

School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, March 17, 2025 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wright, Wolf, Zahnow and Zastrow. Other members present were: Superintendent Froke, Barton Rud, Tammy Cebulla, Brad Evenson, Kelsey Paurus, Mitch Johnson, Daniel Ludvigson, Renee Kreemer, Jim Kreemer, Randy Mechels, Tracy Schultz, Carissa Bitz, Jessica Rosenow, Ashley Pesta, Jen Olson, Meghan Peterson, Jen Houdek, Audrey Morrill, Sandy Wienhold, Beth Gustafson, Sherri Evenson, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

It was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to adopt the agenda with the addition of H7 Discussion of the Superintendent Contract and the updated Ideal Construction Quote. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Wolf and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve the following Consent Agenda with the removal of Voucher 7702:

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes February 24, 2025

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 22912-22956=\$108,964.92

Checks numbered to and including 22957-23019=\$225,881.46

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Payment Type	Vendor	Amount
2/14/25	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	186,471.18
2/14/25	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	34,274.95
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	50.00
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	2,227.46
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	1,960.83
2/14/25	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	45,940.81
2/14/25	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	86,646.43
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	15.40
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	2,850.04
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	150.00
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	5,553.78
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	4,318.39
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	166.67

2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	50.00
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	420.01
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	425.00
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	333.34
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	3,217.03
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	166.67
2/14/25	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	4,087.19
2/14/25	WX	AVIBEN	7,979.00
2/19/25	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	339.08
2/19/25	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	117,793.00
2/28/25	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	29.00
2/28/25	WX	REVTRAK INC	311.59
2/26/25	WX	BMO	5,663.54
2/28/25	WX	MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK	20.00

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including – 5839 = \$270.00

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Amelia Hudalla - Lane 4, Step 1 - Paraprofessional
- 2) Dave Geisenhof - Lane B, Step 1 - Maintenance/Lead Day Custodian

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) Callie Schleicher - JV Softball

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Wilfredo Yomar Morales - Paraprofessional

CA-5 Designate 170 student lockers as surplus equipment for sale or disposal

Motion unanimously carried.

Guest Speaker: Mitch Johnson, VP of the LP Baseball Association presented the board with information regarding the possible sale of adult beverages during the Long Prairie Predators home games. A contract would be drawn up by the baseball association stating the school would have no liability during these games.

Mr. Evenson stated that the 21st Century Grant is due on Wednesday. It has been a very lengthy process to complete but it will be submitted on time. Preparations for summer recreation are underway and the brochure will be distributed the first week of April.

Kelsey Paurus informed the board that she is still waiting on the MSHSL for their decision on section placement, hoping to hear yet this week.

Mitchell Ganske reported that the network closet at the high school is now equipped with air conditioning to keep the room cool while the summer construction is taking place.

Tammy Cebulla and Barton Rud reported that the Blood Drive went very well receiving 52 units of blood which will generate a nice scholarship. Shout out to Ms. Hanson and the culinary crew, they have been very busy lately. Also a shout out to the LPGE Band for hosting the large group contest and receiving superior ratings from all three judges. Choir will be hosting their competition next week.

Superintendent Froke gave the Enrollment report stating that we were down 6 kids from February. He also gave a Legislative update on Compensatory Revenue.

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for March 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)
Magnifi Financial	\$50	WEB Crew Fishing Event
American Legion Post 12	\$100	WEB Crew Fishing Event
Breitenfeldt Group	\$50	WEB Crew Fishing Event
Scheels	\$50 Gift Card	WEB Crew Fishing Event
Guns Galore	\$25 Gift Card	WEB Crew Fishing Event
Janelle Johnson, Julie Mckenzine, Chip Hortness, Steve Hortness	\$250	Dollars for Scholars / Stan Hortness Memorial
Kevin & Debra Roberts	\$250	Dollars for Scholars / Stan Hortness Memorial
Raymond Schulte	\$100	Dollars for Scholars / Stan Hortness Memorial
Fleet Supply of Long Prairie	\$50	Post Prom
Magnifi Financial	\$250	Post Prom
Breitenfeldt Group	\$50	Post Prom
Long Prairie Health Care Center	\$100	Post Prom
Long Prairie Rotary Club	\$225	Post Prom
Felling Trailers, Inc	\$100	Post Prom

Budget Inn	\$3000	HS Activity Acct
Neville Hardware - Grey Eagle	\$200	Post Prom
Arc Electrical Service	\$100	Post Prom
Power 4 You	\$419.37	Letterclub

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Discussion on revising the 2024-2025 school calendar to have the last day of school for students be May 23, 2025 due to the HVAC project starting at the high school. The PD day will be moved to May 27 and May 28-30 will also be required for teachers to be in school. A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to accept the changes to the school calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids were collected for the Harmony Parking Lot project with the winning bid going to Ideal Construction for \$67,500. Motion to accept this bid was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids were collected for the Elementary Cooler Door Replacement with the winning bid going to Nathe Refrigeration in the amount of \$3875.00. Motion to accept this bid was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Wolf to accept policy series 400-415. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Levin and seconded by Wolf to accept the Revised Fiscal 2025 School District Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Voucher 7702 pulled from the Consent Agenda - Wolf wants to look into a few of the charges that he feels the district should not be responsible for and then will direct the business office to get a revised invoice and pay that revised invoice.

Discussion was held regarding Superintendent Ludvigson's Contract. There were two contracts presented to the board, one with an amendment to his existing contract that will identify Mr. Ludvigson's role for the remainder of the 24-25 school year. The second contract was an extension of Mr. Ludvigson's current contract with some changes for 1 year. A motion was made by Wolf and seconded by Zastrow to accept both of the contracts. Roll call vote was taken with members voting yes: Zahnow, Hollenkamp, Wolf, Zastrow and Gohman. Members voting no: Levin and Wright. Motion carried with a 5/2 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk