

Clerk's Minutes

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

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Leona Johnson, Margaret Sunnarborg, Steve McConnell, Rob Johnson, Todd Rengo 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 Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- Approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
6/2/25	112690 – 112694	\$2,649.52
6/9/25	112695 – 112749	\$106,240.72
6/17/25	112750 – 112817	\$87,345.52
7/2/25	112818 – 112884	\$652,559.17

- Treasurer's Report.
 - June 2025.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99
ESKO, MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S CASH REPORT
Month Ending June 30, 2025

Date of Report: 7/1/2025

FUND	BALANCE 5/31/2025	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 6/30/2025
01 General	5,783,258.03	1,241,738.21	(406,742.18)	(575,832.59)	13,165.37	6,055,586.84
02 Food Service	896,426.08	110,076.21	(45,295.14)	(8,219.51)	522.37	953,510.01
03 Transportation	(15,344.00)	415.00	(18,558.84)	(23,179.64)	7,318.75	(49,348.73)
04 Community Service	646,431.94	55,940.40	(18,976.73)	(28,156.19)	(468.30)	654,771.12
05 Capital Expenditure	(68,151.33)	0.00	(5,523.31)	(305.84)	0.00	(73,980.48)
06 Building Construction	543,363.06	0.00	(2,616.75)	0.00	2,059.68	542,805.99
07 Debt Service	368,143.07	134,760.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	502,903.94
11 Student Activity	69,038.50	9,548.56	(8,529.93)	0.00	(2,474.79)	67,582.34
18 Custodial	30,510.00	0.00	(30,510.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	8,253,675.35	1,552,479.25	(536,752.88)	(635,693.77)	20,123.08	8,653,831.03
45 OPEB Trust	957,743.14	5,965.22	0.00	0.00	3,434.72	967,143.08
TOTAL District Cash	9,211,418.49	1,558,444.47	(536,752.88)	(635,693.77)	23,557.80	9,620,974.11

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	504,644.81
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	8,156,280.27

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

OPEB Trust	960,049.03
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	9,620,974.11

Electronic Transfer Report			
June			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Account Transferred From</u>	<u>Account Transferred Into</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/27/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$500,000.00

Payrolls						
June						
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payroll Type</u>	<u>Check's</u>		<u>Direct Deposits</u>	<u>Electronic Payments</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
06/15/25	Regular	124701-124724	\$7,753.29	\$282,450.60	\$296,577.56	\$586,781.45
06/30/25	Regular	124725-124740	\$11,329.86	\$274,715.66	\$292,829.14	\$578,874.66

- Personnel.
 - Change in assignment for Sydney Poppenberg from 1st grade long term substitute position to 4th grade position. Salary and start date remains the same.
- Donation.
 - Special Olympics in the amount of \$720.00 for adaptive bikes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation Regarding Softball Team Traveling to Florida

Orianna Scherer, softball coach, presented information regarding the 2025/2026 softball team traveling to Florida during spring break.

Approve 2025/2026 Softball Team Traveling to Florida

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2025/2026 softball team traveling to Florida during spring break pending approval from Principal Hexum. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Additional Soil Corrections to Parking Lot Project

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve additional soil corrections to the parking lot project at \$52,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Replacing an Existing Manhole

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve replacing an existing manhole with a new one at \$21,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Adding Additional Tar Work to Existing Parking Lot

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve adding additional tar work to existing parking lot at a cost up to \$36,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Concrete Cutting to Fix Safety Hazards

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve concrete cutting by Precision Concrete Cutting to fix safety hazards at \$2,553.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve 2025/2026 Fall Coaches

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve 2025/2026 fall coaches. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Ticket and Pass Prices and Athletic Fees for 2025/2026

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve ticket and pass prices and athletic fees remain the same as they were in 2024/2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Handbooks for the 2025/2026 School Year

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the following handbooks for the 2025/2026 school year:

- Food Service Employee Handbook – no changes.
- Transportation Handbook – no changes.
- Sports Parent Handbook – updates.
- Activities Handbook – updates

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to authorize administration to advertise for quotes for purchase and delivery of bread and milk products for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve administration to advertise for quotes on #1 and #2 diesel fuel, gasoline, and propane for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Authorize Administration to Advertise for Quotes on Snow Removal

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve administration to advertise for quotes on snow removal for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 10-Year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the 10-Year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan for FY27. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept the Following Letters of Resignation

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to accept the following letters of resignation. The Board thanks them for their years of service to the District:

- Stephanie Johnson, 4th grade teacher, effective immediately.
- Blake Johnson, secondary science teacher, effective immediately.
- Dawn Hallsten, 5th grade teacher, effective July 8, 2025.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Hires, Starting the 2025/2026 School Year, Clear Background Checks on File

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the following hires, starting the 2025/2026 school year, clear background checks on file:

- Hailey Graves as a 1.0 FTE long term substitute elementary teacher, at a BA Step 4.
- Amber Minardi as a 1.0 FTE secondary science teacher, at a BA Step 6.
- Jacob Western as a 1.0 FTE secondary social studies teacher, at a BA Step 3.
- Alyssa Clark as a paraprofessional, at \$20.45 per hour for 6.75 hours per day,
- Jeanine (Nina) Lofgren as a paraprofessional, at \$20.45 per hour for 6.75 hours per day.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Almost have all teachers and paraprofessionals hired
- Kindergarten enrollment at 80
- Welcome letter going out soon to new staff

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Summer School is finished
- Looking at open enrollment waiting list to see if class sizes have room

Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg: Esko Fun Days planning

Jerry Frederick: Work session, planning, parking lot

Steve McConnell: Negotiations

Leona Johnson: Negotiations

Todd Rengo: Negotiations

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

- Flooring project on 3rd floor has started
- Retaining wall project is underway
- Essentia waiting for legal advice before a decision is made on extended hours in the Fitness Center

Open Forum

- Parents of volleyball athletes expressed their concern about coaching practices

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk