

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Leona Johnson, Margaret Sunnarborg, Steve McConnell and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Members absent: Rob Johnson and Todd Rengo.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Steve McConnell second by Leona Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- Approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
4/17/25	112457 – 112487	\$229,832.78
4/24/25	112488 – 112513	\$15,857.01
5/1/25	112514 – 112548	\$60,009.11

- Donations/Grants.
 - Northland Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Screenings.
 - Leonard Conklin Insurance Agency in the amount of \$200.00 for Softball.
- Treasurer's Report.
 - April 2025

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending April 30, 2025

Date of Report: 5/6/25

FUND	BALANCE 3/31/2025	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 4/30/2025
01 General	4,880,506.38	1,564,656.18	(583,118.46)	(525,549.00)	(380,133.33)	4,956,361.77
02 Food Service	833,031.43	77,972.34	(40,245.29)	(8,692.42)	45.70	862,111.76
03 Transportation	(27,956.96)	0.00	(21,734.88)	(21,964.25)	106,868.24	35,212.15
04 Community Service	649,528.67	39,815.18	(26,919.49)	(25,381.20)	(598.28)	636,444.88
05 Capital Expenditure	(335,399.81)	0.00	(2,176.03)	(305.84)	274,694.69	(63,186.99)
06 Building Construction	566,429.68	0.00	(5,675.00)	0.00	3,381.35	564,136.03
07 Debt Service	231,032.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	231,032.20
11 Student Activity	68,023.60	470.00	(5,240.45)	0.00	(912.02)	62,341.13
18 Custodial	(984.13)	984.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	6,864,211.06	1,683,897.83	(685,109.60)	(581,892.71)	3,346.35	7,284,452.93
45 OPEB Trust	1,042,842.57	11,038.58	(7,107.28)	0.00	3,576.58	1,050,350.45
TOTAL District Cash	7,907,053.63	1,694,936.41	(692,216.88)	(581,892.71)	6,922.93	8,334,803.38

<u>BANKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
National Bank of Commerce	185,133.33
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	7,086,993.91
OPEB Trust	1,062,676.14
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	8,334,803.38

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

Electronic Transfer Report			
April			
Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount
04/10/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$515,000.00
04/17/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$200,000.00
04/28/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$410,000.00

Payrolls						
April						
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Total	
04/15/25	Regular	124650-124661	\$7,700.51	\$254,918.36	\$284,495.29	\$547,114.16
04/30/25	Regular	124662-124671	\$8,838.19	\$248,542.67	\$279,379.79	\$536,760.65

- Fundraising Requests.
 - Cheerleaders – conduct a cheer clinic for elementary students, August 4th – August 9th and perform in the Esko Fun Days Parade.
 - Cheerleaders – host a table at Esko Fun Days and sell, treats, poms and facepainting.
 - Cheerleaders – conduct a cheer clinic for elementary students, September 15th – September 19th and perform at a football game.
- Personnel.
 - Parental Leave request from Emily Peterson.
 - Parental Leave request from Laura Grenier.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion/Action: Parking Lot Project

The board discussed the conduit going into the new parking lot.

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve two inch conduit at a cost not to exceed \$850.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2025 High School Summer/Credit Recovery Program Proposal

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the 2025 High School Summer/Credit Recovery Program proposal. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letters of Resignation from Kelly Berube and Angela Hanson

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to accept letters of resignation from Kelly Berube, Cool Kids program assistant, effective April 16, 2025, and Angela Hanson, paraprofessional, effective May 2, 2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve a Request for Mobility Leave from Jeremy Weaver

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve a request for mobility leave from Jeremy Weaver, effective July 1, 2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Jeremy Fuchs as Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the hire of Jeremy Fuchs as Head Girls Basketball Coach beginning the 2025/2026 season. Clear background check on file. Steve McConnell made a motion to not approve the hire. The motion died for lack of a second. Motion to approve the hire was carried by the following vote: Aye votes by Margaret Sunnarborg, Leona Johnson and Jerry Frederick. Nay vote by Steve McConnell.

Approve the Following Hires Effective May 13, 2025

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the following hires effective May 13, 2025, clear background checks on file:

- Stephanie BarBee as a paraprofessional, at \$20.45 per hour for 6.75 hours per day.
- Sybil Halvorson as a Cool Kids program assistant, at 18.96 per hour for 10-15 hours per week.
- Student workers: Bridget Schoepflin, Isabel Gorski, and Maddy Haga as Cool Kids program assistants, at \$14.64 per hour for 10-15 hours per week.
- Bennett Scheuring as a tutor for high school students, at \$15.00 per hour.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Callista Kermend as a 1.0 FTE Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve Callista Kermend as a 1.0 FTE early childhood special education teacher beginning the 2025/2026 school year at MA Step 9, pending return of required education documentation. Clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Testing season was a success
- Field trip season has begun
- Beginning the search for long term substitutes for the fall

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Many celebrations happening: seniors with their 2nd grade secret pals, prom, scholarship award ceremony, and graduation

Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg: Town Board Meeting

Jerry Frederick: Meetings with Mr. Fischer, MSBA Zoom meetings

Steve McConnell: Scholarship event

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

- Monthly enrollment report
- Parking lots

Congratulations and Commendations

- Teresa Hart for her work on the solar panel rebate
- Teacher appreciation week

Communications

- Recognition Luncheon invitation
- Thank you notes from Ms. Uecker's class

Open Forum

- Mr. Barta from the Town Board reported updates on township items
- A packet was presented to the Board in reference to the current volleyball head coach by concerned parents of volleyball players

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk