

School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, November 17, 2025 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Member Wright was excused. Other members present were: Tammy Cebulla, Barton Rud, Brad Evenson, Kelsey Paurus, Ashley Pesta, Renee Kreemer, Lainey Tschida, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

It was moved by Zahnow and seconded by Hollenkamp to adopt the agenda with the addition of a 6% increase in starting pay for the Head Cook to bring the position into line with the other positions under new business. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to approve the following Consent Agenda with the addition of the resignation of Amanda Joarnt:

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes October 20, 2025

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 24097-24149=\$701,030.52

FY 26 Checks numbered to and including 24150-24241=\$421,244.37

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

| DATE | PMT TYPE | VENDOR | AMOUNT |
|------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 10/15/2025 | WX | TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT | 89,671.07 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN | 29,475.09 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN | -29,475.09 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE | 27,484.51 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM | 153,588.04 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 3,766.71 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 300.00 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 5,595.46 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 4,610.07 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 666.67 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 461.68 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 425.00 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 333.34 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 2,942.03 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 500.02 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 2,227.46 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 2,260.83 |

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| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | -2,260.83 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 7,157.00 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | -7,157.00 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | DELTA DENTAL OF MN | 34.16 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | DELTA DENTAL OF MN | 3,571.09 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC | 333.87 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN | 29,475.09 |
| 10/15/2025 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN | -10.62 |
| 10/16/2025 | WX | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA | 708.00 |
| 10/16/2025 | WX | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA | 115,220.00 |
| 10/21/2025 | WX | TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT | 12.89 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN | 23.26 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM | 25.42 |
| 10/30/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 7,207.00 |
| 10/30/2025 | WX | AVIBEN | 2,010.83 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK | 29.00 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | REVTRAK INC | 703.25 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | REVTRAK INC | 0.03 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | REVTRAK INC | 8.22 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | BMO | 10,461.14 |
| 10/31/2025 | WX | MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK | 30.00 |

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including: None

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Ashley Farrow (Paraprofessional),
- 2) Jason Nystrom (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) Nikki Rohde (Assistant Gymnastics)
- 2) Nate Hibbs (JH Boys Basketball)
- 3) Otis Ostendorf (Assistant Girls Hockey)

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Madison Zaccariella - Paraprofessional
- 2) Jocelyn Raya - Paraprofessional
- 3) Jose Estrada - Paraprofessional

CA-4a Conferences & Trainings

CA-5 Assurance of Compliance Report - Approve, see attachment

Motion unanimously carried.

Guest Speaker, Lainey Tschida with the FFA, gave an update on the National FFA Convention to Indianapolis. She talked about the experiences they had and the things they learned about. They are hoping to go back in 2 years for the 100th year of the National FFA Convention.

Kelsey Paurus had an addition to her activities report. She asked the board to approve the overnight stays for the dates of November 28-29 in Windom and January 23-24 in International Falls for the Girls Hockey Team. In addition, the overnight stays for the date of December 5-6 in Wahpeton for Varsity Boys Wrestling, January 3 in St. James and February 6-7 for Sections in Shakopee for Varsity Girls Wrestling. A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to approve these overnight stays for the various dates. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Ludvigson touched on the Business Managers report. The Audit Report will be at the December meeting. He also stated that the Safety Presentation at the PD day given by Sherri was a great presentation. We also had open enrollment with a lot of good information given about benefits.

Tammy Cebulla and Barton Rud said the Veterans Day Programs all went very well. Mr. Rud again expressed his sincere "Thank you" to Ashely Pesta who gave a presentation at the HS Veterans Day Presentation. It was very humbling to have a local person speak. Christmas programs are coming up fast. Also there will be a backpack attack packing event on November 25.

The Board reviewed the PartnerEd Proposal and decided to table the decision due to not all members present. There was a motion by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zahnow to table this decision until all board members are present to vote.

Recognition was given to Board Chair, Linda Gohman, for being nominated for the All-State School Board Candidate. This nomination will be recognized at the MSBA Conference in January.

Superintendent Ludvigson gave the enrollment projections. He also stated that negotiations are starting to get underway.

Board Highlight – Clerk Hollenkamp read a couple of letters from the JFK dancers/parents giving a huge "Thank you" to Brad Evenson and James Ruiz for all their hard work and accommodations with the event.

There was more discussion on the 26-27 School Calendar. Some suggestions are having conferences one evening and one morning instead of both evenings. Also 2 extra PD days were talked about being added to the calendar. Feedback will be collected and brought back to the board in December for a decision.

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS November 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) |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| River of Life Church | \$300 | Weight Room Fundraiser |
| Marilynn Erickson | \$25 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Judy Corwin | \$100 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Kathleen Benshoof | \$50 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Esther Tatley | \$50 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Starr & Jim Carriere | \$20 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Anders & Marion Hornfeldt | \$50 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Alvin & Barbara Amundson | \$30 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Nancy Olson & Lowell Edlund | \$25 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| David & Mary Breen | \$25 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Gretchen Stein & David Wettergren | \$100 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Ruth Hagander | \$25 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Jean & William Knaak | \$750 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Anne Flipp | \$50 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| Karol Bowman & Karla Geyen | \$25 | Bill Knaak Memorial Scholarship |
| American Foods Group | \$1,500 | FFA |
| John & Leona McDermott | \$100 | Kylie Goff Memorial Scholarship |

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Zahnow and Zastrow

Nay: 0

Absent: Wright

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to accept the School Board Meeting dates for 2026. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Wolf and seconded Hollenkamp to accept the 6% increase in starting pay for the Head Cook to bring the position into line with the other positions. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk