

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

- Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
2/7/2025	112107 – 112152	\$72,766.17
2/20/2025	112153 – 112234	\$362,144.13
2/27/2025	112235 – 112278	\$36,277.13

- Donations.
 - Northeast Service Coop Grant Round 1 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Kahvia.
 - Northeast Service Coop Grant Round 2 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Kahvia.
 - Gene Haas Foundation in the amount of \$2,750.00 for Robotics.
 - GPM, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Robotics.
 - Northland Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Kahvia.
 - IPS Cranes, Inc. in the amount of \$100.00 for Robotics.
 - Krech, Ojard & Associates in the amount of \$250.00 for Robotics.
 - Twin Ports Arrowhead Chapter of NECA in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Robotics.
- Personnel.
 - Change of assignment for Steven Alexander from Housekeeper to Maintenance/Custodian with a rate change from \$17.64 per hour to \$22.61 per hour, effective March 11, 2025.
 - Spring coaching addition – Kristy Streveler as the Junior High Softball Coach, clear background check on file.
- Fundraising Request.
 - School Patrol – Mabel's Labels online fundraiser.
 - Esko School Forest Committee Members – plant sale through The Cherry Greenhouse.
- Treasurer's Report.
 - February 2025.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending February 28, 2025

Date of Report: 3.3.25

FUND	BALANCE 1/31/2025	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 2/28/2025
01 General	4,413,737.07	1,348,453.20	(658,958.34)	(528,898.03)	(172.06)	4,574,161.84
02 Food Service	767,515.00	96,251.05	(51,499.36)	(8,835.16)	0.00	803,431.53
03 Transportation	69,297.03	0.00	(23,254.90)	(26,000.61)	1,501.64	21,543.16

04 Community Service	637,191.63	41,956.00	(18,985.39)	(29,982.87)	(3,008.02)	627,171.35
05 Capital Expenditure	(328,383.37)	0.00	(3,636.77)	(305.84)	0.00	(332,325.98)
06 Building Construction	(308,478.55)	0.00	(19,448.90)	0.00	905,779.07	577,851.62
07 Debt Service	177,928.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,103.33	231,032.20
11 Student Activity	62,561.42	2,222.65	(5,299.04)	0.00	1,232.69	60,717.72
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	5,491,369.10	1,488,882.90	(781,082.70)	(594,022.51)	958,436.65	6,563,583.44
45 OPEB Trust	1,032,896.74	5,965.22	(7,107.28)	0.00	14,952.19	1,046,706.87
TOTAL District Cash	6,524,265.84	1,494,848.12	(788,189.98)	(594,022.51)	973,388.84	7,610,290.31

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

<u>BANKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
National Bank of Commerce	326,242.21
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	6,228,191.52
OPEB Trust	1,055,856.58
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	7,610,290.31

Electronic Transfer Report						
February						
Date	Account Transferred From		Account Transferred Into		Amount	
02/12/25	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce			\$500,000.00
02/24/25	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce			\$300,000.00
02/27/25	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce			\$600,000.00
Payrolls						
February						
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total	
02/15/25	regular	124561-124578	\$9,738.77	\$256,999.39	\$282,687.99	\$549,426.15
02/28/25	Regular	124579-124606	\$9,113.33	\$259,106.04	\$284,632.99	\$552,852.36

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Parking Lot Project Update

The easement was approved by the Township off of Platt Road and Lincoln Lane.

Approve the Membership Enrollment Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the Membership Enrollment Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement for 2025/2026 with the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Revised 2024/2025 Budget

Moved by Leona Johnson second by Rob Johnson to approve the revised 2024/2025 budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve FY 2026 Capital Budget and Related Projects

Moved by Todd Rengo second by Steve McConnell to approve FY 2026 capital budget and related projects. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Policies as a Group after this the Third Reading

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the following policies as a group after this the third reading: Policy 503 Student Attendance, Policy 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, Policy 604 Instructional Curriculum, Policy 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials, and Policy 613 Graduation Requirements. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation by Retirement from Susan Northey

Moved by Rob Johnson second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Susan Northey as a secondary teacher, effective the end of the 2024/2025 school year, with permission to post the position. The board thanks her for her years of service to the district. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Angela Orvedahl

Moved by Leona Johnson second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation from Angela Orvedahl as Technology Director, effective June 30, 2025. The board thanks her for her years of service to the district. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Evan Lembke as Technology Director, beginning July 1, 2025

Moved by Steve McConnell second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of Evan Lembke as Technology Director, beginning July 1, 2025. Clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- 3rd quarter is winding down
- Kindergarten Roundup is Thursday night, March 13th
- Primary teachers completed Phase 1 of OLLA training

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Student registration for Fall is gearing up
- Robotics finished their regional and are on their way to Oklahoma next week
- Laura Zimny received the Woodie Flowers Award - Robotics
- Boys' basketball is still competing in the section tournament

Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg: Finance Committee, Town Board

Leona Johnson: Finance Committee, Curriculum Advisory Committee

Jerry Frederick: Finance Committee, Town Board, Safety Meeting

Todd Rengo: None

Rob Johnson: Curriculum Advisory Committee

Steve McConnell: Imagine It! Day

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

- Enrollment Report update
- Technology Director transition – Evan will come in on early release Wednesdays in May before his contract starts
- Curriculum Advisory meeting – flexible learning ideas
- Legislation is still meeting

Congratulations and Commendations

- NHS Blood Drive
- READ Act Participants
- Laura Zimny – Woodie Flowers Award - Robotics
- Sam Panger – AAA Award Recipient
- Claire Fontaine – Safety Award Winner - Robotics
- Robotics Team – Gracious Professionalism Award
- Joyce Bergstedt, Kristy Streveler, and Mrs. Denny for a successful Imagine It! Day
- Trophy Case workers – Sue Northey, Nikki Peterson, 9th grade CREW (formerly known as the Freshman Forum), Kristy Streveler, NHS students, Brenda Lilly, Ben Bruneau, and George Perich

Open Forum

Mr. Barta from the Esko Town Board gave an update on the easement and reported that there is a bonding request for utilities.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Todd Rengo, second by Maggie Sunnarborg to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk