

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, June 9, 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 Rob Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
5/14/25	112549-112626	\$345,780.14
5/20/25	Voided #109440	(\$10.00)
5/29/25	112627-112689	\$96,887.82

- Donations/Grants.
 - Wisconsin Public Service Foundation -MN Energy Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Free Libraries.
- Personnel.
 - Petition for Salary Lane Change from MA to MA15 from Laura Grenier Sem. I FY26.
 - Tenure for Hadley Mooney effective 2025/2026.
 - Tenure for Jenna Viita effective 2025/2026.
 - Tenure for Emily Peterson effective 2025/2026.
 - Tenure for Elizabeth Kyes effective 2025/2026.
- Fundraising Requests.
 - 25/26 Sixth Grade Class – sell Kettle River Pizzas to raise funds for their ELC trip.
- Treasurer's Report.
 - May 2025.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending May 31, 2025

Date of Report: 6/6/2025

FUND	BALANCE 4/30/2025	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 5/31/2025
01 General	4,956,361.77	1,910,896.51	(664,359.86)	(539,717.96)	120,077.57	5,783,258.03
02 Food Service	862,111.76	97,860.49	(54,821.96)	(8,733.95)	9.74	896,426.08
03 Transportation	35,212.15	575.00	(24,169.86)	(28,631.51)	1,670.22	(15,344.00)
04 Community Service	636,444.88	61,436.59	(22,321.33)	(28,956.76)	(171.44)	646,431.94
05 Capital Expenditure	(63,186.99)	0.00	(4,658.50)	(305.84)	0.00	(68,151.33)
06 Building Construction	564,136.03	0.00	(24,165.00)	0.00	3,392.03	543,363.06
07 Debt Service	231,032.20	137,110.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	368,143.07
11 Student Activity	62,341.13	25,450.00	(17,695.49)	0.00	(1,057.14)	69,038.50
18 Custodial	0.00	30,510.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,510.00

Total Cash for reg. oper.	7,284,452.93	2,263,839.46	(812,192.00)	(606,346.02)	123,920.98	8,253,675.35
45 OPEB Trust	1,050,350.45	6,857.08	(7,107.28)	0.00	(92,357.11)	957,743.14
TOTAL District Cash	8,334,803.38	2,270,696.54	(819,299.28)	(606,346.02)	31,563.87	9,211,418.49

<u>BANKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
National Bank of Commerce	422,809.54
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	7,831,994.64
OPEB Trust	956,614.31
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	9,211,418.49

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

Electronic Transfer Report			
May			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Account Transferred From</u>	<u>Account Transferred Into</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/13/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$450,000.00
05/15/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$350,000.00
05/16/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$240,000.00

Payrolls					
May					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payroll Type</u>	<u>Check's</u>	<u>Direct Deposits</u>	<u>Electronic Payments</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
05/15/25	Regular	124672- 124684	\$9,652.81	\$257,422.26	\$288,531.75
05/31/25	Regular	124685- 124700	\$9,998.90	\$269,250.07	\$289,170.96
					\$555,606.82
					\$568,419.93

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion: Parking Lot Project

Superintendent Fischer reported the project is still on track to be completed August 1, 2025.

Approve the 2025/20026 Membership Renewal with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the 2025/2026 Membership Renewal (Specific Services Contract) with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2025/2026 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2025/2026 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Professional Services Agreement between North Homes, Inc. and Independent School District

99

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the Professional Services Agreement between North Homes, Inc. and Independent School District 99. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Services Agreement for the Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the Services Agreement for the Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2025/2026 Contracted District Literacy Lead Letter of Intent with the Northeast Service Cooperative at a cost of \$10,500

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2025/2026 Contracted District Literacy Lead Letter of Intent with the Northeast Service Cooperative at a cost of \$10,500. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Working Agreement between Esko Public Schools and the Student Success and Family Liaison

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Working Agreement between Esko Public Schools and the Student Success and Family Liaison effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Purchase of a Sander

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the purchase of a sander at a cost up to \$3,300. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Purchase of a Computer Work Station for the Business Manager

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the purchase of a computer work station for the Business Manager at a cost up to \$1,200. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Purchase of a Computer for Kahvia

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the purchase of a computer for Kahvia at a cost up to \$900. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the fiscal year 2026 budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following Long Term Substitute Teachers

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the hire of the following long term substitute teachers beginning the 2025/2026 school year:

- Ethan Anderson as a 1.0 FTE long term substitute mathematics teacher at a BA Step 1. Clear background check on file.
- Sydney Poppenberg as a 1.0 FTE long term substitute elementary teacher at a BA Step 1. Clear background check on file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Kiel Fechtelkötter

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the hire of Kiel Fechtelkötter as a 1.0 FTE elementary physical education teacher at an MA Step 1 beginning the 2025/2026 school year. Clear background check on file. 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:

- Kayla Johnson as a paraprofessional for 6.75 hours per day at \$20.45 per hour beginning the 2025/2026 school year. Clear background check on file.
- Eden Mendez as a Cool Kids program assistant student worker for 8-15 hours per week at \$14.64 per hour.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation by Retirement from Lisa Fridlington-Dupuis effective September 19, 2025

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Lisa Fridlington-Dupuis as a secondary teacher, effective September 19, 2025, with permission to post the position. This resignation by retirement is contingent upon the items outlined in her letter. The Board thanks her for her years of service in the District. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letters of Resignation from the Following

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

- Melissa Fowler as a paraprofessional, effective May 31, 2025.
- Stella Haugen as a Cool Kids program assistant student worker, effective June 3, 2025.
- Lauren Berg as a paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2024/2025 school year.
- Marisa Gustafson as a paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2025.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Enrollment: One hundred 6th graders moving onto 7th grade in the Fall and 2025/2026 Kindergarten class has an enrollment of 80 students.
- Many activities taking place to finish out the school year: Kindergarten Graduation Parade, Track & Field Day, Spring Music Program, Move Up Day and PIE Group providing and ice cream truck to name a few.
- District is looking to hire paraprofessionals for next school year.

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Successful spring sports season.
- Open enrollment tours are taking place.
- Graduation highlights.

Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg: High School Graduation and Kindergarten Graduation

Jerry Frederick: Meet & Confer, Graduation, Contracts

Steve McConnell: State Track Meet, Baseball games, Graduation, Retirement Luncheon

Leona Johnson: Graduation, Retirement Luncheon, Community Education Meeting

Todd Rengo: Graduation, Meet & Confer, Northern Lights

Rob Johnson: Graduation

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

- Monthly enrollment update
- MSBA handout
- Northern Lights building project
- Essentia Fitness Group meeting
- Work session with the school board scheduled for July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations and Commendations

- Sam Haugen - chosen as Mr. Baseball on WDIO
- Gavin Johnson, Nicki Peterson and Greg Hexum for their work on the 2025 graduation ceremony
- Kindergarten teachers for organizing the Kindergarten graduation parade
- All staff for a successful 2024/2025 school year

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk