

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Rob Johnson, Leona Johnson, Margaret Sunnarborg, Steve McConnell 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 Rob Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo second by Steve McConnell to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- Approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
3/5/25	Voided 112269	(\$630.74)
3/11/25	112279 - 112334	\$284,715.05
3/12/25	112335	\$300.00
3/12/25	Voided 112335	(\$300.00)
3/12/25	112336	\$300.00
3/21/25	Voided 112296	(\$1,645.00)
3/21/25	112337 – 112375	\$54,756.15
3/24/25	112376	\$1,000.00
3/31/25	112377 – 112401	\$34,240.35
4/9/25	112402 – 112456	\$90,199.74

- Donations.
 - J&C Accounting Service in the amount of \$100.00 for Robotics.
 - Widdes Trailer Sales in the amount of \$500.00 for Robotics.
 - Arrowhead Water Conditioning in the amount of \$50.00 for Robotics.
 - Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1274 in the amount of \$500.00 for Robotics.
 - RJ Nikunen in the amount of \$500.00 for Robotics.
 - Craig Middlebrook & Stacey Helberg in the amount of \$400.00 for the School Forest.
 - Pine River Sales in the amount of \$100.00 for Softball.
 - Van Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$2500.00 for Robotics.
- Personnel.
 - Decrease Laura Grenier's FTE from a 1.0 to a .5 beginning the 2025/2026 school year per the employee's request. A signed MOU is on file in the district office. Permission to post the 1.0 FTE position.
 - Change in assignment for Jeremy Zywicki from elementary physical education teacher to high school physical education and health teacher. Permission to post the elementary physical education position.
- Treasurer's Report.
 - March 2025.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending March 31, 2025

Date of Report: 4/3/2025

FUND	BALANCE 2/28/2025	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 3/31/2025
01 General	4,574,161.84	1,611,498.58	(575,967.21)	(722,397.29)	(5,661.54)	4,881,634.38
02 Food Service	803,431.53	85,426.87	(44,460.21)	(11,366.76)	0.00	833,031.43
03 Transportation	21,543.16	0.00	(23,265.08)	(25,891.29)	(575.13)	(28,188.34)
04 Community Service	627,171.35	70,185.40	(18,762.33)	(34,168.33)	5,333.93	649,760.02
05 Capital Expenditure	(332,325.98)	0.00	(2,767.96)	(305.84)	0.00	(335,399.78)
06 Building Construction	577,851.62	0.00	(14,921.20)	0.00	3,499.26	566,429.68
07 Debt Service	231,032.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	231,032.20
11 Student Activity	60,717.72	7,547.91	(2,234.95)	0.00	864.92	66,895.60
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	(984.13)	0.00	0.00	(984.13)
Total Cash for reg. oper.	6,563,583.44	1,774,658.76	(683,363.07)	(794,129.51)	3,461.44	6,864,211.06
45 OPEB Trust	1,046,706.87	0.00	(7,107.28)	0.00	3,242.98	1,042,842.57
TOTAL District Cash	7,610,290.31	1,774,658.76	(690,470.35)	(794,129.51)	6,704.42	7,907,053.63

BANKSAMOUNT

National Bank of Commerce

220,189.97

Other Banks (CD's & MN
Trust)

6,627,764.10

OPEB Trust

1,059,099.56

TOTAL OF BANK BAL.

7,907,053.63**This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.**

Electronic Transfer Report						
March						
Date	Account Transferred From		Account Transferred Into		Amount	
03/13/25	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce		\$525,000.00	
03/12/25	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce		\$150,000.00	
03/26/25	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce		\$575,000.00	

Payrolls						
March						
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total	
03/15/25	Regular	124607-124623	\$10,274.66	\$247,748.98	\$436,629.74	\$694,653.38
03/31/25	Regular	124624-124649	\$13,844.12	\$303,868.77	\$318,664.20	\$636,377.09

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Robotics Presentation

Robotics team members presented a review of their 2024/2025 season.

Parking Lot Project Update

Superintendent Fischer reported that all permits have been signed, and the project is moving forward as planned.

Approve Community Education to Purchase Office Furniture

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve Community Education to purchase office furniture at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve a Walking Bridge to Lower Softball Field

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve a walking bridge to the lower softball field at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Classes with Enrollment Under Fourteen Students

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve classes for the 2025/2026 school year with enrollment under fourteen students: Exploring the Trades, Engineering and Design, Analysis, and Principles of Physics. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Anneliese Braaten

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contract of Anneliese Braaten. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Susan Northey as Girls Varsity Head Basketball Coach

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation from Susan Northey as Girls Varsity Head Basketball Coach effective immediately. The Board thanks her for her years of service. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Re-Hire of the Following as Summer Help in Cool Kids

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the re-hire of the following as summer help in Cool Kids for approximately 10-25 hours per week, clear background checks on file from last summer: Hanna Nooyen, Danielle Lenich, Brianne McCorrison and Paul Cornell. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Jeremy Zywicki as Varsity Head Football Coach

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of Jeremy Zywicki as Varsity Head Football Coach beginning the 2025/2026 season. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Hires Beginning the 2025/2026 School Year

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the following hires beginning the 2025/2026 school year:

- Marisa Gustafson as a special education instructor at a BA Step 1, clear background check on file.
- Peter VandeWege as a secondary social studies instructor at a BA Step 1, clear background check on file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Hosting the Contract of the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative Director

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve hosting the contract of the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative Director. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Kindergarten Round Up is complete.
- Many students, along with their parents participated in Science Night, headed by Denise LaGraves. A donation from the PIE Group made it possible.
- All paraprofessionals on staff have passed the certification test.
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High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- A Flex Learning Model is being tested this month. A tentative high school schedule has been built.
- New hires, due to resignations, have been approved.
- Prom, Scholarship Night and Graduation coming up soon.

Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg: Kindergarten Circus, Town Board Meeting, Trophy Case

Leona Johnson: Community Education Meeting

Jerry Frederick: Safety Meeting, Technology Meeting, Town Board Meeting, Classroom Visits, Facilities Committee, NLSEC Work Session

Todd Rengo: Facilities Committee, NLSEC Work Session, Classroom Visits

Rob Johnson: None

Steve McConnell: Facilities Committee, Technology Meeting

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

- Community Education may be needing extra space.
- Highway 61 Project scheduled to begin in 2027.

Congratulations and Commendations

- Knowledge Bowl participants and Coach Charlie Farrow for a third place finish at State.
- Kindergarten staff for another wonderful circus.
- Robotics Team and Coaches for another successful season.

Open Forum

Mr. Barta from the Town Board reported that sewer water and road construction have been their main topics of discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk