

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, May 11, 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 Steve McConnell 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.

- Minutes.
 - Approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, regular School Board meeting.
 - Approve the minutes of the April 24, 2026, special School Board meeting.
 - Approve the minutes of the May 6, 2026, special School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
4/13/26	114350 – 114390	\$291,034.09
4/15/26	114391	\$40,127.72
4/17/26	114392-114420	\$52,318.31
4/20/26	113902 Void	(\$147.20)
4/23/26	114421-114455	\$38,339.58
4/27/26	Wire	\$3,224.58
5/7/26	114456-114514	\$42,368.64
5/7/26	114498 Void	(\$269.46)

- Donations/Grants.
 - Irving Community Club in the amount of \$4,000 for baseball batting cages.
 - Wood City Riders Snowmobile Club in the amount of \$500 for softball.
 - Lake Country Power Grant in the amount of \$38,000 for reading intervention materials.
- Treasurer's Report.
 - April 2026.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month ending April 30, 2026

Date of Report: 5/5/2026

FUND	BALANCE 3/31/2026	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 4/30/2026
01 General	5,012,829.20	1,646,786.09	(608,755.08)	(548,334.00)	2,279.07	5,504,805.28
02 Food Service	898,553.74	88,464.80	(45,298.19)	(9,516.41)	(2,197.43)	930,006.51
03 Transportation	49,761.85	0.00	(28,480.62)	(23,946.15)	483.89	(2,181.03)
04 Community Service	740,543.09	36,641.91	(25,915.29)	(29,359.38)	(83.56)	721,826.77
05 Capital Expenditure	(21,664.01)	0.00	(53,078.61)	(306.59)	0.00	(75,049.21)
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	58,674.34	9,030.50	(1,654.40)	0.00	(516.96)	65,533.48
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	6,868,268.94	1,780,923.30	(763,182.19)	(611,462.53)	(34.99)	7,274,512.53
45 OPEB Trust	966,288.54	4,522.38	(4,744.89)	0.00	2,719.05	968,785.08
TOTAL District Cash	7,834,557.48	1,785,445.68	(767,927.08)	(611,462.53)	2,684.06	8,243,297.61

<u>BANKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
National Bank of Commerce	180,912.36
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	7,085,489.29
OPEB Trust	976,895.96
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	8,243,297.61

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

Electronic Transfer Report			
April-26			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Account Transferred From</u>	<u>Account Transferred Into</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04/02/26	PMA TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$25,000.00
04/13/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$450,000.00
04/13/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$250,000.00
04/24/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$60,000.00
04/28/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$500,000.00

Payrolls						
April						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payroll Type</u>	<u>Check's</u>	<u>Direct Deposits</u>	<u>Electronic Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>	
04/15/26	Regular	125005-125018	\$10,056.89	\$260,830.08	\$315,804.18	\$566,577.37
04/30/26	Regular	125019-125030	\$8,513.36	\$267,185.85	\$328,286.15	\$586,958.64

- Fundraising Requests.
 - Cheerleading – cheer camp for elementary students 8/4/26 – 8/8/26.
 - Cheerleading – host a table at Esko Fun Days with face painting, games and prizes 8/8/26.
 - Cheerleading – cheer camp for elementary students and perform at half time of a football game 9/14/26 – 9/18/26.
- Personnel.
 - Parental Leave request from Hadley Mooney.
 - Parental Leave request from Lisa Lillie.
 - Parental Leave request from Marisa Gustafson.
 - Kallahan Sinnott – accept letter of resignation from summer Cool Kids program.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve FY27 Capital List Addition

Move by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve a kiln at a cost up to \$4,200 to be added to the FY27 capital list. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Rate Increases for Youth Basketball Officials and Concession Employees

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve rate increases for youth basketball officials and concession employees. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Working Agreements for FY26 and FY27

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the following working agreements for FY26 and FY27:

- Food Service Employees
- Clerical Workers
- Superintendent's Administrative Assistant
- Data Management/Tech Help Desk Assistant
- Community Education Director
- Community Education Coordinators
- Community Education Program Assistants
- Student Success and Family Liaison

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Jodi Monahan

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to accept a letter of resignation from Jodi Monahan, Cool Kids program assistant, effective June 3, 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Gerald Berthiaume

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation from Gerald Berthiaume, maintenance/custodial, effective May 22, 2026, with permission to post the position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Sharlene Poppe

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve the hire of Sharlene Poppe as a part-time housekeeper, effective May 12, 2026, clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Scott Arntson as a Two-Trip Bus Driver

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the hire of Scott Arntson as a two-trip bus driver, effective the 2026/2027 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Greg Hexum, High School Principal

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to accept a letter of resignation from Greg Hexum as High School Principal, effective June 30, 2026, with permission to post the position. The Board thanks him for over 19 years of service in the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Greg Hexum as Superintendent

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the hire of Greg Hexum as Superintendent, effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve a Contract Agreement between Esko Public Schools and Greg Hexum as Superintendent

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve a contract agreement between Esko Public Schools and Greg Hexum as Superintendent, effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- State testing is completed
- Many field trips are scheduled

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Senior Secret Pal day
- NHS breakfast
- Scholarship recipients
- Graduation plans

Board Committee Reports

Margaret Sunnarborg – Superintendent interviews, Scholarships, At Will contracts

Leona Johnson – Superintendent interviews

Jerry Frederick – Superintendent interviews, Town Board meeting, Facilities Committee

Todd Rengo – Superintendent interviews, Facilities Committee

Steve McConnell – Superintendent interviews

Rob Johnson – Superintendent interviews, At Will contracts

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Fischer reported on the following:

- Monthly enrollment update
- FY27 neutral budget
- CEC Co-op update
- Property by bus garage update

Congratulations and Commendations

- Mr. Hexum for being chosen as the next Superintendent of Esko Public Schools
- Kindergarten staff for another fantastic circus
- 2nd Grade for a wonderful Grandparents Day
- Esko Education Foundation for a successful Scholarship Ceremony

Communications

- A letter to the Board to help find the next Superintendent

Open Forum

- Mr. Barta from the Town Board updated all in attendance on township affairs

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk