

School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 24, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, February 24, 2025 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wright, Zahnow and Zastrow. Member Wolf was excused. Other members present were: Superintendent Froke, Barton Rud, Tammy Cebulla, Kelsey Paurus, Sherri Evenson, Brad Evenson, Beth Gustafson, Jody Bebault, Jim Kreemer, Renee Kreemer, Jen Olson, Ashley Pesta, Meghan Peterson, Audrey Morrill, Art Rowan, Jodie Zesbaugh, Kyle Lamb, Kari Lamb, Carissa Bitz, Chuck Speer, Gabriel Perez, Miozoti Nieves, Abby Becker, Jennifer Earley, 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 H7 a closed session for the board to have discussion with their attorney. Motion unanimously carried.

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

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes January 27, 2025

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 22750-22827=\$171,738.51

Checks numbered to and including 22828-22911=\$265,993.51

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Amount
1/15/2025	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	37320.86
1/15/2025	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	30709.05
1/15/2025	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	84076.07
1/15/2025	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	169345.39
1/15/2025	WX	MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT	43.2
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	7979
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	2227.46
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	2267.5
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	15.4
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	2850.04
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	150
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	5653.78
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	4281.72
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	166.67
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	420.01
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	425
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	333.34
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	3217.03
1/15/2025	WX	AVIBEN	166.67
1/16/2025	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF	117793

MINNESOTA

1/22/2025	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	339.08
1/24/2025	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	4087.19
1/31/2025	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	9
1/31/2025	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	20
1/31/2025	WX	REVTRAK INC	341.82
1/31/2025	WX	EMPOWER	50
1/31/2025	WX	EMPOWER	550
1/28/2025	WX	BMO	6002.97
1/31/2025	WX	MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK	30
1/28/2025	WX	EHLERS & ASSOCIATES INC	29673.8
1/28/2025	WX	EHLERS & ASSOCIATES INC	941381.67
1/28/2025	WX	EHLERS & ASSOCIATES INC	259125

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

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires - None

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) Joe Gaida - Varsity Softball
- 2) Shelbi Bisbee 9th Grade Softball
- 3) Andy Engelhardt - JH Softball
- 4) Diana Hegseth - JH Softball
- 5) Paul Urman - Varsity Baseball
- 6) Noah Urman - JV Baseball
- 7) Dave Blanchard - 9th Grade Baseball
- 8) Mitch Johnson - JH Baseball
- 9) Andy Otremba - Varsity Girls Track
- 10) Jonathan Young - Varsity Boys Track
- 11) Kim Crosby - Assistant Track
- 12) Brooke Ostendorf - Assistant Track
- 13) Jose Jimenez - Assistant Track
- 14) Nate Hibbs - Volunteer Track
- 15) Mikayla Jasmer - Volunteer Track
- 16) Tim Otremba - Volunteer Track
- 17) Kayla Mathews - Volunteer Track
- 18) Charlie Stier - Varsity Golf
- 19) Cooper Goerd - JH Golf

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Steve Rist - JV Softball Coach

CA-5 Approve Overload Assignment for Emma Johnson

CA-6 Approve Governance Agreement with Todd County Children's Collaborative

CA-7 Approve Cooperative Sponsorship with Upsala in Girls Tennis

Motion unanimously carried.

Guest Speaker Jodie Zesbaugh from Ehlers talked about the Financing and Bond Issuance for the Track and Turf Project. Motion by Zastrow and seconded by Levin to accept the resolution stating the intention of the School District to issue certificates.

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2753  
(LONG PRAIRIE-GREY EAGLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS)  
TODD, MORRISON, AND STEARNS COUNTIES, MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2753 (Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Public Schools), Todd, Morrison, and Stearns Counties, Minnesota, was held in the School District on February 24, 2025, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. The following members were present:

and the following were absent:

Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION,  
SERIES 2025A, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL  
AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,175,000; AND TAKING  
OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the "Board") of Independent School District No. 2753 (Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Public Schools), Todd, Morrison, and Stearns Counties, Minnesota (the "District"), as follows:

1. Findings; Authorizations; Determinations.

(a) The District is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 465.71, as amended (the "Act") and Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.40, as amended ("Section 126C.40") to enter into lease-purchase agreements for the lease of real and personal property with an option to Purchase.

(b) The District has determined to finance construction of an artificial turf athletic field (the "Project") on property located in the District (the "Site").

(c) The District hereby deems it necessary and advisable to provide for the issuance of Certificates of Participation, Series 2025A (the "Certificates"), in the principal amount not to exceed approximately \$1,175,000, to finance the costs of the Project (the "Certificate-Financed Project").

(d) The District intends to enter into an Indenture of Trust (the "Indenture") with a corporate trustee to be selected by the District (the "Trustee"), pursuant to which the Certificates will be issued. The District also intends to enter into a Ground Lease (the "Ground Lease") with the Trustee, as lessee, pursuant to which the Trustee will acquire from the District a leasehold interest in the Site on which the Certificate-Financed Project is located. Furthermore, the District intends to enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement (the "Lease-Purchase Agreement") with the Trustee, as lessor, pursuant to which the Trustee will lease the Site and the Certificate-Financed Project (collectively, the "Leased Property") to the District, and the District will make lease

payments (the "Lease Payments") to the Trustee, subject to the District's right to non-appropriation under the terms of the Lease-Purchase Agreement. Subject to the requirements of Section 126C.40, the Board authorizes the use of its lease levy authority for the purpose of making all or a portion of the Lease Payments.

2. The Act. The District covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the Minnesota Department of Education pursuant to the Act and Section 126C.40 and to take all actions required under the terms of the Act and Section 126C.40 for the issuance, sale, delivery, and payment and prepayment of the Certificates in accordance with their terms and the terms of the Indenture, the Ground Lease, the Lease-Purchase Agreement, and related documents.

3. Authority of Municipal Advisor. Ehlers and Associates, Inc., the District's independent municipal advisor (the "Municipal Advisor"), is authorized and directed to take all actions that are necessary or appropriate to assist the District in the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Certificates and in connection with any continuing disclosure obligations that may be imposed on the District in connection with the Certificates. The officers, employees, and agents of the District are hereby authorized to assist the Municipal Advisor in all actions that are necessary or appropriate in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Certificates and any related matters.

4. Procedure for Review of Proposals and Selection of Purchaser. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Interim Superintendent or Business Manager and any Board member (the "Authorized Officials"), with the advice of the Municipal Advisor, to review proposals for the purchase of the Certificates and award the sale of the Certificates to the prospective purchaser (the "Purchaser") based on the recommendation of the Municipal Advisor and the following parameter: the true interest cost shall not exceed five percent (5.00%).

5. Acceptance of Proposal. The Board will meet at a regular or special meeting, on the first practicable date after acceptance by the Authorized Officials of the proposal of the Purchaser, to ratify such acceptance and take any other appropriate action with respect to the Certificates.

6. Authority of Bond Counsel. The law firm of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered ("Bond Counsel") is authorized to act as bond counsel for the District and to assist in the preparation and review of necessary documents, certificates, and instruments relating to the Certificates. The officers, employees, and agents of the District are hereby authorized to assist Bond Counsel in the preparation of such documents, certificates, and instruments.

7. Limited Obligations. The Certificates shall be special, limited obligations payable solely from annual appropriations of the District made to pay the Lease Payments, in the manner provided in the Lease-Purchase Agreement, and amounts held by the Trustee under the terms of the Indenture. The obligations of the Lease-Purchase Agreement and the Certificates shall not constitute a general or moral obligation, or a pledge of the full faith and credit or any taxing power of the District, the State of Minnesota, or any political subdivision thereof. The Lease-Purchase Agreement shall not constitute a charge, lien, or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the District except its interest in the Lease-Purchase Agreement and the Leased Property.

8. Non-Appropriation. The Lease-Purchase Agreement shall provide that the District may elect in any fiscal year to not appropriate funds for the next fiscal year to make the Lease Payments required under the terms of the Lease-Purchase Agreement. The obligations of the District under the Lease-Purchase Agreement shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds of the District other than the funds appropriated annually to the payment thereof. In the event of a non-appropriation of Lease Payments by the District in any fiscal year, the District shall lose the right to operate and occupy the Leased Property for the remaining term of the Lease-Purchase Agreement and the Certificates.

9. Representations, Warranties, and Covenants. In the resolution awarding the sale of the Certificates, the District shall approve such agreements, instruments, and other documents as are necessary or appropriate to the issuance of the Certificates and provide for such representations, warranties, and covenants as are required by the terms of the Act, as are agreed to by the District and the Trustee, and as the District deems necessary or appropriate in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Certificates.

10. Reimbursement from Bond Proceeds. The District may incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than the Certificates and reimbursed from the proceeds of the Certificates. Treasury Regulation § 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") provides that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds allocated to reimburse expenditures originally paid from a source other than the tax-exempt bonds will not be deemed expended unless certain requirements are met. In order to preserve its ability to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of the Certificates in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations, the District hereby makes its declaration of official intent (the "Declaration") described below to reimburse certain costs:

(a) Declaration of Intent. The District proposes to issue the Certificates to finance the costs of the Certificate-Financed Project. The District may reimburse original expenditures made for certain costs of the Certificate-Financed Project from the proceeds of the Certificates in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$1,175,000. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the Certificates, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

(b) Declaration Made Not Later Than 60 Days. This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of the Certificates, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of the Certificates; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the Certificates; or (c) "preliminary expenditures" up to an amount not in excess of twenty (20) percent of the aggregate issue price of the Certificates that finance or are reasonably expected by the District to finance the Certificate-Financed Project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term "preliminary expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, surveying, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of the Certificate-Financed Project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

(c) Reasonable Expectations; Official Intent. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the District based on the facts and circumstances known to the District as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Certificate-Financed Project and the principal amount of the Certificates described in Section 10(a), above, are consistent with the District's budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of the Certificates to be issued by the District are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the District's budget or financial policies to pay such original expenditures. This resolution is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member \_\_\_\_\_, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor of the motion:

and the following voted against:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Guest Speaker Jody Bebault spoke to the board on bullying.

Guest Speaker Miozoti Nieves spoke to the board on the Superintendent issues.

Guest Speaker Chuck Speer and Kyle Lamb spoke to the board about the band trip to Florida and that they are going to postpone that until next year to allow for the proper fundraising. They also presented to the board to take the Seniors on a little trip as they have raised enough money and deserve to be able to be rewarded for their hard work.

Mr. Evenson's report touched on a few different things going on, the Community Ed Winter/Spring sessions are in full swing. The summer brochure is being put together. The 21st Century Team wanted to highlight the LPGE Reading Club with Jen Olson as the teacher. Members of the team will be attending the M3 Huddle meeting and reporting information at the Stakeholders meeting.

Kelsey Paurus reported that the MSHSL will be reclassifying all activities in the upcoming week or so. LPGE has requested to be Class 1A for the next two years. She also touched on a football coaches clinic season pass that the school was awarded to train football coaches.

Mr. Ganske updated the board on the computers and equipment that was approved at the last meeting. This has started to arrive and they are working on getting that stuff up and running. The secondary also got the new 100 inch TV installed in the commons area. Mr. Ganske is also finishing up the Erate for FY25

Tammy Cebulla and Barton Rud reported that Snow Daze was a big hit with all the great activities going well. A huge "Thank You" to all who donated to this great event. The elementary school enjoyed inflatables that were a big hit as well, especially with the frigid weather outside, it was great to be able to stay inside and burn off energy. Friday will be "Donuts and Books" for the elementary, always a very well attended event.

Superintendent Froke gave the enrollment report which was up 5 students from December and from last year at this time. Superintendent Froke also stated that we served just under 4300 meals more than this time last year. A legislative update was also given.

Board Highlight – Member Gohman attended the Officers Training for the Board Chair and member Hollenkamp attended the Officers Training for Clerks. Both training sessions were very informative. The board also gave a shout out to the hockey team for their great season and the individual wrestlers who made it to State. A big shout out was also given to the bus drivers in honor of National Bus Drivers Week, for keeping our kids safe.

Motion by Levin and seconded by Zastrow to adopt the school cell phone policy with the recommendation from Superintendent Froke to incorporate Policy 524.5. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the 25-26 School Calendar as the contractors have stated that they will be working in the Secondary School from June 2-August 22. The administration along with the board will be reviewing options for the upcoming school year.

The donation resolution was moved by Wright and seconded by Levin:

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for February 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 devise 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)
Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions Club	\$1,000.00	Activity Day
Hillig Auto Center, LLC (The Trailer Center)	\$200.00	Activity Day
Long Prairie Sanitation	\$100.00	Activity Day
John Wiese Ford, Inc	\$50.00	Activity Day
Breitenfeldt Group	\$75.00	Activity Day
CTC	\$250.00	Activity Day
Long Prairie Rotary Club	\$150.00	Activity Day
Vanguard Insurance Services	\$50.00	Activity Day
American Legion Post 12	\$500.00	Activity Day
Sellnow Law Office, PA	\$250.00	Activity Day
Double R Saloon, Inc	\$100.00	Activity Day
Home Town Abstract & Title, LLC	\$100.00	Activity Day
Minnesota National Bank	\$50.00	Activity Day
Steve Neville	\$500.00	Activity Day
Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Circle	\$100.00	Activity Day
Grey Eagle Electric Inc	\$50.00	Activity Day
Daybreak Foods, Inc	\$100.00	Activity Day
Minnesota National Agency, Inc	\$50.00	Post Prom
Alexandria Area USBC	\$200.00	Post Prom
American Heritage Bank	\$100.00	Post Prom
Advantage 1 Insurance Agency	\$50.00	Post Prom
Todd County Veterinary Clinic	\$30.00	Post Prom
American Legion Post 12	\$300.00	Post Prom
Long Prairie Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$25.00	Post Prom
Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions Club	\$1,000.00	Post Prom
Graves & Associates American Family Insurance	\$100.00	Post Prom
Jenkins Iron & Steel, Inc	\$200.00	Post Prom

Prairie Family Dental PLLC	\$100.00	Post Prom
Jeff Berg Financial	\$100.00	Post Prom
Minnesota National Bank	\$100.00	Post Prom
Long Prairie Packing Co.	\$100.00	Post Prom
Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative	\$50.00	Post Prom
Sellnow Law Office, P.A.	\$200.00	Post Prom
Home Town Abstract & Title, LLC	\$100.00	Post Prom
East-West Realty of Long Prairie, Inc	\$100.00	Post Prom

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: Wolf

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to accept the Harmony Parking Lot Repaving agreement with the City of Long Prairie. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to accept the Crosswalk Lights Agreement with the City of Long Prairie. Motion unanimously carried

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Levin to adopt the Policy 522 for Title IX, 2020 version, revised in 2022 pursuant to MSBA recommendations. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Wright to approve Policy Series 300. Motion unanimously carried.

At 7:12 the Board went into a closed session to discuss legal matters, pursuant to M.S. 130.05, Subd. 3b Attorney Client Privilege.

At 9:03 the public board meeting reconvened.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm by Chairman Gohman.

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Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk