

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025 7:00 PM Central

District Office
25122 State Highway 28
Glenwood, Minnesota 56334

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:**
3. **APPROVE AGENDA: (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)**
4. **VISITOR'S COMMENTS:**
5. **SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS:**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS: (APPENDIX) (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #2149
GLENWOOD, MINNESOTA
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Minnewaska Area Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2025 in the Minnewaska Area Schools District Office Board Room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Barsness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller

Absent: None

Motion by Lagred, seconded by, Zavadil, to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments: None

Special Recognitions & Honors:

Eric Thesing

The Minnewaska Area School Board would like to recognize Eric Thesing for his contribution to Minnewaska Area Schools. Deputy Thesing was recently promoted, and with that promotion, he transitioned out of his position as the School Resource Officer. During his time at Minnewaska, Deputy Thesing developed strong relationships with students, families, and staff while helping to maintain a safe and welcoming school environment. Thank you, Deputy Thesing, for your dedicated service and your collaboration with the district.

Susan Knutson

The Minnewaska Area School Board would like to recognize and honor Susan Knutson for her outstanding work as the District Assessment Coordinator. This year, Susan took on this important responsibility in addition to her existing duties. She played a key role in preparing staff for MCA testing and ensuring everything ran smoothly throughout the process. Coordinating district-wide assessments is no small task, and Susan rose to the challenge with dedication and excellence.

Motion by Ogdahl, seconded by Moeller, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Special Working Session and March, 17 2025, Regular School Board Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Motion by T. Reichmann, seconded by Ogdahl, to approve the Claims and & Accounts totaling \$2,953,664.47.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Superintendent Rankin gave an update the summary of bills, K-12 board revenue and expenditures, foodservice, investment report, and Little Lakers Child Care Center report.

Motion by A. Reichmann, seconded by Moeller to approve resolution No. 04282025 accepting donations/gifts to the school district. Zavadil abstained.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Zavadil, seconded by Lagred, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

New Hire: Melinda Thorson, Paraprofessional, Grade 5 Step 5, effective 03/31/2025.

Change of Status: Dawn Blair, Laker Legends Site Lead, change from Grade 6 Step 3 to Grade 6 Step 5, effective 03/01/2025, Bridget Gallagher, \$8,000 stipend to be paid from 03/31/25-06/30/2025 to be billed to Lac Qui Parle. **Resignations:** Jessica Davies, Head Cook, effective 04/04/2025, Mindy DeGeer, Early Interventionist, effective 06/30/2025, Jarrid Jergenson, Junior High Soccer Coach, effective 04/16/2025

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

A group of Spanish students recently returned from an educational trip to Spain. They provided a brief recap of their experiences, highlighting the cultural immersion, language development, and memorable moments from their travels. The students also presented a short video showcasing highlights from their trip.

Blake Karas, the Minnewaska Area Schools Middle School, gave an update.

Motion by Zavadil, seconded by Barsness, to approve the resolution placing of Ken Anderson a continuing contract/tenured teacher on unrequested leave of absence.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Barsness, seconded by Ogdahl, to approve the 2025-2026 designation of identified officials with authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification system for Charles Rankin.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Zavadil, seconded by, Ogdahl, to award the 2025-2027 Ground Care to Travis McCrory.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

As part of our continued efforts to increase student voice and engagement within Minnewaska Area Schools, the board discussed the implementation of Student School Board Representative positions beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

The folloing School Board Members will be on stage to hand out diplomas during the 2025 Graduation commencement. T. Reichmann, Barsness, Moeller, and Ogdahl
Announcements

- Wednesday, May 7, 2025, School Board Working Session at 5:00 pm, MAHS Media Center
- Monday, May 19, 2025, May Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 pm, MAS District Office Board Room
- Friday, May 30, 2024, MAHS Graduation at 7:00 pm in the MAHS Main Gymnasium
- Monday, June 16, 2025, June Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 pm, MAS District Office Board Room

Other: None

Motion by Zavadil, seconded by Ogdahl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Angie Reichmann, Clerk
Minnewaska Area Schools, ISD 2149
Glenwood, MN

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #2149
GLENWOOD, MINNESOTA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025
SPECIAL WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Minnewaska Area Schools Board of Education met in special session on Monday, May 7, 2025 in the Minnewaska Area High School Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Barsness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller

Members Absent: None

Motion by Ogdahl, seconded by, Lagred to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller
Nay: None

Motion carried.

Daren Sievers from School Perceptions was in attendance to present and review the results of the recent community survey conducted to gather input regarding a potential special election in November 2025. Mr. Sievers provided a comprehensive summary of the survey methodology, participation rates, and key findings. The data collected reflected community perceptions on district facility needs, potential investment priorities, and overall support for a bond renewal. Board members engaged in discussion regarding the community feedback and asked clarifying questions to better understand trends and concerns expressed in the responses. The information shared will help guide the next steps in determining whether to move forward with a special election and what potential components might be included in a bond referendum proposal. No formal action was taken.

The School Board held a discussion on the potential for a special election in the fall of 2025 to consider the renewal of the existing school bond. The purpose of the discussion was to evaluate the district's long-term facility needs and determine whether a bond renewal would align with ongoing district goals and priorities. Ben Beery from Wold Architects was in attendance to provide professional insight into current and projected facility needs across the district. Mr. Beery outlined potential projects that could be supported through a bond renewal, including infrastructure improvements, safety enhancements, and reinvestment in aging facilities. Board members discussed timelines, public engagement strategies, and the importance of aligning any bond proposal with the feedback received through the recent community survey. The discussion will help inform future planning and decision-making regarding a possible special election. No formal action was taken.

Motion by Zavadil, seconded by Moeller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Barsness, T. Reichmann, A. Reichmann, Ogdahl, Lagred, Zavadil, Moeller
Nay: None

Motion carried.

Angie Reichmann, Clerk
Minnewaska Area Schools, ISD 2149
Glenwood, MN

7. **SUMMARY OF BILLS:**



SUMMARY OF BILLS TO BE AUDITED

19-May-25

DISTRICT CHECKS WRITTEN MAY 20, 2025	\$	215,061.92
DISTRICT CHECKS ADDED MAY 20, 2025	\$	75,114.11
INTERIM CHECKS WRITTEN APRIL 30, 2025 - MAY 8, 2025	\$	310,032.47
ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS APRIL 24, 2025 - MAY 14, 2025	\$	717,152.83
	\$	1,317,361.33

GRANTS/DONATIONS/GIFTS

APRIL 24, 2025 - MAY 14, 2025	\$	2,724.60
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MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD CHECKS
20-May-25

NO	DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
1	5/12/2025	Christensen, Jeremy	210.00
2	5/12/2025	City of Long Beach	350.00
3	5/13/2025	Cole Paper Inc.	408.56
4	5/13/2025	CULINEX	80.32
5	5/12/2025	Dahl, Daniel	76.09
6	5/12/2025	EMC Insurance Companies	4,490.00
7	5/12/2025	Forum Communications Company	40.00
8	5/12/2025	GLENWOOD FLEET SUPPLY	486.09
9	5/12/2025	Glenwood Lakes Area Welcome Center	150.00
10	5/13/2025	GULLICKSON, ANDREA	442.73
11	5/13/2025	Handyman's Inc.	24.96
12	5/13/2025	HILLYARD/HUTCHINSON	7,725.53
13	5/13/2025	Hookom, Samantha	81.75
14	5/13/2025	Huntington Public Capital Corp	47,611.95
15	5/14/2025	INSECT LORE	124.91
16	5/12/2025	Iverson, Jeff	145.50
17	5/12/2025	Marco Technologies LLC	2,477.24
18	5/12/2025	Meissner, Alicia	183.97
19	5/12/2025	Melrose High School	125.00
20	5/12/2025	Minnesota School Nutrition Association	240.00
21	5/13/2025	Palmer Bus Service, Inc.	84,887.14
22	5/12/2025	Palmer, Karna	814.12
23	5/13/2025	PAN O GOLD BAKING CO.	582.70
24	5/13/2025	Pemberton Law, P.L.L.P.	4,450.60
25	5/13/2025	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	159.57
26	5/12/2025	Region 5A, MSHSL	160.00
27	5/12/2025	Spark27 Creative	1,765.95
28	5/13/2025	Stony Creek Dairy	4,281.50
29	5/12/2025	SUBWAY	156.56
30	5/13/2025	Suchy, Sarah	29.05
31	5/13/2025	SYSCO WESTERN MINNESOTA	48,775.17
32	5/12/2025	VanZee, Angela	123.96
33	5/12/2025	VIKING COCA COLA	569.55
34	5/12/2025	West Central Sanitation, Inc.	2,801.37
35	5/12/2025	XCEL ENERGY	30.08
			215,061.92

BOARD CHECKS ADDED
20-May-25

NO	DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
1	5/14/2025	AMAZON	1,419.08
2	5/15/2025	Blair, Angela	31.47
3	5/19/2025	Cardmember Service	9,951.00
4	5/15/2025	CITY OF GLENWOOD	1,765.96
5	5/19/2025	Currens, Sue	172.20
6	5/19/2025	DeGeer, Mindy	444.50
7	5/15/2025	Eco Works Supply	1,146.00
8	5/15/2025	Glacial Ridge Growers	377.20
9	5/15/2025	Glenwood Trophy & Engraving	54.00
10	5/15/2025	Harry's Frozen Food	47,213.50
11	5/15/2025	Helmbolt, Dallas	280.00
12	5/19/2025	Hovel, Ruth	53.95
13	5/15/2025	HPS Rental	1,781.40
14	5/19/2025	Iverson, Jeff	238.03
15	5/19/2025	MAHS Clay Target Assn	4,734.87
16	5/15/2025	Meissner, Nicole	176.28
17	5/19/2025	MINNEWASKA MEAT PROCESSING	150.00
18	5/15/2025	Mitchell, Joseph	280.00
19	5/19/2025	MRI Software LLC	4.00
20	5/15/2025	Olson, Bryan	280.00
21	5/15/2025	Palmer Creations	155.59
22	5/15/2025	PIZZA RANCH	1,724.00
23	5/19/2025	POPE COUNTY TRIBUNE	118.00
24	5/19/2025	Prairie Woods Env Learning Center	1,394.00
25	5/19/2025	PureWater Technology of the North	139.00
26	5/15/2025	RAINBOW RIDER	360.00
27	5/19/2025	SCREEN PRINTS PLUS	55.00
28	5/15/2025	Verizon Wireless	60.08
29	5/19/2025	Warfield, Isaac	175.00
30	5/15/2025	Wiener, Randy	280.00
31	5/15/2025	Zavadil, Justin	100.00
			75,114.11

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS
INTERIM CHECKS
APRIL 30, 2025 - MAY 8, 2025

NO	DATE	CHECK NO	VENDOR	AMOUNT
1	5/8/2025	144214	ACE HARDWARE	307.71
2	5/8/2025	144215	AMAZON	4,707.59
3	5/8/2025	144216	AMERICAN WELDING & GAS	193.05
4	5/8/2025	144217	Ampion	1,262.36
5	5/8/2025	144218	Amundson, Wade	44.14
6	5/8/2025	144219	Aviben	278.74
7	5/8/2025	144220	BARC Industries, Inc.	785.50
8	5/8/2025	144221	Beacon Athletics LLC	749.98
9	5/8/2025	144222	Bleick, Olivia	336.00
10	5/8/2025	144223	Bonk, Lisa	126.00
11	5/8/2025	144224	Brothers Market Glenwood	692.87
12	4/30/2025	144203	CENTRAL SQUARE	1,250.00
13	4/30/2025	144204	Century Link	140.13
14	5/8/2025	144225	CITY OF STARBUCK	267.73
15	5/8/2025	144226	Collin R. Modahl, Inc	5,035.33
16	5/8/2025	144227	DENNY'S ELECTRIC	1,050.00
17	5/8/2025	144228	Disney Destinations, LLC	11,820.00
18	5/8/2025	144229	Draxten, Bryan	63.00
19	5/8/2025	144230	ECO WATER SYSTEMS OF WEST CENTRAL MN & LAKES AREA	96.00
20	5/8/2025	144231	Eisenbacher, Gabriel	47.66
21	4/30/2025	144205	FIRST RATE GLASS, INC.	350.00
22	5/8/2025	144232	FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC	33.65
23	5/8/2025	144233	Foslien, Adam	280.00
24	5/8/2025	144234	Gallagher, Bridget	218.40
25	4/30/2025	144206	Goodhue County Ed District 6051	2,525.88
26	5/8/2025	144235	Grove, Tim	280.00
27	5/8/2025	144236	GUGISBERG, NICK	65.60
28	5/8/2025	144237	Healthpartners	153,593.46
29	5/8/2025	144238	Heidelberger, Maria	370.50
30	5/8/2025	144239	Independent Emergency Services	32.31
31	5/8/2025	144240	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	52.48
32	5/8/2025	144241	Interquest Detection Canines	400.00
33	5/8/2025	144242	ISD #146	250.00
34	5/8/2025	144243	ISD #206	200.00
35	5/8/2025	144244	ISD #213	100.00
36	5/8/2025	144245	Iverson, Jeff	1,456.50
37	4/30/2025	144207	JANU, ANTHONY	35.01
38	5/8/2025	144246	Janu, Carrie	67.20
39	4/30/2025	144208	Johansen, Natalie	38.50
40	5/8/2025	144247	JOSTENS	822.07
41	5/8/2025	144248	Kobbermann, Tiffany	50.00
42	4/30/2025	144209	LAKES COUNTRY SERVICE COOP	690.00
43	5/8/2025	144249	Larsen, Makenzie	300.00
44	5/8/2025	144250	Loch, Mitchell	280.00
45	5/8/2025	144251	Loffler Companies	453.16
46	5/8/2025	144252	Lux Cut Lawn Care LLC	1,748.33
47	5/8/2025	144253	MAHS Clay Target Assn	3,500.00
48	5/8/2025	144254	MAHS T&F & CC Boosters	704.40
49	5/8/2025	144255	McCrary Maintenance	4,291.67
50	4/30/2025	144210	Melrose High School	175.00
51	5/8/2025	144256	Melrose High School	98.00
52	5/8/2025	144257	MENARDS	124.24
53	5/8/2025	144258	Meyer, Maxton	140.00
54	5/8/2025	144259	Midwest Lock & Door, Inc	2,175.00
55	5/8/2025	144260	Minnesota FFA Association	1,815.00
56	5/8/2025	144261	MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	864.00
57	5/8/2025	144262	Minnewaska Area Swim Boosters, Inc.	2,105.50
58	5/8/2025	144263	Minnewaska Baseball Association	1,250.00
59	5/8/2025	144264	MINNEWASKA MEAT PROCESSING	619.90

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS
INTERIM CHECKS
APRIL 30, 2025 - MAY 8, 2025

NO	DATE	CHECK NO	VENDOR	AMOUNT
60	5/8/2025	144265	Monticello High School	200.00
61	5/8/2025	144266	MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL	1,930.00
62	4/30/2025	144211	New London Spicer Schools	125.00
63	5/8/2025	144268	Palmer Bus Service, Inc.	52,438.70
64	4/30/2025	144212	Palmer Creations	216.35
65	5/8/2025	144267	PEARSON	166.90
66	5/8/2025	144269	PERMA-BOUND	130.37
67	4/30/2025	144213	PETTY CASH	2,362.75
68	5/8/2025	144270	Pierz Bands	125.00
69	5/8/2025	144271	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	165.54
70	5/8/2025	144272	POPE COUNTY AUDITOR/TREAS.	1,482.00
71	5/8/2025	144273	POPE COUNTY TRIBUNE	415.80
72	5/8/2025	144274	Region 6A MSHSL	950.00
73	5/8/2025	144275	SARLETTES MUSIC	105.00
74	5/8/2025	144276	Schmiesing, Chad	230.00
75	5/8/2025	144277	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS	4,190.86
76	5/8/2025	144278	School Perceptions LLC	2,800.00
77	5/8/2025	144279	SCREEN PRINTS PLUS	1,257.50
78	5/8/2025	144280	Snug as a Bug Childcare, LLC	100.00
79	5/8/2025	144281	Spark27 Creative	290.65
80	5/8/2025	144282	STARBUCK TELEPHONE COMPANY	3,486.38
81	5/8/2025	144283	Terminix	436.76
82	5/8/2025	144284	Tom Kraemer, Inc.	230.00
83	5/8/2025	144285	TOM'S FOOD PRIDE - GLENWOOD	1,416.42
84	5/8/2025	144286	TOM'S FOOD PRIDE - STARBUCK	74.30
85	5/8/2025	144287	Ver Steeg, Bailey	157.50
86	5/8/2025	144288	VIKING COCA COLA	280.50
87	5/8/2025	144289	WakeSun LLC	20,774.22
88	5/8/2025	144290	Wayzata Results	1,175.00
89	5/8/2025	144291	Welsch, Simi	54.00
90	5/8/2025	144292	Williams, Deidre	35.42
91	5/8/2025	144293	Zimpel, Phil	420.00

310,032.47

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS
ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS
APRIL 24, 2025 - MAY 14, 2025

NO	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	AMOUNT
1	MEDSURETY	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/28/2025	818.84
2	MEDSURETY	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/29/2025	1,002.45
3	BREMER	ACH FEES	4/30/2025	121.30
4	AFLAC	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/30/2025	1,326.96
5	RELIANCE STANDARD	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/30/2025	5,294.86
6	PERA	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/30/2025	28,747.08
7	TRA	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/30/2025	63,666.72
8	IRS	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/30/2025	130,126.46
9	BREMER	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	4/30/2025	419,989.09
10	STATE OF MN	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/1/2025	267.50
11	MEDSURETY	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/1/2025	3,410.66
12	MEDSURETY	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/1/2025	7,906.51
13	STATE OF MN	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/1/2025	22,145.06
14	AVIBEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/1/2025	26,643.75
15	MEDSURETY	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/2/2025	104.17
16	RSCHOOL	FEES	5/5/2025	418.06
17	MEDSURETY	FEES	5/5/2025	540.00
18	MEDSURETY	FEES	5/6/2025	17.26
19	ELEYO	FEES	5/8/2025	1,668.41
20	MEDSURETY	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/9/2025	786.84
21	ELEYO	FEES	5/9/2025	972.24
22	SCHOOL PAY	FEES	5/12/2025	29.75
23	SCHOOL PAY	FEES	5/12/2025	341.01
24	MEDSURETY	PAYROLL DEDUCTION	5/13/2025	807.85
				717,152.83

7.A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE CLAIMS AND
ACCOUNTS: (APPENDIX) (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)

8. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

**Superintendent Report to the Board
Chip Rankin, Superintendent
Minnewaska Area Schools
May 19, 2025**

Enrollment & Staffing

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
GRADE	MAES	MAMS	MAHS	TOTAL	GHS	WIN				EARLY EDUCATION STUDENTS		
										GRADE/AGE	COUNT	
K	63				18	1				ECSE B-5	50	Total Eval/Served
1	85				16	1				ScIReadiness	92	65- 4 yr olds 26 -3 yr olds
2	91				20	8				PreScIScreen	54	July - Feb
3	83				8	5	*1 student attending MAES Part Time			ECFE	13	
4		83			15	4				AGE 0*		
5		103			10	5				AGE 1*		
6		110			16	2				AGE 2*		
7		108				5				AGE 3*		
8		106				4				AGE 4*		
9			94			4	*1 student attending MAHS Part Time; not incl in MAHS #			AGE 5*		
10			110			3	*1 student attending MAHS Part Time; not incl in MAHS #			<small>*These students may be counted in multiple programs and the age is according to Sect. 1 start date</small>		
11			108			1						
12			100			1						
Grand Total	322	510	412	1244	103	44						
Prev Month	318	505	414	1237		43						
Difference	4	5	-2	7		1						
<small>Data as of 1/9/25</small>							<small>* MAMS also has 2-4th graders, 2-5th graders, and 2- 6th graders who are not included in total that attend for speech services or band/choir only</small>					
							<small>*MAHS -1 went to WIN</small>					

We continue to maintain stable enrollment across the district heading into the final weeks of the school year. Our current enrollment is at 1,244 up 7 students from last month.

- Summer staffing for ESY (Extended School Year) is in place, and we're prepared to launch those sessions in early June.

REPORT from our Buildings/Dept

MAMS-Blake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Pizza Fundraiser for 4th-6th grades and finished with a profit of \$37,286.50. • Held 3rd Grade Transition day on May 15th to give tours to incoming 4th grade and to meet teachers and answer questions. • Holding Glacial Hills Transition Day on May 22nd for new students heading into 7th grade to come and tour our facility. • Held SPED meeting with admin to determine caseloads and solidified our SPED students and case managers for 2025-26. • Holding class placement meetings on May 21st for 4th and 5th grade. • Working with Glenwood State Bank on Marketing Minnewaska and the project seems to be going well with many students engaged in the activity.
SpEd - Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASE conference was good - sessions on 504, avoiding and handling SpEd complaints, SpEd Discipline, new tests and early childhood reporting. • Working on end of the year reporting to get information from staff before they leave for summer (Restrictive procedures, Attendance/membership, MARSS, Screening)

District-Chip/Drew/Angie	Drew: Working on budget revision for FY25 and preliminary budget for FY26. Change for printers from Marco to Loffler over the summer. Should save approx \$5,000/year.
Nurse-Megan	Field Trips organization and staff training for emergency plans Medication Pick Up Action Plans for chronic conditions 2025-2026 Medication Planning for next school year
Bldgs/Grnds-Jeremy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water softener is now fixed at MAHS. Plumbing was repaired and supported. • Prepping for summer cleaning. • Gathering up all of the auction items.

Little Lakers Child Care Center

- Presented to the Pope County Commissioners last week and asked for \$1 million investment
- [MAS CHILDCARE BUILDING SITE](#)
- We are continuing to pursue USDA and DEED grant opportunities to support the future Glenwood center build.

Food Service & Facilities

- The Food Service Agreement with Lac qui Parle is being reviewed and likely renewed.
- [FS Shared Services Consulting Agreement.docx](#)
- The HERO's in the lunchroom was a great success!
- The Senior Steak Lunch was very well received and appreciated!

Policy & Communication

Curriculum/Policy Committee May 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm Minnewaska Area Schools Board Room

Policies to Be Reviewed

Handbooks

1. [Middle School](#)
 - a. [Notes on Changes](#)
2. [Little Lakers Preschool](#)
3. [ECFE Handbook](#)

4. [Little Lakers Child Care](#)
 - a. [Notes on Changes](#)
5. [Elementary School](#)
6. [School-Age Child Care](#)
7. [W.I.N.](#)
8. [High School](#)
9. [Activities](#)
10. [Laker Legends Summer Care](#)
11. [Support Staff](#)

The updates to these policies below do not represent changes in policy. Rather, the updates are purely technical (corrections to citations).

[516 Student Medication and Telehealth](#)

Corrects formatting

[621 Literacy and the READ Act](#)

Update statutory reference

[906 Community Notification of Predatory Offenders](#)

Rearrange Arts. II & III

The recommended policy changes described below involve substantive changes to the model policies.

[413 Harassment and Violence](#)

The definition of “disability” in Minnesota Statutes 363A.03 has been updated. This is a legal change that a school board could choose to adopt in a single meeting under Model Policy 208.

[425 Staff Development and Mentoring](#)

Minnesota law requires that school boards “establish” a Staff Development Committee. The law does not explicitly state who appoints the committee members. School boards can clarify who appoints the committee members by choosing to adopt or not adopt the revision.

[512 School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities](#)

By adopting the proposed deletion in this policy, school boards can reduce potential confusion when implementing the student journalism law enacted in 2024.

[704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and Fixed Asset Accounting](#)

School districts requested that MSBA revise this policy to align with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidance.

[524.5 Personal Electronic Communication Devices](#)

The Minnewaska Area School Board needs to approve a formal district policy in compliance with Minnesota Statutes 121A.73 (School Cell Phone Policy), which requires all school districts to adopt a policy on students' possession and use of cell phones by March 15, 2025. The proposed language has already been discussed and included in the MAES, MAMS, and MAHS handbooks. This approval will ensure consistency across all schools and formally establish district-wide guidelines on student cell phone use.

The Community Education Office is requesting an update to the facility rental Administrative Guidelines, set to take effect on July 1, 2025. The proposed updates significantly enhance clarity, fairness, and enforcement while modernizing the rental process. Key improvements include a more equitable fee structure, stricter liability protections, and detailed facility use guidelines. The introduction of Group classifications, a user-friendly online rental system, and a new fee structure will improve accessibility, increase transparency in costs, and ensure the fair and efficient use of district resources.

[Facility Rentals](#)
[Compare & Contrast](#)

Legislature Update

 **Education Funding & Budget**

Stable K–12 Funding: The two-year state budget maintains current K–12 education funding levels, with adjustments for inflation. However, a \$420 million reduction is projected for 2028–29, pending future legislative approval.

Axios

+2

Minnesota Reformer

+2

Wikipedia

+2

Summer Unemployment Benefits: Legislation continues to support summer unemployment benefits for hourly school workers, such as bus drivers and cafeteria staff. Due to increased demand, lawmakers approved an additional \$30 million for summer 2025 and \$70 million for the following fiscal year.

Minnesota House of Representatives

+4

Axios

+4

Education Minnesota

+4

Free School Meals: The budget allocates an additional \$18 million to support free breakfast and lunch programs for students.

Minnesota House of Representatives

Educator Workforce & Staffing

Substitute Teacher Program: The short-call emergency substitute teacher pilot program is now permanent, allowing qualified education support personnel to obtain licenses and work up to 10 consecutive days in the same assignment.

Minnesota House of Representatives

+4

Minnesota House of Representatives

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Minnesota House of Representatives

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Teacher Shortage Initiatives: Efforts continue to address teacher shortages, including proposals to enhance retirement benefits and improve health insurance options for educators.

Education Minnesota

School Policy & Student Health

Epinephrine Accessibility: Schools are now permitted to stock epinephrine inhalers, expanding beyond autoinjectors, to better respond to student health emergencies.

Minnesota House of Representatives

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO): Charter school students are now eligible to participate in PSEO programs, allowing them to earn college credits while in high school.

Governance & Oversight

Inspector General Reforms: The Office of the Inspector General's role has been expanded to include theft prevention and detection, with added protections for whistleblowers reporting in good faith.

Minnesota House of Representatives

Facility Use Policies: School boards now have the authority to adopt Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) programs without needing prior approval from the Department of Education.

Minnesota House of Representatives

Looking Ahead

Future Budget Considerations: While current funding remains stable, the projected cuts for 2028–29 highlight the need for ongoing advocacy and planning to ensure sustained support for education.

Minnesota Reformer

Special Session Possibility: Given unresolved issues and the complexity of the budget, a special legislative session may be convened to address outstanding matters.
 Minnesota Reformer

Age	TIER I			CURRENT TIER II		Proposed 60/30 reduced w/ 5% Augmt Factors TRA 5/16/25 Eff 7/1/25	HF 1582 60/30 Unreduced S: Gustafson/H: Wolgamott COST: \$237.5M 3.8% contribution increase Effective 7/1/2025	HF 2318 62/30 Unreduced S: Abeler/H: Nadeau COST: \$77M 1.28% contribution increase Effective 7/1/2025	HF 2329 60/30 Reduced S: Pratt/H: Nadeau COST: \$33M .55% contribution increase Effective 7/1/2025			
	30+ years of service Hired pre-7/1/1989		< 30 years of service (Hired pre- 7/1/1989	30+ years of service Hired post- 6/30/89 – pre- 7/1/2006	< 30 years of service Hired post- 6/30/89	30+ years of service Proposed COLAs delayed until 65	30+ years of service Proposed COLA increase from 1.2% to 1.5% effective 1/1/26 with no delay beginning at age 60	<30 years of service Proposed	30+ years of service Proposed	<30 years of service Proposed	30+ years of service Proposed	<30 years of service Proposed
	Meets the Rule of 90 (Age + Years of Service = 90)	Does not meet the Rule of 90 NRA 62	Does not meet the Rule of 90 NRA 65	NRA 65 7% 59-64 Current	NRA 65 7% Penalties Current	NRA 65 5% 60-64 Current	NRA 65 5% 59-64 4% 55-58	NRA 65 5% 59-64 4% 55-58	NRA 65 7% Penalties	NRA 65 7% Penalties	NRA 65 7% Penalties	NRA 65 7% Penalties
55	0%	21%	30%	58%	58%	58%	46%	46%	58%	58%	58%	58%
56	0%	18%	27%	54%	54%	54%	42%	42%	54%	54%	54%	54%
57	0%	15%	24%	50%	50%	50%	38%	38%	50%	50%	50%	50%
58	0%	12%	21%	46%	46%	46%	34%	34%	46%	46%	46%	46%
59	0%	9%	18%	42%	42%	42%	30%	30%	42%	42%	42%	42%
60	0%	Meets R090	15%	35%	35%	13.05%	0%	25%	35%	35%	18.85%	35%
61	0%	0%	12%	28%	28%	9.96%	0%	20%	28%	28%	14.46%	28%
62	0%	0%	9%	10.40%	21%	7.12%	0%	15%	0%	21%	10.40%	21%
63	0%	0%	6%	6.64%	14%	4.52%	0%	10%	0%	14%	6.64%	14%
64	0%	0%	3%	3.18%	7%	2.15%	0%	5%	0%	7%	3.18%	7%
65	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Community Engagement & Branding

Spark27 will be presenting their Q3 branding report this evening, including a proposed Q4 contract and a preview of FY26 work.

Homecoming 2025 planning is underway. A parade in Starbuck is scheduled and we're building strong community support to make this a signature event.

Special thanks to Katy Leppa and Samantha Raw for their outstanding coordination of the Day of Caring!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

MAHS Graduation: Friday, May 30 at 7:00 PM in the main gym. Board members are encouraged to arrive early and wear their regalia.

MAY

1. End of the Year checkout forms
2. MAS Retirement Party
3. Graduation
4. Staff checking out on 5/30 expectations

JUNE

1. Admin Retreat 11:30-7:30 PM (Agenda is TBD)
2. 6/16 Board Meeting

JULY

1. 7/21 Board Meeting

AUGUST

1. 8/4-8/5 District Leadership and Data Retreat
2. 8/6-8/7 "I love you guys" training in Morris
3. 8/13 Relicensure Day (open to all Staff-PD Day)
4. 8/14 LETRS/OL & LA [K-6 + Sp. Ed. & Intervention]
5. 8/ ?20th - SpEd training in CPI/UKERU (trainers go Aug 6-7)
6. 8/18 New Employee Workshop
7. 8/18 August Board Meeting
8. 8/19 CPR/First Aid-3 Hours [Open to All Staff-PD Pay]
9. [8/26-8/28 Workshops](#)

8.A. **INVESTMENT REPORT:**



MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS #2149
INVESTMENT SCHEDULE
FY25

14-May-25

	DATE INVESTED	DATE DUE	CD\REPO #	BANK OF DEPOSIT	BEGINNING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	DEPOSIT	WITHDRWL	ACTUAL INTEREST INCOME	ENDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE
1	07/01/24	05/14/25	MONEY MKT SAVINGS	EAGLE BANK	4,518,725.83	3,050,000.00	6,800,000.00	60,395.58	829,121.41	3.00%
2	12/24/24	12/24/25	12 MONTH CD	EAGLE BANK		2,000,000.00		0.00	2,000,000.00	4.00%
3	07/01/24	05/14/25	CHECKING	EAGLE BANK				528.78	528.78	0.10%
4	07/01/24	05/14/25	PETTY CASH	EAGLE BANK				7.90	7.90	0.10%
TOTALS					4,518,725.83			60,932.26	2,829,658.09	

****Detail available if requested

8.B. **FOODSERVICE REPORT:**



FOOD SERVICE REPORT

MAY 2025

PARTICIPATION *

	LUNCH	BREAKFAST
AVG DAILY ATTEND	1,388.00	1,388.00
DAYS OF SERVICE	19	19
AVG PARTICIPATION	1,030.37	657.84
% PARTICIPATION	74%	47%

STUDENT MEAL COUNTS *

	LUNCH	BREAKFAST
MAES	5,641	4,679
MAHS	13,400	7,327
WIN	536	493
TOTALS	19,577	12,499

STAFF MEAL COUNTS *

	LUNCH	BREAKFAST
MAES	182	2
MAHS	154	5
WIN	144	41
TOTALS	480	48

FINANCIALS

REVENUES	MAY	YTD
STUDENT/ADULT	2,560.75	16,517.00
ALA CARTE	13,811.21	138,219.36
STATE REIMB.	-	483,819.44
FEDERAL REIMB.	-	300,495.65
STATE GRANTS	-	-
FEDERAL GRANTS	-	-
COMMODITY REV.	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	2,039.00	4,539.00
TOTALS	18,410.96	943,590.45

EXPENDITURES	MAY	YTD
SALARY/FRINGE	27,443.78	429,710.19
FOOD	47,991.89	442,562.58
MILK	4,281.50	38,248.84
SUPPLIES	2,691.47	117,155.42
EQUIP/REPAIRS	-	75,403.46
TRAVEL	218.40	2,979.14
MISCELLANEOUS	341.01	4,684.69
TOTALS	82,968.05	1,110,744.32

*FIGURES ARE FOR PREVIOUS MONTH

NET INCOME/(LOSS) (64,557.09) (167,153.87)

8.C. **REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS:**

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS - ISD #2149**K-12 Board Revenue Report**

May 14, 2025



	BUDGET 2024-25	MAY REVENUE	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMB. ENCUMB.	BUDGET BALANCE	%YTD + ENC
<u>01-GENERAL FUND</u>						
Local Revenue	4,197,900	136,576.12	1,161,419.98	0.00	3,036,480.02	28%
State Revenue	17,923,649	1,325,228.43	13,090,852.79	0.00	4,832,796.21	73%
Federal Revenue	601,735	0.00	295,667.29	0.00	306,067.71	49%
Insurance Recovery Revenue	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND						
	22,723,284	1,461,804.55	14,547,940.06	0.00	8,175,343.94	64%
<u>02 - FOOD SERVICE FUND</u>						
Local Revenue	151,756	18,410.96	159,275.36	0.00	-7,519.36	105%
State Revenue	642,000	0.00	483,819.44	0.00	158,180.56	75%
Federal Revenue	473,000	0.00	300,495.65	0.00	172,504.35	64%
SUB-TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND						
	1,266,756	18,410.96	943,590.45	0.00	323,165.55	74%
<u>04 - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND</u>						
Local Revenue	740,070	72,474.50	641,966.95	0.00	98,103.05	87%
State Revenue	88,874	16,263.38	138,765.49	0.00	-49,891.49	156%
Federal Revenue	0	0.00	4,057.99	0.00	-4,057.99	0%
SUB-TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND						
	828,944	88,737.88	784,790.43	0.00	44,153.57	95%
<u>07 - DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>						
Local Revenue	1,406,269	0.00	31,506.15	0.00	1,374,762.85	2%
State Revenue	40,543	0.00	299,507.04	0.00	-258,964.04	739%
SUB-TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND						
	1,446,812	0.00	331,013.19	0.00	1,115,798.81	23%
<u>22 - STUDENT ACTIVITIES</u>						
Local Revenue	84,120	11,729.08	73,496.35	0.00	10,623.65	87%
SUB-TOTAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES						
	84,120	11,729.08	73,496.35	0.00	10,623.65	87%
TOTAL REVENUE	26,349,916	1,580,682.47	16,680,830.48	0.00	9,669,085.52	63%

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS - ISD #2149

K-12 Board Expenditure Report

May 14, 2025



	BUDGET 2024-25	MAY EXPENDITURES	YEAR TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET BALANCE	%YTD + ENC
<u>01-GENERAL FUND</u>						
000 - School/Dist Administration	1,100,045	696.56	898,861.70	0.00	201,183.30	82%
100 - District Support Services	637,403	12,214.17	596,127.41	73.44	41,202.15	94%
200 - Regular Instruction	8,935,154	32,955.79	6,451,456.56	13,309.06	2,470,388.38	72%
300 - Vocational Instruction	322,817	930.60	234,173.63	943.11	87,700.26	73%
400 - Exceptional Instruction	6,592,837	5,660.46	4,849,924.31	0.00	1,742,912.69	74%
600 - Instructional Support Service	742,323	4,793.55	592,882.91	0.00	149,440.09	80%
700 - Pupil Support Services	2,074,095	120,696.13	1,781,858.15	56.99	292,179.86	86%
800 - Site, Building & Equipment	2,166,320	99,818.30	1,654,297.95	1,240.99	510,781.06	76%
900 - Fiscal and Fixed Costs	162,727	3,529.69	169,170.02	0.00	-6,443.02	104%
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND	22,733,721	281,295.25	17,228,752.64	15,623.59	5,489,344.77	76%
<u>02 - FOOD SERVICE FUND</u>						
700 - Pupil Support Services	1,256,484	55,524.27	1,110,744.32	183.38	145,556.30	88%
<u>04 - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND</u>						
500 - Community Education	844,536	14,818.75	940,844.16	648.21	-96,956.37	111%
<u>07 - DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>						
900 - Fiscal and Fixed Cost	1,486,526	0.00	1,485,475.00	0.00	1,051.00	100%
22 STUDENT ACTIVITIES	77,850	12,794.65	63,172.41	78.53	14,599.06	81%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	26,399,117	364,432.92	20,828,988.53	16,533.71	5,553,594.76	79%

8.D. **LITTLE LAKERS CHILD CARE CENTER REPORT:**



Minnewaska Area Schools

District 2149

LITTLE LAKERS CHILD CARE REPORT

MAY 2025

<u>ENROLLMENTS*</u>			
AGE	CURRENT	PREV. MONTH	TREND
Infants	8	7	1
Toddler	9	11	(2)
Preschool	15	14	1
Pre-K	7	7	-
School Age	5	5	-
	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>

<u>FINANCIALS</u>		
REVENUES	MAY	YTD
TUITION	24,618.00	98,197.21
CCAP	9,585.00	38,013.79
DONATIONS	-	1,000.00
GREAT START COMP.	6,678.38	25,843.14
CACFP - MEALS	-	4,057.99
OTHER	302.90	302.90
TOTALS	<u>41,184.28</u>	<u>167,415.03</u>

EXPENDITURES	MAY	YTD
SALARY & FRINGE	24,566.31	170,254.74
CONSULTING FEES	-	604.20
TRANSPORTATION	-	-
MEALS	3,407.00	12,782.50
SUPPLIES	397.92	4,927.18
MISCELLANEOUS	-	-
TOTALS	<u>28,371.23</u>	<u>188,568.62</u>

NET INCOME/(LOSS)	<u>12,813.05</u>	<u>(21,153.59)</u>
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*CURRENT FIGURES ARE AS OF 5/6/2025

9. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05192025 ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; (APPENDIX) (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION NO. 05192025

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, State Statute 465.03, Gifts to Municipalities, states, in part, that “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.”; 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, and;

WHEREAS, The Minnewaska Area Schools has received and accepted the following donations on May 19, 2025

MILLENIAL FARMER LLC	FFA DONATION	\$500.00
BOX TOPS	APRIL 2025 PAYOUT	\$9.90
BOX TOPS	APRIL 2025 PAYOUT	\$14.70
UNITED WAY	PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,000.00
KAREN BIHRLE	ATHLETICS DONATION - IN HONOR OF REBECCA WEBB	\$100.00
CHS INC	DONATION	\$100.00
		\$2,724.60

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Minnewaska Area Schools gratefully accepts these donations for the purposes listed above.

Where upon the Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Minnewaska Area School Board this 19, day of May 2025.

Signed:

Attest:

Angie Reichmann
School Board Clerk

Chad Barsness
School Board Chair

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR: (ACTION)**

10.A. **New Hires:**

10.B. **Resignations:**

10.C. **Extended School Year (ESY) Hires:**

11. **SPARK 27 CREATIVE PRESENTATION ON QUARTER 3 REVIEW, QUARTER 4 PROPOSALS, AND FISCAL YEAR 2025 RECAP WITH FISCAL YEAR 26 CONTRACT DISCUSSION: (ACTION) (APPENDIX) (ROLL CALL VOTE)**



Minnewaska Area Schools
2024-25 Marketing Projects + Proposals

Spark27 Team



Our Team

We are a full-service creative design agency committed to strategic thinking, user experiences, and the implementation of creative campaigns. We are a distributed team with the local, regional, and national experience.



Katie Elenberger

Founder + Creative
Brand Strategist



Michelle Nemati

Account + Brand Strategist



Sydney Pahl

Senior Designer



Lindsey Maas

Project Coordinator



Rui Pereira

Web Developer



Kickoff to Kindergarten



Print Materials

Poster



Name Tags



Stickers

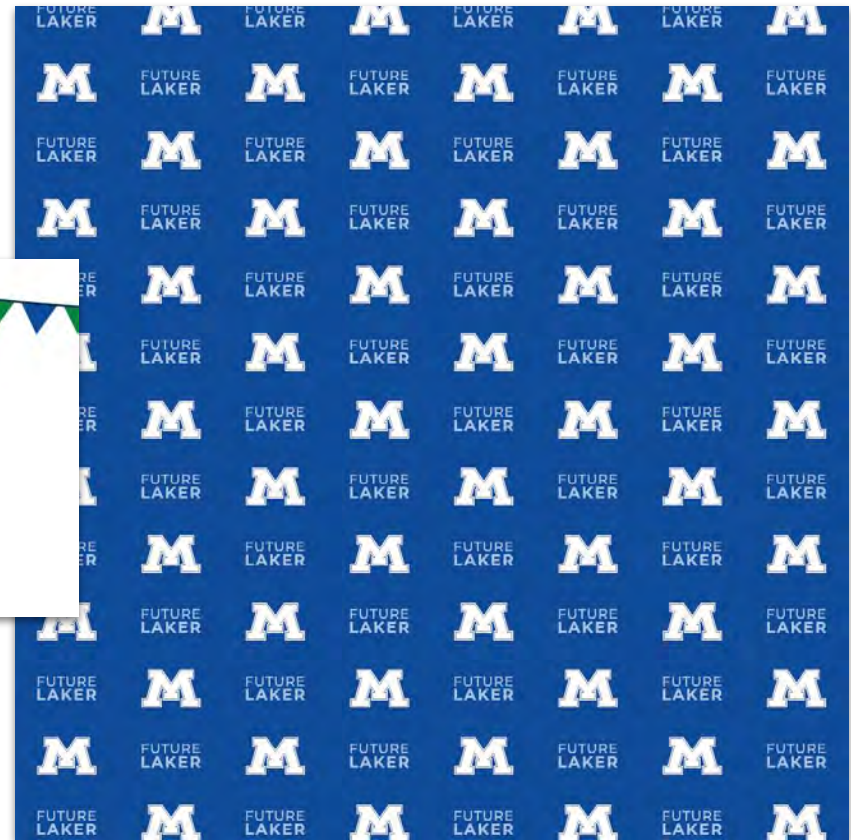


Print Materials

Signable Banner



Backdrop



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: [School Contact Name]
Phone: 320.634.4567
Email: [Email]

Minnewaska Area Schools Welcomes Class of 2038 with Kickoff to Kindergarten Event

GLENWOOD, MN - Minnewaska Area Schools invites future kindergarteners and their families to Kickoff to Kindergarten, a special event designed to introduce future Lakers to school life and help families prepare for this exciting milestone. The event will take place on March 3 and 4, with sessions at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 p.m.

"This event is carefully designed to make the transition to kindergarten smooth and exciting for both students and parents," says [Administrator Name], [Title]. "We've created an evening that allows children to experience their future learning environment while giving parents all the information they need."

The evening includes guided classroom experiences, interactive educational activities, and school tours. Parents will receive information about the kindergarten program while their children explore learning spaces. A complimentary family dinner is served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and free sibling care is available by reservation.

Minnewaska's kindergarten program offers a comprehensive educational experience, including daily physical education classes, weekly art and music instruction, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) activities. The school provides extensive support services, including intervention services, counseling, and special education programs to ensure every student's success.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year is now open. Families are encouraged to attend Kickoff to Kindergarten to learn more about Minnewaska's programs and receive registration support.

Event Details:

- Dates: March 3 and 4, 2024
- Times: Sessions at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 p.m.
- RSVP required: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/lakers/schedule/953638>
- Complimentary dinner and sibling care provided

For more information or to RSVP, contact Minnewaska Area Schools at 320.634.4567.

About Minnewaska Area School District: Minnewaska Area School District is proud to serve the communities of Farwell, Glenwood, Long Beach, Lowry, Sedan, Starbuck, Villard, and Westport. We engage every student, every day while being mindful, accountable and successful and to do what is best for all students.



Website Featured Section



Kindergarten Registration

The future begins today! Kindergarten registration is officially open for our Class of '38.

[Register Now](#)



Kickoff to Kindergarten Event

March 3 and 4, 2025 - 4:00, 5:00, or 6:00 p.m.
Free Family Dinner: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

- A guided classroom experience for your incoming kindergartner
- Interactive play in our educational spaces
- Informative parent session about the kindergarten experience
- School tour and registration support
- Complimentary family dinner



[psyd](#) Reserve Sibling Care →



Advertising

Pope County Tribune Ad

Minnewaska Area Schools

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW

JOIN US FOR
KICKOFF TO KINDERGARTEN

MARCH 3 AND 4, 2025
4:00, 5:00, OR 6:00 PM

FREE FAMILY DINNER
4:30-6:00 PM

YOUR KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURE INCLUDES

- A guided classroom experience for your incoming kindergarten
- Interactive play in our educational spaces
- Informative parent session about the kindergarten experience
- School tour and registration support
- Complimentary family dinner

QUESTIONS? Contact Kyle Murken at kmurken@msd74.org

CLASS OF 38

RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR TIME

Postcard

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KICKOFF TO KINDERGARTEN

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CLASS OF 38

RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR TIME

Together, we're starting the journey of the Minnewaska Class of '38!



Social Posts



Paid Ad: Set 1 – Ad 1

Kickoff to Kindergarten Save the Date



AD CONTENT:

HEADLINE: Save the Date!

PRIMARY:  Kickoff to Kindergarten is coming March 3-4.

DESCRIPTION: Your Laker Journey Awaits! Join us with your incoming kindergartener to explore classrooms, discover educational spaces, and share a family meal. Parents will learn about kindergarten, receive registration support, and tour our facilities.

Multiple sessions available. RSVP today!

CTA: RSVP

URL:

<https://www.myconferencetime.com/lakers/schedule/953638>



Paid Ad: Set 2 – Ad 1

Kindergarten Registration



AD CONTENT:

HEADLINE: Join the Class of '38: Little Lakers, Your Journey Begins!

PRIMARY: Minnewaska Area Schools kindergarten registration is open for 2025-2026!

DESCRIPTION:

- 📣 Be Part of Something Special ✨
- Hands-on STEM exploration that ignites wonder
 - Dedicated teachers who inspire growth
 - Small classes where every voice matters
 - Interactive learning through modern technology
 - Supportive P.A.L.S. mentors every step of the way
- Register today!

CTA: Sign Up

URL: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/enroll-register/>



Paid Ad: Set 2 – Ad 2

Kindergarten Registration



HEADLINE: Little Lakers 2025: Where Young Explorers Begin Their Adventure!

PRIMARY: Kindergarten registration is now open at Minnewaska Area Schools for the 2025-2026 school year!

DESCRIPTION:
Discover a world of possibilities.

Small class sizes with personalized attention, hands-on STEM activities, supportive P.A.L.S. mentors, and technology-enhanced learning environments.

Our dedicated teachers create a space where curiosity thrives and every child shines. Register your future Little Laker today!

CTA: Sign Up

URL: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/enroll-register/>



Paid Ad: Set 2 – Ad 3

Kindergarten Registration








HEADLINE: Small Class Sizes & STEM Learning: Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

PRIMARY: Kindergarten registration for 2025-2026 is now open at Minnewaska Area Schools!

DESCRIPTION:

 Where young minds grow and thrive 

Experience the Little Lakers difference:

-  Engaging STEM exploration
-  Innovative technology in the classroom
-  Supportive P.A.L.S. mentoring program
-  Small class sizes for individualized attention
-  Passionate teachers dedicated to your child's success.

Don't wait—register today!

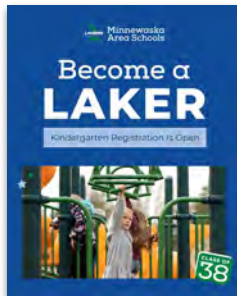
CTA: Sign Up

URL: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/enroll-register/>



Paid Ad: Set 2 – Ad 4

Kindergarten Registration








HEADLINE: Be a Laker: Class of 2038 Now Forming!

PRIMARY: Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 year is underway at Minnewaska Area Schools!

DESCRIPTION:

Launch your child's educational adventure

-  Engaging STEM curriculum that ignites wonder
-  Interactive technology enhancing daily learning
-  Supportive P.A.L.S. mentors guiding the way
-  Small-group learning for personalized attention
-  Enthusiastic teachers nurturing every child's potential

Secure your spot in our kindergarten family today!

CTA: Sign Up

URL: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/enroll-register/>



Why Minnewaska Videos



Social Media Promotion

Minnewaska Area Schools
February 5 · 🌐

👉 From first steps to graduation walks, every journey at Minnewaska Area Schools tells a story of growth, discovery, and achievement. 📖

Watch as our students and teachers share what makes our school community so special. You'll see why families choose Minnewaska for their children's education - from the warm smiles in our preschool hallways to the proud moments in our high school classrooms.

We are committed to nurturing every child's potential. Discover the Minnewaska difference: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/>

Our mission is to engage every student, everyday.




👍👍 Katie Elenberger and 188 others · 5 comments · 40 shares

Minnewaska Area Schools
March 3 · 🌐

Developing Well-Rounded Lakers 🏆

Our Special Education Coordinator Sue Currens shares what makes our program special: "There's a wide array of opportunities for students. We have music, and PE every day. That allows the students to explore different avenues and other activities outside of academics that they can excel in as they move into the high school."

Join us today or tomorrow to learn more!
<https://www.myconferencetime.com/lakers/schedule/95363>



👍👍 Katie Elenberger and 19 others · Like · Comment

Minnewaska Area Schools
March 3 · 🌐


W.I.N. Academy: A supportive space where students thrive academically and emotionally!

What makes us unique:

- ✔ Small class sizes for personalized learning
- ✔ Daily mental health support integrated into academics
- ✔ Specialized setting—one of only seven in Minnesota!
- ✔ Dedicated staff committed to student success
- ✔ A nurturing environment that builds confidence and resilience

👀 Watch to see how W.I.N. Academy empowers students to reach their full potential!
📄 Learn more! <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/win-academy/>

Are you family looking for a school that truly supports every student? Share this post!



👍👍 2 comments · 19 shares


Minnewaska Area Schools
February 17 · 🌐

Welcome to Minnewaska Middle School, where every student's journey shapes their future.

Our students thrive with:

- Teachers who know their names and support their goals
- Personalized attention and guidance
- Real-world skills and career preparation
- Modern technology and innovation
- A community where everyone belongs


Watch as our Lakers share what makes their middle school experience special!
👀 Learn more about our middle school program. Visit: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/middle-school/>



👍👍 Katie Elenberger and 63 others · 3 comments · 11 shares




Website Placement



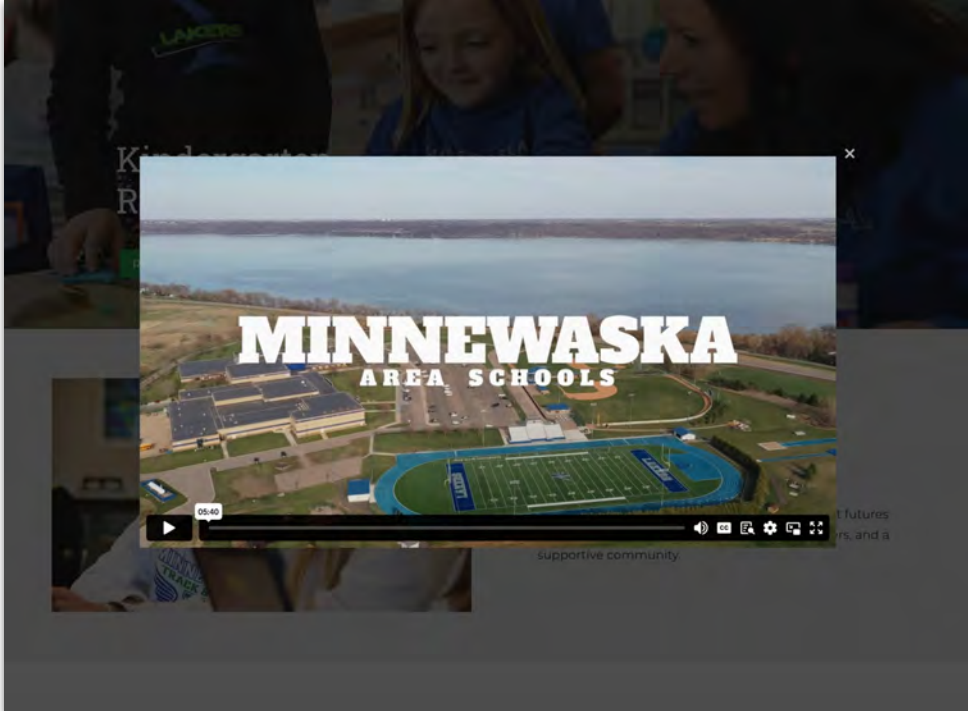
Kindergarten
Registration is Open

Register Registration Event →



**Growing Laker Pride,
Every Day**

See how Minnewaska Area Schools shapes bright futures through personalized learning, dedicated teachers, and a supportive community.



**MINNEWASKA
AREA SCHOOLS**

05:40

Supportive community

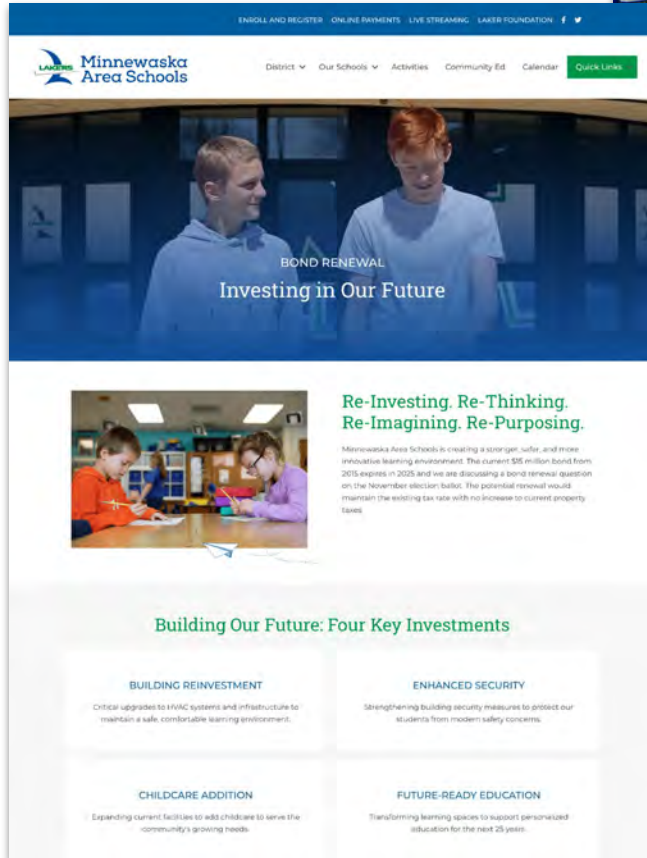
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Renew the Bond



Landing Page




ENROLL AND REGISTER ONLINE PAYMENTS LIVE STREAMING LAKER FOUNDATION

Minnewaska Area Schools District Our Schools Activities Community Ed Calendar **Quick Links**

BOND RENEWAL

Investing in Our Future



Re-Investing. Re-Thinking. Re-Imagining. Re-Purposing.

Minnewaska Area Schools is creating a stronger, safer, and more innovative learning environment. The current \$25 million bond from 2015 expires in 2025 and we are discussing a bond renewal question on the November election ballot. The potential renewal would maintain the existing tax rate with no increase to current property taxes.

Building Our Future: Four Key Investments

BUILDING REINVESTMENT Critical upgrades to HVAC systems and infrastructure to maintain a safe, comfortable learning environment.	ENHANCED SECURITY Strengthening building security measures to protect our students from modern safety concerns.
CHILDCARE ADDITION Expanding current facilities to add childcare to serve the community's growing needs.	FUTURE-READY EDUCATION Transforming learning spaces to support personalized education for the next 25 years.



Funding



100%

of bond funds will be used to re-invest, re-think, re-imagine, and re-purpose our learning facilities.


M&A is in the discussion period of the potential bond renewal. As amounts are finalized we will update this section with data, line charts, and voting information.



How the 2015 Bond Was Utilized

The 2015 Bond was a necessary and significant investment in our long-term facility modernization. See below for a list of updates that were able to be made because of this community commitment to our learning spaces.

Ongoing maintenance and updates are necessary to protect your investment and to best serve your students and the district's taxpayers.



Community Survey - Social Posts



Community Discussions - Print Ad + Social Posts



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This is an opportunity to learn about the bond, ask questions, share your feedback, and help shape the future of Minnewaska Area Schools.

JOIN US:
MARCH 10

Coffee & Conversation
9-10:30 a.m.
Glenwood Lakes Area
Chambas, Coffee + Cookies

Coffee & Conversation
2-3:30 p.m.
City of Sherbrook Community Center, Coffee + Cookies

Community Dinner & Discussion
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Minnewaska Area High School
Cabeen's Light Dinner

RSVP TO HELP US PLAN ACCORDINGLY



 **Minnewaska Area Schools**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Angela YanDow at myandow@minnewaska.org or 320-259-1304.



Re-Investing

OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES



COMMUNITY DISCUSSION:

Investing in Our Future



JOIN US FOR: COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

Investing in Our Future

March 10 • RSVP Today!



Marketing Campaigns & Materials



Newsletter

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6-12 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

With the latest class list for Area Community Schools, Minnewaska Message Center will be able to get you the supplies you need for the year. We will be able to get you the supplies you need for the year. We will be able to get you the supplies you need for the year.

Sixth Grade

- Backpack
- Pencils
- Paper
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Folder
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Compass
- Scissors
- Glue
- Stapler
- Highlighter
- Index Cards
- Calculator
- Clock
- Compass
- Scissors
- Glue
- Stapler
- Highlighter
- Index Cards
- Calculator
- Clock

Community Education

Ideas for a New Program?
Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education is always interested in adding new programs! If you have an idea, please don't hesitate to call us at 815-229-1200 or email us at ce@minnewaska.org.

Volunteer Opportunities!
We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with our programs and events. If you're interested in giving back to the community, please contact us to learn more about our opportunities!

As we embark on this new season, we look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new participants to our programs. Let's make this fall a memorable and exciting time for all!

Join us for:
• Minnewaska Area Community Education
• Various programs and events

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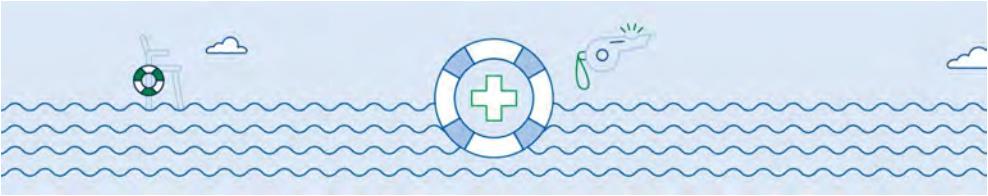
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Community Education Site Images



Press Releases + Content

- Test Score Results
- Childcare Crisis Update
- Scoreboard Sponsorship Letter + Envelope
- Research Apps for Education
- Bond Strategy

Form Updates

- Mental Health Referral
- Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

The screenshot shows the website for Minnewaska Area Schools. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the school district logo and links for 'District', 'Our Schools', 'Admission', 'Community Ed', 'Calendar', and 'Special Links'. The main content area features a press release dated November 18, 2024, titled "Minnewaska Area Schools Calls for Community Support to Address Childcare Crisis". The article discusses the impact of the childcare crisis on the district's students and the need for community support. It includes a photo of a young child in a classroom. Below the article, there are sections for 'How You Can Help' and 'Join the Partnership'. The footer of the website contains the school district's name, the slogan 'ENGAGE EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY!', and a list of links for various school levels and programs, including 'Middle School', 'High School', 'WLS Academy', 'Little Leagues Programs', 'Early Childhood Family Education', and 'Early Childhood Special Education'.



Print Ads

2025 Teacher Appreciation

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS

THANK YOU TEACHERS

We celebrate the national Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9, with a sincere appreciation for all the hard work, dedication and commitment our Minnewaska Area Schools K-12 team members have shown to their students and families, the community, and to the advancement of education as a whole. We are very fortunate to have such an incredible group of talented individuals.

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Minnewaska Area Schools

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Angie VanZee at avanzee@ed2149.org or 520-276-1244.



Miscellaneous Social Media

Childcare Update



Holiday Performances



Website



News Stories

Content | Design | Web Management

- Test Score Results
- Childcare Update
- Back to School Night
- Community Discussions
- Flu Vaccine Clinic



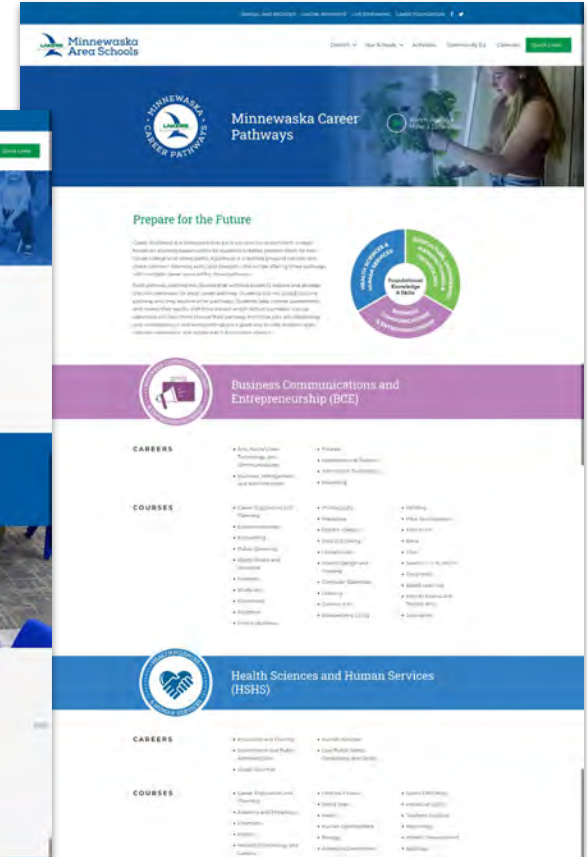
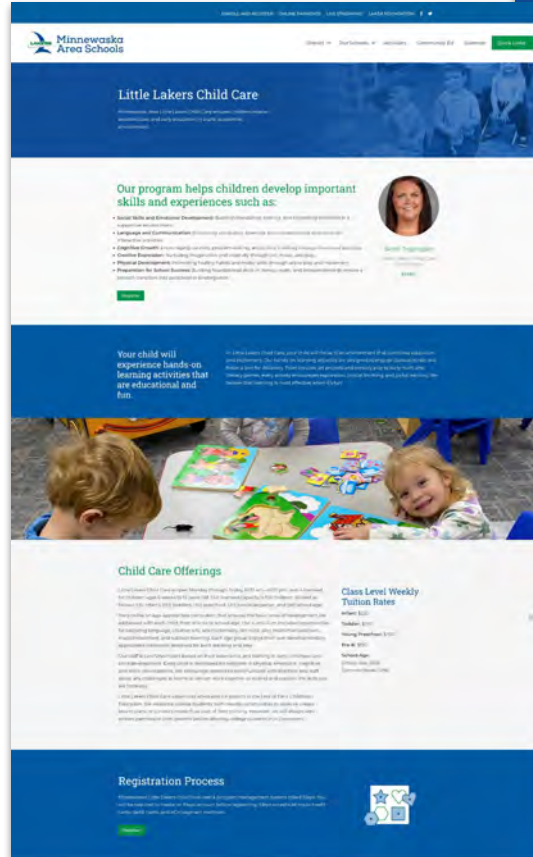
Website Updates

School Pages

- Little Lakers Preschool
- Little Lakers Daycare
- Kindergarten
- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
- Career Pathways
- W.I.N. Academy
- Renew the Bond
- Laker Pride Section
- Why Minnewaska Videos

Other Updates

- MCA Testing Page
- Hero Images + Messaging
- Resource Document Management
- School Board Members



Analytics

Annual Last Month



Compared to analytics from last year

- Decrease in Desktop Views, Increase in Mobile
- Decrease in total users and sessions
- Increase in session duration
- Increase in Organic Search
- Decrease in Social Media Traffic
- Increase in Directory Page Ranking
- Increase in Enroll-Register
- Increase in News Articles

Page Performance		
Landing page	Sessions +	Average session duration
1. /	74,872.00	00:04:10
2. /view	14,897.00	00:00:32
3. /enroll	8,398.00	00:00:27
4. /activities	8,804.00	00:00:51
5. /calendar	6,524.00	00:00:00
6. /community-ed	3,391.00	00:00:27
7. /directory	2,578.00	00:00:20
8. /high-school	2,306.00	00:00:22
9. /enroll-register	1,721.00	00:01:27
10. /enroll-academy	1,576.00	00:00:22
11. /departments/human-resources	1,075.00	00:00:42
12. /district-overview	992.00	00:04:25
13. /school-news/2024-25-school-year...	843.00	00:00:31
14. /elementary-school	803.00	00:00:35
15. /middle-school	701.00	00:00:38
16. /departments/food-services	528.00	00:01:47
17. /enroll	486.00	00:01:55
18. /little-lakers-preschool	422.00	00:00:21
19. /school-news/news-year-2024-district...	315.00	00:00:07
20. /school-news/rick-demation-named...	213.00	00:01:47
21. /parent-teacher-organization	201.00	00:01:35
22. /v-directory	185.00	00:04:38
23. /school-news/school-supply-list-2	167.00	00:00:40
24. /athletic-hall-of-fame	162.00	00:00:43
Grand total	139,658.00	00:03:55

Page Performance		
Landing page	Sessions +	Average session duration
1. /	7,010.00	00:04:27
2. /activities	853.00	00:00:36
3. /enroll	845.00	00:00:25
4. /calendar	537.00	00:00:56
5. /community-ed	519.00	00:00:58
6. /view	478.00	00:00:53
7. /directory	486.00	00:00:40
8. /high-school	453.00	00:00:14
9. /district-overview	418.00	00:04:00
10. /enroll-academy	396.00	00:04:05
11. /departments/human-resources	92.00	00:00:31
12. /enroll	99.00	00:01:20
13. /elementary-school	83.00	00:00:40
14. /parent-teacher-organization	57.00	00:00:13
15. /enroll-register	49.00	00:00:53
16. /departments/food-services	44.00	00:00:40
17. /school-news/2024-25-school-year...	98.00	00:00:52
18. /middle-school	84.00	00:00:22
19. /little-lakers-preschool	80.00	00:00:30
20. /enroll-lakers-child-care	99.00	00:00:20
21. /boardroom	17.00	00:00:55
22. /school-news/safe-start-named-event...	16.00	00:04:44
23. /athletic-hall-of-fame	15.00	00:00:56
24. /v-directory	14.00	00:02:46
Grand total	11,755.00	00:03:49

Compared to analytics from last year

- Increase in Desktop View
- Increase in Organic Search
- Increase in Users by 200%
- Decrease in Overall Sessions, but Increase in Homepage
- Increase in Average Session Duration
- District Overview and Careers Pages saw significant increase in traffic



Hosting + Maintenance Care (through Jan. 2025)

OVERVIEW



Website: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/>
IP Address: 8.29.157.34
WordPress Version: 6.7.1



UPDATES

Updates performed: 170



BACKUPS

Backups created: 90; Latest one on: 01/29/2025 4:02



UPDATES



Total updates performed: **170**
01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

OVERVIEW

Plugin updates:

154

Theme updates:

16



Proposals



Q4 / 2024-25 AGENCY FEES BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

CATEGORY	Annual <i>*approved</i>	Q1 <i>*approved</i>	Q2 <i>*approved</i>	Q3 <i>*approved</i>	Q4 <i>* for review</i>
Community Education + Activities		\$500/month (\$1,500/quarter)	\$500/month (\$1,500/quarter)	\$500/month (\$1,500/quarter)	\$750/month (\$2,250/quarter)
Digital Communications + Website Updates		\$4,250/month (\$12,750/quarter)	\$5,250/month (\$15,750/quarter)	\$4,250/month* (\$12,750/quarter)	\$5,250/month (\$15,750/quarter)
Website Hosting + Maintenance	\$259/month (\$3,108/annual)				
ADA + Cookie Plugin <i>(Pass Through)</i>	\$85/month (\$1,020/annual)				
Paid Media <i>(Pass Through)</i>				\$1,765.95	<i>Any Enrollment Campaign Needs?</i>
Printing - Backdrop <i>(Pass Through)</i>				\$290.65	
TOTAL PER QUARTER		\$14,250/quarter	\$17,250/quarter	\$14,250/quarter	\$18,000/quarter
TOTAL PER ANNUAL	\$4,128/annual Hard costs Pass Through			\$2,056.60 Hard costs Pass Through	



Q1 - 2025-26 AGENCY FEES BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

CATEGORY	Annual <i>*for approval</i>	Q1 <i>*for approval</i>	Q2 <i>*tabled/pending</i>	Q3 <i>* tabled/pending</i>	Q4 <i>* tabled/pending</i>
Community Education + Activities		\$750/month (\$2,250/quarter)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Digital Communications + Website Updates		\$5,250/month (\$15,750/quarter)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Website Hosting + Maintenance	\$299/month (\$3,588/annual)				
ADA + Cookie Plugin (<i>Pass Through</i>)	\$85/month (\$1,020/annual)				
TOTAL PER QUARTER		\$18,000/quarter	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL PER ANNUAL	\$4,608/annual Hard costs Pass Through				2024-25 Total \$41,250/Digital Comms \$4,500/Comm. Ed \$4,128/Hard Costs Pass



Renew The Bond / Proposal

BACKGROUND

Minnewaska Area Schools (MAS) will have a bond renewal going on the ballot in November. The current bond, approved in 2015 for \$15 million, expires in 2025. The district must now address aging facilities, adding complexity to the renewal. Transparent communication is essential to address any concerns about how previous funds were allocated and spent.

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

June 2025 - November 2025

OBJECTIVES

Garner public support for the bond renewal and potential increase.

STRATEGIES

- Develop clear, consistent messaging.
- Execute integrated communications and marketing.
- Track performance with key metrics.

DETAILS

Internal Communications:

- Equip staff with talking points to address the bond renewal.
- Provide training on key messages via lunch and learns.

External Communications:

- **Website:** Continue to build out the dedicated bond renewal landing page that includes funding details, and FAQs, along with a breakdown of where past funds were allocated.
- **Social Media:** Launch a campaign to highlight the future benefits of the bond.
- **Email Marketing:** Include bond impact stories in newsletters to keep the community informed.
- **Marketing Collateral:** Develop brochures, yard signs, pull up banner, and graphics to explain the bond's importance and broader visibility across the community
- **Public Relations:** Issue news releases to local media and facilitate Letters to the Editor from key stakeholders.
- **Advertising:** Utilize paid digital ads, billboards, direct mail, and print ads in local newspapers, along with scoreboard graphics.

Events & Community Relations:

- **Develop a presentation** that can be used to update staff and the greater community about the initiative.



BOND - AGENCY FEES BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

CATEGORY	June 2025 - November 2025 <i>*for approval</i>
Digital Communications + Website Updates	\$55,000 - \$60,000
Paid Media - Ad Spend	\$5,000-\$7,500
Print and Mail Costs	Pass Through As Needed and Approved
TOTAL	\$60,000-\$67,500



12. **PRESENTATION AND UPDATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, NATE MEISSNER:**
13. **STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR: (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)**
14. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP OF THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE: (APPENDIX) (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)**



**2025-2026 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
Membership Renewal Form**

This form must be completed once for each school in the district.

Must be completed and submitted to MSHSL NOT LATER THAN JULY 31, 2025. Retain one copy for the school files.

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board or Entity of Minnewaska Area H.S. (Name of School) located in the State of Minnesota delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic activities and athletics (referred to in MN Statutes, Section 128C.01) to the Minnesota State High School League, and so hereby certifies to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by Minnesota Statutes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school listed is authorized by this, the Governing Board of said school district or school to renew its membership in the Minnesota State High School League; and to participate in the approved interscholastic activities and athletics sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Governing Board or Entity hereby adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same as are published in the latest edition of the League's *Official Handbook*, on file at the office of the school district or school, or as appears on the League's website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities and athletics. Further, the administration and responsibility for determining student eligibility and for the supervision of such activities and athletics are assigned to the official representatives identified by this Governing Board or Entity.

Signing this Resolution for Membership affirms that this Governing Board has reviewed all required membership materials provided by the League which defines the purpose and value of education-based activity and athletic and programs and defines each member school's responsibilities.

Member schools must develop and publicize administrative procedures to address eligibility suspensions related to Student Code of Responsibilities (Bylaw 206.2) violations for students participating in activity and athletic programs by member schools.

The above Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board or Entity of this school or district and is recorded in the official minutes of said Board and hereby is certified to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by law.

The following is taken from the MSHSL Constitution:

208.00 LOCAL CONTROL

208.01 Designated School Representatives

At the beginning of the League's fiscal year, the governing board of each member school shall designate two (2) representatives who are authorized to vote for the member school at all district, region and section meetings and on mail ballots where member schools are called upon to vote.

One of the designated representatives shall be a member of the school's governing board and the other shall be an administrator or full-time faculty member of the member school.

In school districts with multiple schools, the designated representative from the school district's governing body may represent more than one school and is entitled to one vote for each school they represent.

208.02 Designated Activity Representatives

At the beginning of the League's fiscal year, the governing board of each member school shall select individuals to represent its school in the following areas: (a) boys sports; (b) girls sports; (c) speech; and (d) music.

208.03 Local Advisory Committee

Each school is urged to form an advisory committee for League activities. Committee membership is not limited to but shall include a school board member, a student, a parent, and a faculty member, to advise the designated school representatives on all matters relating to the school's membership in the MSHSL.

Minnewaska Area H.S.

Name of School (Please Print)

208.01 VOTE ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Chad Barsness

(Designated School Board Member - please print)

Phil Johnsrud

(Designated School Representative - please print)

cbarsness@isd2149.org

Email Address

pjohnsr@isd2149.org

Email Address

208.02 ACTIVITY REPRESENTATIVES

Phil Johnsrud

(Boys Sports - please print)

Phil Johnsrud

(Girls Sports - please print)

Simi Welsch

(Speech - please print)

Heidi Polzin

(Music - please print)

208.03 LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Justin Zawodil

(Board Member - please print)

Olivia Danielson

(Student - please print)

Dine Ankeny

(Parent - please print)

Jeremy Christensen

(Faculty Member - please print)

Phil Johnsrud

(Mailing Representative - please print)

The Mailing Representative is the person to whom mailings go. This is usually the Activity Director.

Print Name: _____
(Clerk/Secretary - Local Governing Board)

Print Name: _____
(Superintendent or Head of School)

Signed: _____
(Clerk/Secretary - Local Governing Board)

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(Superintendent or Head of School)

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15. **BOND RENEWAL UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:**
16. **FIRST READING THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR HANDBOOKS: (APPENDIX) (APPENDIX)**



Curriculum/Policy Committee

May 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Minnewaska Area Schools Board Room

Policies to Be Reviewed

Handbooks

1. [Middle School](#)
 - a. [Notes on Changes](#)
2. [Little Lakers Preschool](#)
3. [ECFE Handbook](#)
4. [Little Lakers Child Care](#)
 - a. [Notes on Changes](#)
5. [Elementary School](#)
6. [School-Age Child Care](#)
7. [W.I.N.](#)
8. [High School](#)
9. [Activities](#)
10. [Laker Legends Summer Care](#)
11. [Support Staff](#)

The updates to these policies below do not represent changes in policy. Rather, the updates are purely technical (corrections to citations).

[516 Student Medication and Telehealth](#)

Corrects formatting

[621 Literacy and the READ Act](#)

Update statutory reference

[906 Community Notification of Predatory Offenders](#)

Rearrange Arts. II & III

The recommended policy changes described below involve substantive changes to the model policies.

[413 Harassment and Violence](#)

The definition of "disability" in Minnesota Statutes 363A.03 has been updated. This is a legal change that a school board could choose to adopt in a single meeting under Model Policy 208.

[425 Staff Development and Mentoring](#)

Minnesota law requires that school boards “establish” a Staff Development Committee. The law does not explicitly state who appoints the committee members. School boards can clarify who appoints the committee members by choosing to adopt or not adopt the revision.

[512 School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities](#)

By adopting the proposed deletion in this policy, school boards can reduce potential confusion when implementing the student journalism law enacted in 2024.

[704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and Fixed Asset Accounting](#)

School districts requested that MSBA revise this policy to align with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidance.

[524.5 Personal Electronic Communication Devices](#)

The Minnewaska Area School Board needs to approve a formal district policy in compliance with Minnesota Statutes 121A.73 (School Cell Phone Policy), which requires all school districts to adopt a policy on students' possession and use of cell phones by March 15, 2025. The proposed language has already been discussed and included in the MAES, MAMS, and MAHS handbooks. This approval will ensure consistency across all schools and formally establish district-wide guidelines on student cell phone use.

The Community Education Office is requesting an update to the facility rental Administrative Guidelines, set to take effect on July 1, 2025. The proposed updates significantly enhance clarity, fairness, and enforcement while modernizing the rental process. Key improvements include a more equitable fee structure, stricter liability protections, and detailed facility use guidelines. The introduction of Group classifications, a user-friendly online rental system, and a new fee structure will improve accessibility, increase transparency in costs, and ensure the fair and efficient use of district resources.

[Facility Rentals](#) [Compare & Contrast](#)

17. APPOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION CLERK: (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)

18. OTHER:

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

20. ADJOURN: (ACTION) (ROLL CALL VOTE)