

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

Call the Meeting to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

- Approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
3/6/26	114214 – 114253	\$22,929.66
3/18/26	114254 – 114303	\$278,790.87
3/25/26	Wire	\$3,291.15
3/31/26	114304 – 114349	\$50,550.45
**4/13/26	114350 – 114390	\$291,034.09

**Pending Treasurer's Approval.

- Donations.
 - Arrowhead Robotics in the amount of \$1,000 for Robotics.
 - Widdes Trailer Sales in the amount of \$1,000 for Robotics.
 - Sathre Family in the amount of \$200 for the Art Room.
 - Corring Dental/Shorewood Dental in the amount of \$250 for the Fishing Club.
 - Pine River Sales in the amount of \$100 for the Fishing Club.
 - Irving Community Club in the amount of \$3,000 for Robotics.
 - Irving Community Club in the amount of \$1,500 for School Patrol.
 - AvidXchange Inc. in the amount of \$250 for Robotics.
 - Northland Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for Indian Education.
- Fundraising Request.
 - Track Booster Club – raise funds to help limit travel costs by having food trucks at the 4/23/26 track meet and receive a portion of the proceeds.
- Treasurer's Report.
 - March 2026.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending March 31, 2026

Date of Report: 4/6/2026

FUND	BALANCE 2/28/2026	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 3/31/2026
01 General	4,516,946.45	1,735,823.32	(563,077.51)	(707,372.14)	30,509.08	5,012,829.20
02 Food Service	889,483.64	83,985.32	(46,568.18)	(10,811.89)	(17,535.15)	898,553.74
03 Transportation	98,417.98	0.00	(22,675.93)	(26,165.65)	185.45	49,761.85
04 Community Service	722,912.86	90,595.89	(37,920.03)	(34,253.37)	(792.26)	740,543.09
05 Capital Expenditure	(19,663.08)	0.00	(1,699.86)	(301.07)	0.00	(21,664.01)

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	61,437.72	3,910.00	(7,217.27)	0.00	543.89	58,674.34
18 Custodial	0.00	986.34	(986.34)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	6,399,106.30	1,915,300.87	(680,145.12)	(778,904.12)	12,911.01	6,868,268.94
45 OPEB Trust	972,341.30	6,323.13	(14,839.33)	0.00	2,463.44	966,288.54
TOTAL District Cash	7,371,447.60	1,921,624.00	(694,984.45)	(778,904.12)	15,374.45	7,834,557.48

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	157,271.02
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	6,703,109.55
OPEB Trust	974,176.91
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	7,834,557.48

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

Electronic Transfer Report			
March			
Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount
03/10/26	PMA TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$550,000.00
03/20/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$225,000.00
03/24/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$250,000.00
03/30/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$450,000.00

Payrolls						
March						
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Total	
03/15/26	Regular	124973-124988	\$11,755.12	\$255,212.42	\$473,384.06	\$716,841.36
03/31/26	Regular	124989-125004	\$12,713.12	\$281,945.01	\$331,255.13	\$600,487.02

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion: Clock Lobby Flooring

A discussion was held regarding new flooring in the high school clock lobby area with the possibility of repainting railings and lockers to match the color scheme.

Discussion: Soccer Fields

President of the Esko Soccer Association presented an update on the conditions of the Les Knuti Field and possibility of developing the land by the Town Hall for additional soccer fields.

Approve the 2026 High School Summer/Credit Recovery Program Proposal

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2026 High School Summer/Credit Recovery Program Proposal. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Agreement between Esko Public Schools and Medica effective July 1, 2026

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

Approve Agreement between Esko Public Schools and ASPI Solutions, Inc., DBA Bound

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve the agreement between Esko Public Schools and ASPI Solutions, Inc., DBA Bound. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Agreement between Esko Public Schools and Arux Software, Inc.

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve the agreement between Esko Public Schools and Arux Software, Inc. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Director of Business Services Working Agreement for FY26, FY27 and FY28

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the Director of Business Services Working Agreement for FY26, FY27 and FY28. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Hailey Graves

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Hailey Graves. Mrs. Graves is leaving the district in good standing. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire and Rehire of the Following as Summer Help in Cool Kids

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire and rehire of the following as summer help in Cool Kids for approximately 10-25 hours per week, background checks on file:

- Hanna Nooyen – rehire
- Brianne McCorrison – rehire
- Kallahan Sinnott – new hire
- Annika Halvorson – new hire
- Grace Illikainen – new hire - student

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Kindergarten numbers at 80 so far - many residents haven't responded yet
- MCA testing - new math and language arts tests this year
- Kindergarten Circus this week
- Field trip season

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Senior class is on track to graduate
- Prom at the end of the month
- EEF Scholarship event
- Jazz Band performance
- Knowledge Bowl 8th place finish

Board Committee Reports

Margaret Sunnarborg – Work Session, Highway 61

Leona Johnson – Work Session, Highway 61, Community Education, Negotiations, Curriculum, Town Board

Jerry Frederick – Facilities, MSBA Zoom meetings, Work Session, Highway 61, Town Board

Steve McConnell – Work Session, Highway 61

Rob Johnson – Work Session, Highway 61

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Fischer reported on the following:

- Budget Update
- Press Release in regard to Superintendent search progress
- Water issue resolved
- Monthly enrollment

Congratulations and Commendations

- Knowledge Bowl coach, Jennifer Hoffmann, and all participants for their 8th place finish and winning the Heritage Award
- Jake Iallonardo for being chosen as goal tender for the 2026 DNT Boys Hockey All Area Team
- Greg Hexum for being presented with the MASSP Northeast Principal of the Year Award

Communications

- A letter from Mr. Barta of the Town Board notifying residents that the Cannabis Zoning Amendment will be on the next town board agenda

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk