Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

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 Leona Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- Minutes.
  - Approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026, Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
7/17/26	114857-114895	$87,441.55
7/27/26	114786 Voided	($3,823.22)
7/28/26	114720 Voided	($69.90)
7/29/26	114927 Voided	($9.37)
7/29/26	114896-114945	$217,043.93
8/1/26	Wire	$222,340.96
8/5/26	114946-1114972	$40,132.88
8/11/26	114906 Voided	($2,512.00)
8/17/26	114973-115009	$291,729.23
8/26/26	115010-115058	$108,096.41
9/3/26	Wire	$223,424.46
9/3/26	Voided	($26,783.00).
9/9/26	115059-115102	$71,900.96

- Personnel.
  - Petition for Salary Lane Change from BA step 5 to BA+15 step 5 from Hailey Graves, Semester I FY27.
  - Petition for Salary Lane Change from MA+15 to MA+30 from Orianna Scherer, Semester I FY27.
  - Additional paid faculty assignment – Nicole Peterson as Junior Rotarian advisor.
- Purchase.
  - Addition to Capital - Approve technology purchase of two high school and two elementary iPads for Woodcock-Johnson testing
- Donations.
  - Northland Foundation in the amount of $5,000 for ECFE.
  - Gene Haas Foundation in the amount of $3,000 for Robotics.
- Fundraiser Request.

- 6th Grade Class – Sell frozen Kettle River pizzas to help cover costs of ELC trip.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending July 31, 2026

Date of Report: 8/17/2026

FUND	BALANCE 6/30/2026	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 7/31/2026
01 General	5,575,026.35	225,793.66	(1,276,032.04)	(518,220.70)	(2,947.82)	4,003,619.45
02 Food Service	991,594.16	202.27	(10,693.21)	(9,480.54)	0.00	971,622.68
03 Transportation	594,265.81	0.00	(19,890.03)	(16,624.04)	670.52	558,422.26
04 Community Service	737,265.99	65,958.13	(29,055.26)	(39,194.50)	(670.52)	734,303.84
05 Capital Expenditure	352,879.12	0.00	(105,462.53)	(320.38)	0.00	247,096.21
06 Building Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07 Debt Service	409,548.10	16,671.06	(28,950.00)	0.00	0.00	397,269.16
11 Student Activity	54,815.00	156.00	(5,250.11)	0.00	0.00	49,720.89
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	8,715,394.53	308,781.12	(1,475,333.18)	(583,840.16)	(2,947.82)	6,962,054.49
45 OPEB Trust	974,430.94	8,458.37	0.00	0.00	2,624.37	985,513.68
TOTAL District Cash	9,689,825.47	317,239.49	(1,475,333.18)	(583,840.16)	(323.45)	7,947,568.17

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	176,803.81
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	6,785,928.71
OPEB Trust	984,835.65
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	7,947,568.17

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

- Treasurer's Report.
  - July 2026

Electronic Transfer Report

July

Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount
07/01/26	PMA TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	$100,000.00
07/09/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$400,000.00
07/14/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$400,000.00
07/17/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$150,000.00
07/20/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$100,000.00
07/29/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$410,000.00
07/31/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$220,000.00

Payrolls

July

Date	Payroll Type	Check's		Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Total
07/15/26	Regular	125104-125135	$7,167.99	$261,580.22	$329,897.46	$584,309.69
07/31/26	Regular	125106-125139	$4,152.62	$247,755.99	$306,169.46	$549,772.83

- August 2026

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending August 31, 2026

Date of Report: 9/9/2026

FUND	BALANCE 7/31/2026	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 8/31/2026
01 General	4,003,619.45	2,351,627.51	(837,391.20)	(516,958.69)	6,112.85	5,007,009.92
02 Food Service	971,622.68	531.40	(6,851.87)	(9,783.49)	0.00	955,518.72
03 Transportation	558,422.26	12,294.68	(21,224.10)	(13,785.92)	1,292.18	536,999.10
04 Community Service	734,303.84	108,586.45	(30,442.95)	(53,008.25)	(3,259.68)	756,179.41
05 Capital Expenditure	247,096.21	0.00	(65,788.34)	0.00	0.00	181,307.87
06 Building Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07 Debt Service	397,269.16	25,433.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	422,702.68
11 Student Activity	49,720.89	0.00	(4,793.09)	0.00	467.50	45,395.30
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	6,962,054.49	2,498,473.56	(966,491.55)	(593,536.35)	4,612.85	7,905,113.00

45 OPEB Trust	985,513.68	9,983.34	(17,217.36)	0.00	2,722.15	981,001.81
TOTAL District Cash	7,947,568.17	2,508,456.90	(983,708.91)	(593,536.35)	7,335.00	8,886,114.81

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	413,164.29
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	7,485,392.72
OPEB Trust	987,557.80
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	8,886,114.81

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Electronic Transfer Report

August

Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount
08/05/26	PMA TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	$150,000.00
08/11/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$500,000.00
08/18/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$200,000.00
08/28/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$500,000.00

Payrolls

August

Date	Payroll Type	Check's		Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Total
08/15/26	Regular	125108-125143	$4,548.26	$265,696.99	$318,277.58	$579,426.31
08/31/26	Regular	125110-125148	$5,404.82	$250,029.67	$317,655.44	$562,280.29

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve NLSEC NLA Executive Director Contract for FY28, FY29 and FY30

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the NLSEC NLA Executive Director Contract for FY28, FY29 and FY30. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan for the 2026/2027 school year

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan for the 2026/2027 school year. Motion carried by unanimous voted.

Set Truth in Taxation Meeting Date

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to set the Truth in Taxation meeting date for Monday, December 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Proposed Levy 2026 Payable 2027 at the Maximum

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the proposed levy 2026 payable 2027 at the maximum. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Community Education Youth Development Plan for 2026/2027

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Maggie Sunnarborg to approve the Community Education Youth Development Plan for 2026/2027. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Policies as a Group

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Maggie Sunnarborg to approve the following policies as a group after this one reading:

- Policy 425 Staff Development and Mentoring.
- Policy 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials.
- Policy 624 Online Instruction.
- Policy 712 Video Recording Other Than on Buses.
- Policy 722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests.
- Policy 806 Crisis Management Policy.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from the following staff members:

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to accept the letters of resignation from the following staff members:

- Duane Hansen, custodial/maintenance, effective August 19, 2026.
- Hadley Mooney 3rd grade teacher, effective August 31, 2026.
- Melissa Wehrman, paraprofessional, effective September 3, 2026.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following:

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of the following:

- Sharlene Poppe for 2.5 hours per day in Food Service, effective 9/15/26, clear background check on file.
- Lydia Wyant for 2.5 hours per day in Food Service, effective 9/15/26, clear background check on file.
- Tiffany Kuchar, Paraprofessional, for 6.75 hours per day, effective 9/15/26, clear background check on file.
- Gretchen Hexum, Paraprofessional, for 6.75 hours per day, effective 9/15/26, clear background check on file.
- Jessica Danielson, Paraprofessional for 6.75 hours per day, effective 9/16/26, pending return of a clear background check.
- Anna Ryan, Early Childhood Screening Coordinator for 140 hours annually at $23.38 an hour, effective 9/16/26, clear background check on file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following Cool Kids Program Assistants for 8-20 hours per week, effective 9/15/26, clear background checks on file:

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson

- Amanda Hanson
- Arabelle Hawkinson
- Addison Erickson

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- School year is off to a great start
- Inservice schedule allowed staff to take the first day to organize and setup room. Might continue this next year staff really appreciated it
- Open house was good, 30+ new students
- New group of leaders for PIE

- Will have a new literacy lead contracted for 15hrs per state statue

High School: Mr. Wick reported on the following:

- Mr. Wick met with all the high school staff their first day back
- Staff were receptive to the screentime study for the year
- 7th grade orientation went great. Good turnout of parents and students, brought 7th grade staff in to introduce themselves to parents
- Staff development, executive functioning, PLC
- NHS will meet next Monday

Board Committee Reports:

- Rob Johnson: Meet & Greet
- Maggie Sunnarborg: Open House, Meet & Greet
- Todd Rengo: Meet & Greet
- Leona Johnson: Meet & Greet
- Jerry Frederick: Meet & Greet, Met with Mr. Hexum

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Greg Hexum:

Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Waiting on enrollment numbers
- New bus is currently being lettered and inspected in Hermantown
- Special Ed mini van is currently being inspected and should be ready soon.
- Digital ticket sales are working pretty well
- Amendment needs to pass this fall to increase school funding without raising taxes
- Leaving school funding amendment blank on ballot counts as a "No" vote

Congratulations and Commendations

- Thank you to all staff and custodians

Open Forum

- Mr. Barta from the Town Board reported updates on township items

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk