

School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, August 18, 2025 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Other members present were: Bradley Evenson, Kelsey Paurus, Mary Schmidt, Kyle Lamb, Kari Lamb, Ashley Pesta, Curt Gjerstad, Preston Wielenberg, Cloe Zigan, Jax Zigan, Sherri Evenson, Tammy Cebulla, Barton Rud, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Mr. Ludvigson arrived at the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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

It was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to approve the following Consent Agenda with the following additions and corrections: Removing policies 503, 520, 524 and 524.5. Adding the Resignation of Kaitlin Petron. Removal of the consideration of selling the JD tractor and the correction of the Case 2255 Tractor to a Case CX70 Tractor with a Case 2255 loader. Motion unanimously carried.

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes July 21, 2025

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 23650-23692=\$1,155,234.04

FY 26 Checks numbered to and including 23699-23756=\$1,638,503.90

FY 25 Checks numbered to and including 23693-23698=\$143,341.82

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Pymt Type	Vendor	Amount
7/15/2025	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	26,064.99
7/15/2025	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	17,025.71
7/15/2025	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	4,576.82
7/15/2025	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	3,289.38
7/15/2025	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	1,787.39
7/15/2025	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	13,890.04
7/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	100.00
7/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	100.00
7/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	125.00
7/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	1.76
7/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	62.00
7/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	792.00
7/15/2025	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	10,875.00
7/15/2025	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	13,827.00
7/15/2025	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	21,413.00
7/15/2025	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	65,568.00
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	375.00

7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	1,345.83
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	100.00
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	900.01
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	766.68
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	1,666.67
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	3.52
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	147.00
7/16/2025	WX	AVIBEN	310.78
7/15/2025	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	8,997.37
7/15/2025	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	2,800.69
7/16/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	456.13
7/16/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	273.30
7/16/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	2,495.90
7/16/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	793.55
7/16/2025	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	35.95
7/16/2025	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	56.27
7/16/2025	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	168.19
7/16/2025	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	83.36
7/31/2025	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	29.00
7/31/2025	WX	REVTRAK INC	1,631.58
7/24/2025	WX	BMO	5,517.38
7/31/2025	WX	MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK	50.00
7/31/2025	WX	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	3,265.60
7/31/2025	WX	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	312,100.00
7/31/2025	WX	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	38,750.00

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) Teresa Deprez – MA+10, Step 14 – 5th Grade Teacher
- 2) Shayla Van Den Einde – BA+1, Step 1 – 1st Grade Teacher
- 3) Jaclyn Schaefer - Paraprofessional
- 4) DiMarie Negron - Paraprofessional
- 5) Carl Morrill - Elem. Lead Daytime Custodian, Lane B

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) Kailee Johnson - JH Volleyball

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Katie Dolezal - Paraprofessional
- 2) Patricia Betsinger - Head Cook

CA-4a Conference/Training - MREA Summit November 17-18, MASA Fall Conference September 28-30.

CA-5 Approve Policies 413, 418, 501, 503, 514, 515, 516, 516.5, 524, 526, 534, 602, 707, 709, 806 (806 is not mandatory)

CA-6 Designate the Case 2255 Tractor as surplus equipment for resale.

CA-7 Consideration to sell the John Deere 3520 Lawn Tractor

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Gjerstad and a few FFA members presented to the board the opportunity to attend the Nationals convention in Indianapolis. Preston Wielenberg asked the board for their support which the board approved. It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to give the ok for the FFA students to fundraise and attend the National Convention in Indianapolis.

Mr. Evenson congratulated Mary Schmidt on teaching over 400 Community Ed Classes for the community. Mr. Evenson said there was no update on the 21st Century Grant; it appears to be stuck at the State level. He is going to try and keep as many programs going until the money runs out.

Kelsey Paurus said all the coaches for fall have been hired. She talked about donkey basketball that will be taking place tentatively on November 22.

Tammy Cebulla and Barton Rud reported that 7th & 8th graders will keep their chromebooks and all things will remain the same as last year. Tammy stated that the Elementary still needs a WIN Teacher and two paraprofessionals. The High School is in need of three paraprofessionals, one of which is for the intervention center.

Sherri Evenson gave the Business Managers report stating that we are trying to keep the interest money for the general fund so it is available when funds dip.

Superintendent Ludvigson stated the negotiation team had a strategy meeting. There has been discussion on cutting the activity bus and Bolt if the 21st Century Grant is not received. As for the compensatory aid, if we are not allowed to use paper forms for free & reduced lunch then we will have to look at making more cuts as our aid will go way down.

Board Highlight – Zastrow thanked the people who were out attending and helping at National Night Out and the Latino Fest. Gohman again thanked Mary Schmidt for her commitment to teaching classes for the community. She also thanked the FFA for coming over and assisting with the Tractor Pull in Grey Eagle. Recognition was also given to Brad Evenson and Barb Graves for pulling together to keep the 21st Century Program going. Recognition was also given to CentraCare/Vitality Wellness for being so gracious in letting our students have the use of their weight room this summer while the high school was under construction.

There were a couple of changes to a few of the policies in the handbooks, regarding attendance/unexcused absences and the wording of “application”. It was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Wolf to approve the Elementary and Secondary Handbooks as presented.

It was moved by Zahnow and seconded by Hollenkamp to accept the following policies, 503, 520, 524 and 524.5. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion on the Cell Phone policy stated that no cell phones will be allowed during breakfast or lunch.

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for August 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)
Kali Christensen	\$100.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Adolph & Willetta Andersen	\$10.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Janelle Johnson	\$715.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Gerald & Jan Ruda	\$50.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Roger & Phyllis Gunderson	\$50.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Vicki & Todd Ruppert	\$25.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Bernie & Dona Brand	\$100.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Douglas & Carla Card	\$100.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Craig & Joan Hanson	\$100.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Mary Fiedler	\$40.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Marc & Kelly Tilson	\$75.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Donald Hausauer	\$100.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Daniel & Gail Lien	\$250.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Dean Adams	\$50.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Tim & Jeanne Sawtell	\$50.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Mark & Beverly Musel	\$200.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Broadway Chiropractic Center, Dr. Steven Hortness	\$40.00	Stan Hortness Memorial
Lions Club of Long Prairie	\$3,705.00	Golf Program
Jenkins Iron & Steel Inc	\$500.00	Weight Room Fundraiser
Budget Inn Long Prairie	\$300.00	21st Century
Anderson Custom Processing, Inc	\$500.00	Youth Football

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.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zahnow to approve the Resolution to Continue the Backpack Attack Program. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Wolf to approve the Activities Scholarship Application for MSHSL Activities. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk