

## Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Rob Johnson, Leona Johnson, Margaret Sunnarborg and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.

### Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### Approval of Agenda

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- Minutes.
  - Approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026, Board meeting.
- Checks.

| Date    | Check #s      | Total         |
|---------|---------------|---------------|
| 5/14/26 | 114515-114569 | \$133,328.599 |
| 5/15/26 | 114570-114571 | \$7,841.35    |
| 5/28/26 | 114572-114608 | \$45,040.48   |
| 6/1/26  | 114609-114610 | \$1,728.00    |
| 6/2/26  | 114611-114613 | \$2,040.00    |
| 6/4/26  | 114614-114670 | \$277,534.95  |

- Personnel.
  - Tenure for Caitlyn Lilly effective 2026/2027.
  - Tenure for Lorelei Holland effective 2026/2027.
  - Tenure for Callista Kermend effective 2026/2027.
  - Tenure for Jake Anderson effective 2026/2027.
  - Tenure for Lisa Lillie effective 2026/2027.
  - Accept a letter of resignation from Sharlene Poppe, Housekeeper, effective May 22, 2026, with permission to post the position.
  - Accept a letter of resignation from Laura Zimny, Robotics Coach, effective immediately.
- Treasurer's Report.
  - May 2026.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99  
ESKO, MINNESOTA  
TREASURER'S CASH REPORT  
Month Ending May 31, 2026

Date of Report: 6/2/2026

| FUND                     | BALANCE<br>4/30/2026 | CASH<br>RECEIPTS | CASH<br>DISBURSEMENTS | PAYROLL      | SUNDRY<br>JOURNAL | BALANCE<br>5/31/2026 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 01 General               | 5,504,805.28         | 2,240,604.40     | (459,249.52)          | (550,481.86) | 11,818.90         | 6,747,497.20         |
| 02 Food Service          | 930,006.51           | 91,912.46        | (46,922.13)           | (15,581.74)  | (2,267.62)        | 957,147.48           |
| 03 Transportation        | (2,181.03)           | 0.00             | (27,478.63)           | (30,791.77)  | 1,141.96          | (59,309.47)          |
| 04 Community Service     | 721,826.77           | 57,676.31        | (21,080.67)           | (52,247.95)  | (7.85)            | 706,166.61           |
| 05 Capital Expenditure   | (75,049.21)          | 0.00             | (4,695.40)            | (394.24)     | 0.00              | (80,138.85)          |
| 06 Building Construction | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                  | 0.00         | 0.00              | 0.00                 |
| 07 Debt Service          | 129,570.73           | 0.00             | 0.00                  | 0.00         | 0.00              | 129,570.73           |

|                           |              |              |              |              |           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 11 Student Activity       | 65,533.48    | 18,984.50    | (15,667.91)  | 0.00         | (941.85)  | 67,908.22    |
| 18 Custodial              | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0.00         |
|                           |              |              |              |              |           |              |
| Total Cash for reg. oper. | 7,274,512.53 | 2,409,177.67 | (575,094.26) | (649,497.56) | 9,743.54  | 8,468,841.92 |
|                           |              |              |              |              |           |              |
| 45 OPEB Trust             | 968,785.08   | 3,799.52     | 0.00         | 0.00         | 2,626.93  | 975,211.53   |
|                           |              |              |              |              |           |              |
| TOTAL District Cash       | 8,243,297.61 | 2,412,977.19 | (575,094.26) | (649,497.56) | 12,370.47 | 9,444,053.45 |

| <u>BANKS</u>                  | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| National Bank of Commerce     | 740,441.33    |
| Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust) | 7,724,089.23  |
| OPEB Trust                    | 979,522.89    |
| TOTAL OF BANK BAL.            | 9,444,053.45  |

This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.

| Electronic Transfer Report<br>May |                                 |                                 |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Date</u>                       | <u>Account Transferred From</u> | <u>Account Transferred Into</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
| 05/07/26                          | PMA TRUST                       | National Bank of Commerce       | \$50,000.00   |
| 05/14/26                          | PMA Trust                       | National Bank of Commerce       | \$350,000.00  |
| 05/18/26                          | PMA Trust                       | National Bank of Commerce       | \$125,000.00  |
| 05/28/26                          | PMA Trust                       | National Bank of Commerce       | \$350,000.00  |
|                                   | PMA Trust                       | National Bank of Commerce       |               |

| Payrolls<br>May |                     |                |                        |                            |              |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Payroll Type</u> | <u>Check's</u> | <u>Direct Deposits</u> | <u>Electronic Payments</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| 05/15/26        | Regular             | 125031-125045  | \$9,386.23             | \$270,268.19               | \$581,376.55 |
| 05/31/26        | Regular             | 125064-125068  | \$9,932.86             | \$299,343.96               | \$628,450.68 |

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve 2026/2027 Membership Renewal with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium**

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the 2026/2027 Membership Renewal (Specific Services Contract) with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve 2026/2027 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League**

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2026/2027 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve Sports Cooperative Agreement with Cloquet Public Schools**

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Sports Cooperative Agreement with Cloquet Public Schools. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve Designation of Greg Hexum as EDIAM (IOwA)**

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the designation of Greg Hexum as EDIAM (IOwA) for Esko Public Schools, effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve Designation of Greg Hexum as Authorized Personnel**

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve the designation of Greg Hexum as authorized personnel, effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve the Purchase of Floor Scrubber**

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the purchase of a floor scrubber at a cost not to exceed \$23,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve Fiscal Year 2027 Budget**

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the budget for fiscal year 2027. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Accept Letter of Resignation by Retirement from Corey Gray**

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Corey Gray, Business Teacher, effective the end of the 2025/2026 school year, with permission to post the position. The Board thanks him for his years of service in the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Accept Letter of Resignation by Retirement from Gary Beaudot**

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Gary Beaudot, Math Teacher, effective June 5, 2026, with permission to post the position. The Board thanks him for his years of service in the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Accept Letter of Resignation from Melanie Rice**

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to accept a letter of resignation from Melanie Rice, ECFE/SR Coordinator and Teacher, effective June 30, 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve the Hire of Melanie Rice as Community Education Director**

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of Melanie Rice as Community Education Director, effective July 1, 2026, background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve the Working Agreement with the Community Education Director**

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve the working agreement between Esko Public Schools and the Community Education Director, effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approve the Hire of Eagan Harker**

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve the hire of Eagan Harker as summer help in the Custodial Department. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principals' Reports:**

**Elementary School:** Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Move Up Day
- Thank you to the elementary staff

**High School:** Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Thank you to Gavin Johnson and Nikki Peterson for a successful graduation ceremony
- Credit recovery summer classes have started
- Open teaching positions will be posted
- Congratulations to the Softball Team and Track athletes making it to the State competition

### **Board Committee Reports**

Margaret Sunnarborg – Non-certified negotiations, Recognition Luncheon, Graduation

Leona Johnson – Graduation, Superintendent interviews, Certified negotiations

Jerry Frederick – MSBA Zoom meetings, Graduation, Safety meeting, Recognition Luncheon, Principal interviews, Non-certified negotiations, Township meeting

Todd Rengo – Certified negotiations

Steve McConnell – Certified negotiations

Rob Johnson – Non-certified negotiations

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Fischer reported on the following:

- Monthly enrollment update
- On Boarding with Mr. Hexum
- Strategic Planning with Special Education Cooperative

### **Congratulations and Commendations**

- Thank you to Aaron Fischer for his years of service in the District
- Thank you to Christine Ringat for her extra work
- Thank you to Gavin Johnson, Nikki Peterson and Greg Hexum for their work on the 2026 graduation ceremony
- Congratulations to the Softball Team and Track athletes qualifying for State
- Thank you to the following for their work putting together the Recognition Luncheon: Bridget Peterson, Margaret Sunnarborg, Irene Tout, and Beth Belden
- Thank you to the entire faculty and staff for another amazing school year

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell  
Clerk