Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

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 Steve McConnell to approve the Consent Agenda items.

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

Date	Check #s	Total
9/14/26	115063 Voided	($752.68)
9/16/26	115103	$45,415.50
9/21/26	115104-115185	$237,836.39
10/2/26	115186-115270	$156,154.46
10/6/26	Wire	$214,594.08
8/1/26	Wire	$222,340.96

- Personnel.
  - Approve Kristy Streveler, Nicole Peterson, and Cora VandeWege as Freshman Forum/Crew Advisors for the 26/27 school year.
  - Petition for Salary Lane Change from BA to BA30 Step 2 from Marissa Gustafson Semester I FY27.
  - Petition for Salary Lane Change from BA Step 5 to BA30 Step 5 from Caitlin Lilly Semester I FY27.
  - Petition for Salary Lane Change from BA Step 3 to BA+30 Step 3 from Emma Mesedahl Semester I FY27.
  - Petition for Salary Lane Change from BA to BA+15 from Amber Minardi Semester I FY27.

- Fundraiser Request.
  - Choir and Band – Spirit Night at Cloquet Dairy Queen November 23, 2026.
  - Music Boosters – Sell candy bars and water at band and choir concerts and jazz dance February 13, 2027.
  - All Night Grad Party – annual gift card sale November 1, 2026-December 1, 2026.

- Treasurer's Report.
  - September 2026

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99
ESKO, MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending September 30, 2026

Date of Report: 10/7/2026

FUND	BALANCE 8/31/2026	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 9/30/2026
01 General	5,007,009.92	1,717,252.12	(644,539.12)	(689,873.08)	21,705.40	5,411,555.24
02 Food Service	955,518.72	8,191.16	(7,652.74)	(13,019.58)	0.00	943,037.56
03 Transportation	536,999.10	20.25	(11,454.66)	(19,824.63)	0.00	505,740.06
04 Community Service	756,179.41	65,943.96	(19,722.98)	(33,391.16)	(2,549.85)	766,459.38
05 Capital Expenditure	181,307.87	598.50	(180,624.84)	(217.92)	0.00	1,063.61
06 Building Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
07 Debt Service	422,702.68	26,365.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	449,067.89
11 Student Activity	45,395.30	1,148.55	(1,722.00)	0.00	2,549.85	47,371.70
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	7,905,113.00	1,819,519.75	(865,716.34)	(756,326.37)	21,705.40	8,124,295.44
45 OPEB Trust	981,001.81	9,427.65	(11,533.52)	0.00	2,755.20	981,651.14
TOTAL District Cash	8,886,114.81	1,828,947.40	(877,249.86)	(756,326.37)	24,460.60	9,105,946.58

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

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	441,560.79
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	7,674,072.79
OPEB Trust	990,313.00
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	9,105,946.58

Electronic Transfer Report
September

Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount
09/10/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$600,000.00
09/23/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$150,000.00
09/29/26	PMA Trust	National Bank of Commerce	$600,000.00

Payrolls
September

Date	Payroll Type	Check's		Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Total
09/15/26	Regular	125149-125155	$6,710.59	$252,344.71	$467,319.51	$712,953.63
09/30/26	Regular	125156-125167	$4,021.49	$271,673.98	$328,701.36	$596,353.85

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve electrical installation for Carpentry class
Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve electrical installation for Carpentry class in the amount of $2,995. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Minnesota State High School League Form A Resolution and Form B Resolution
Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Minnesota State High School League Form A Resolution and Form B Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following using Policy 208, to make updates with one reading when legal standards or statue changes or resources are added
Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the following policies as a group after this one reading:

- 417 Remove depliative phrase in Art. IV.C.2, and update Cross Reference
- 513 Update references
- 519 Add a phrase from MN Statute 206E.22, Subd. 2
- 601 Delete reference to World's Best Workforce
- 612.1 Add a resource
- 616 Remove outdated language in Art. IV.C.2
- 621 Add statutory reference to Art. IX.A
- 709 Remove "handicapping condition" in Art. VIII.C and D

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve authorization of the Superintendent on behalf of the district to sign the Declaration of Reciprocal Easements for Shared Parking and Access (Non-Public)

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the superintendent on behalf of the district to sign the Declaration of Reciprocal Easements for Sharing Parking and Access (Non-Public). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve authorization of the Superintendent and Board Chair or designee on behalf of the district to sign the "Acceptance of Off of Compensation"

Moved by Rob Johnson, seconded by Todd Rengo to approve the authorization of the Superintendent and Board Chair or designee on behalf of the district to sign the "Acceptance of Offer of Compensation" for damages related to Highway Improvement Project, Permanent Easement, and acknowledgments related to the Highway 61 renovation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from the following staff members:

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to accept the letters of resignation from the following staff members:

- Sharlene Poppe, food service, effective 9/25/26.
- Carol Nordin, food service, effective 9/29/26.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following Food Service for 2.5 hrs per day, effective October 13, 2026, clear background check on file:

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

- Carrie Jacobson
- Leslie Welch

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Hillary Haubner as paraprofessional, effective October 13 2026, clear background check on file.

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the hire of Hillary Haubner as a paraprofessional.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Pie fundraiser goal of $7,000 has reached $9,000
- Data crunching
- Conferences start next week
- ELC on the books

High School: Mr. Wick reported on the following:

- Homecoming wrap up
- YST – Youth Skills Training
- Fall Fest coming up
- Conferences

Board Committee Reports:

- Rob Johnson: Community Ed Board Mtg
- Maggie Sunnarborg: Pep Fest Elementary
- Todd Rengo: N/A
- Leona Johnson: N/A
- Jerry Frederick: School Board Candidates meeting / Julie's Retirement
- Steve McConnell: N/A

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Greg Hexum:
Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Candidate forum 10/22- Thursday at 6:30pm
- Election night 11/3 – Permanent School Fun
- Finance Committee at the whole November meeting @ 5:30

Enrollment Update: June 2026 – 1269, Start of school - 1278, October – 1279. Up 10 kids from last year.

Congratulations and Commendations

- Julie Pellietier retirement of 22 years of service

Open Forum

- Mr. Barta from the Town Board

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk