
Bitz Plumbing & Heating Sauk Centre	\$250.00	Weight Room Fundraiser
Nicholas Bruder	\$400.00	Kylie Goff Scholarship
Todd County Fair / Todd County Agricultural Society	\$100	Kylie Goff Scholarship
Aksamit Transportation	Trailer	Elementary for float use
Grey Eagle Methodist Church	\$200 in Gift Cards	Elementary
Happy Trails Embroidery – Renee Kreemer	T-shirts	Ribbon Cutting
Nick Saarela	Thunder Stadium & Thunder Concessions signs	Football Field
The Trailer Center	\$300	Class of 2028 – 1 st place HS School Spirit Float

Enterprise CP	\$300	Class of 2026 – 1 st place HS Most Creative Float
Kali Christensen	\$100	Class of 2028 – 3 rd place HS Most Creative Float
State Farm Insurance	\$200	5 th & 6 th Football – 2 nd place Elementary School Spirit Float
110 Coffee	\$300	FFA – 1 st place Student Groups School Spirit
Iten Funeral Home	\$200	Varsity Football – 2 nd place Student Groups School Spirit
Minnesota National Bank	\$100	Tennis Float – 3 rd place Student Groups School Spirit
Breitenfeldt Group	\$300	FFA – 1 st place Student Groups Most Creative
Rotary & Mindy and Eric Denny	\$200	Varsity Football – 2 nd place Student Groups Most Creative
Crystal & Troy Fritzlar	\$100	Tennis Float – 3 rd place Student Groups Most Creative
Star Bank – Eagle Bend	\$200	Class of 2028 – People’s Choice
Matthew & Stephanie Mitzel	\$500	Tony Miksche Scholarship
Magnifi Financial	\$100	7/8 th Grade – 3 rd place HS School Spirit Float
State Farm Insurance	\$300	Elementary Color Run – 1 st place Elementary School Spirit Float
Dan’s Prize	\$25 – Chamber Bucks	Teacher/Advisor 1 st place for Color Run
Grey Eagle Electric, Inc.	\$250	Weight Room Fundraiser
Little Rose Custom Creations	\$100	Weight Room Fundraiser
Cash donation	\$48.05	Weight Room Fundraiser
Long Prairie Lions Club	\$400	4-6 th Grade Girls Basketball
Prairie Family Dental	\$750	Letter Club
Advantage 1 Insurance	\$200	Class of 2028 – 2 nd place HS School Spirit Float
Vanguard Insurance	\$200	Class of 2026 – 2 nd place HS Most Creative Float
Daybreak Eggs	240 eggs	FACS Class
Alex Tech Welding Program	Welding Metal	Welding Class
St. Cloud State University	\$3000	Robotics

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Wolf, Wright and Zastrow

Nay: 0

Absent: Levin and Zahnow

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

There was discussion on the upcoming 26-27 school calendar. It is proposed to add 2 more professional development days. The PD committee will talk this over and give their feedback.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to approve the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion by the board, a motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Wolf to move forward with the Playground grant to replace the equipment on the Preschool playground.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.25 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk