

Clerk's Minutes

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

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Rob Johnson, Leona Johnson and Superintendent Greg Hexum. Member absent: Margaret Sunnarborg.

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

- Minutes.
 - Approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026, Board meeting.
 - Approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026, Special Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
*6/11/26	114671-114744	54,208.68
*6/24/26	114668 Voided	(\$828.00)
*6/25/26	Online Payment	\$106.95
*6/30/26	114745-114789	\$98,976.38
*7/1/26	Wire	\$22,551.00
*7/1/26	Wire	\$2,514.84
*7/2/26	Wire	\$198,108.74
*7/7/26	Wire	\$783.02
*7/7/26	114790-114856	\$595,248.13

*Pending Treasurer's Approval.

- Treasurer's Report.
 - June 2026.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99
ESKO, MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S CASH REPORT
Month Ending June 30, 2026

Date of Report: 7/9/2026

FUND	BALANCE 5/31/2026	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 6/30/2026
01 General	6,747,497.20	930,218.30	(663,774.67)	(609,521.70)	12,070.59	6,416,489.72
02 Food Service	957,147.48	106,757.29	(47,765.69)	(10,009.11)	41.56	1,006,171.53
03 Transportation	(59,309.47)	555.24	(20,446.56)	(23,206.44)	3,205.17	(99,202.06)
04 Community Service	706,166.61	110,536.22	(39,147.81)	(39,464.61)	4,581.74	742,672.15
05 Capital Expenditure	(80,138.85)	13,466.34	(6,604.06)	(313.36)	0.00	(73,589.93)
06 Building Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07 Debt Service	129,570.73	513,400.86	(4,350.00)	0.00	0.00	638,621.59
11 Student Activity	67,908.22	7,538.77	(18,226.70)	0.00	(1,680.05)	55,540.24
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	8,468,841.92	1,682,473.02	(800,315.49)	(682,515.22)	18,219.01	8,686,703.24

45 OPEB Trust	975,211.53	6,323.13	(9,792.11)	0.00	2,688.39	974,430.94
TOTAL District Cash	9,444,053.45	1,688,796.15	(810,107.60)	(682,515.22)	20,907.40	9,661,134.18

<u>BANKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
National Bank of Commerce	321,623.14
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	8,357,299.76
OPEB Trust	982,211.28
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	9,661,134.18

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

Electronic Transfer Report			
June			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Account Transferred From</u>	<u>Account Transferred Into</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06/03/26	PMA TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$200,000.00
06/11/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$200,000.00
	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	
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	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	

Payrolls						
June						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payroll Type</u>	<u>Check's</u>		<u>Direct Deposits</u>	<u>Electronic Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
06/15/26	Regular	125069-125093	\$9,411.75	\$289,140.87	\$336,607.48	\$616,336.60
06/30/26	Regular	125094-125114	\$12,668.96	\$306,805.72	\$344,743.00	\$638,879.76

- Donations:
 - Irving Community Club in the amount of \$2,000 for the Fishing Club.
- Personnel.
 - Accept letter of resignation from Jill Liupakka as Early Childhood Screening Coordinator, effective July 15, 2026.
 - Dismissal of probationary employment of Lisa Johnson, Paraprofessional, effective July 13, 2026.
 - Dismissal of probationary employment of Tanya Pagelkopf, Paraprofessional, effective July 13, 2026.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Changes/Additions to the FY27 Capital List

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the following changes/additions to the FY27 capital list:

- Increase amount approved for a bus purchase from \$140,000 to 155,000 (propane bus).
- Increase amount approved for stadium chairs to replace Eskomo chairs from \$6,500 to \$12,000.
- Purchase of outdoor benches to replace Eskomo benches in the amount of \$3,200.
- Purchase of a computer for new special education position not to exceed \$1,300.
- Addition of asbestos removal by Mavo discovered during carpet removal in the amount of \$15,800.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve 2026/2027 Fall Coaching Staff

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2026/2027 fall coaching staff. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2026/2027 Ticket Prices and Athletic Fees

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve new ticket prices and athletic fees for the 2026/2027 school year. Ticket prices approved at: \$7.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Students. Punch passes will not be available for purchase. Athletic fees approved at : \$200 for high school activities (\$400 max) and \$125 for junior high activities (\$300 max). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion: Implementation of Digital Ticketing and Online Ticket Sales

Information regarding implementing digital ticketing and online ticket sales through Bound starting the 2026/2027 school year was brought to the Board for discussion by Superintendent Hexum. Athletic Director, Chad Stoskopf, will bring a recommendation to the August board meeting regarding the transition and also a recommendation for digital season passes.

Approve the Following Handbooks

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the following handbooks for the 2026/2027 school year:

- Transportation Handbook
- Preschool Parent Handbook
- Community Education Handbook
- Cool Kids Handbook

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Authorize Administration to Advertise for Quotes for Purchase and Delivery of Bread and Milk Products

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve administration to advertise for quotes for purchase and delivery of bread and milk products for the 2026/2027 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Authorize Administration to Advertise for Quotes on #1 and #2 Diesel Fuel, Gasoline and Propane

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to authorize administration to advertise for quotes on #1 and #2 diesel fuel, gasoline and propane for the 2026/2027 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Authorize Administration to Advertise for Quotes on Snow Removal

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to authorize administration to advertise for quotes for snow removal for the 2026/2027 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Superintendent's Spending Authority

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve Superintendent's spending authority at \$5,000 or up to \$10,000 with Board Chair consultation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 10-Year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the 10-year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan for FY28. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation by Retirement from Eva Lehman

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Eva Lehman as a Paraprofessional, effective August 31, 2026. The Board thanks her for her years of service in the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letters of Resignation from the Following Cool Kids Program Assistants

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to accept letters of resignation from the following Cool Kids Program Assistants:

- Anastasia Schmitz, effective July 15, 2026.
- Maddy Haga, effective August 21, 2026.
- Lauryn Salmela, effective August 21, 2026.
- Jordyn Landsverk, effective August 21, 2026.
- Maija Klingelhofer, effective August 21, 2026.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following as District Office Staff

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of the following as District Office staff, clear background checks on file:

- Emily Johnson as Business Operations Coordinator, effective July 15, 2026.
- Amber Fisher as Executive Assistant and Payroll Administrator, effective August 1, 2026.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Permission to Post the Technology Assistant Position

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the permission to post the restructured Technology Assistant position for the 2026/2027 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Working Agreements for FY27

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the following Working Agreements for FY27:

- Executive Assistant and Payroll Administrator.
- Business Operations Coordinator.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following Instructors Beginning the 2026/2027 School Year

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of the following instructors beginning the 2026/2027 school year:

- Brent Hipp, Secondary Math Instructor, at MA 15 Step 5.
- Kelly Bonitz, Secondary Business Education Instructor, at BA 30 Step 5.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following as Cool Kids Program Assistants

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the hire of the following as Cool Kids Program Assistants, effective August 1, 2026, pending return of clear background checks:

- MyKenzie Dammer, student worker.
- Liberty Grimm, student worker.
- Wyatt Hacker, student worker.
- Brenna Roush.
- Lily Zaback.
- Kelli Perrault.
- Hannah Leuch.
- Trisha Linden.

Approve the Hire of Michael Petrich

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of Michael Petrich as a full-time Housekeeper, effective July 14, 2026, clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Board Committee Reports

Leona Johnson – One on One meeting with Superintendent

Jerry Frederick – County Highway meeting, One on One meeting with Superintendent, Non-Certified Team

Todd Rengo – County Highway meeting, One on One meeting with Superintendent

Steve McConnell – One on One meeting with Superintendent

Rob Johnson – One on One meeting with Superintendent

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hexum reported on the following:

- Transition period is going well
- Plumbing issues are in the process of being fixed
- Permanent school fund on the ballot
- Technology usage in the school will be revisited
- Highway 61 project to start June 2027
- Superintendent message on the website

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk