

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

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 Leona Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the Consent Agenda items.

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

Date	Check #s	Total
*7/15/25	112885-112936	\$269,588.66
*7/22/25	112908 Voided	(\$27.30)
*7/24/25	112937-112980	\$416,932.25
*8/5/25	112981-113027	\$184,392.41

*Pending Treasurer's Approval.

- Donations.
 - Big Rock Sports Conservation Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 for the Fishing Team.
 - Irving Community Association in the amount of \$2,000 for the Fishing Team.
- Project.
 - Approve seal coating back parking lot at a cost up to \$6,500.
- Fundraising Request.
 - Varsity Football Team – players will contact individuals close to their family to ask for a donation and explain the need for extra funds.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Purchase of Trees for the Parking Lot Project

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the purchase of six blue spruce trees, each four to five feet tall, at a cost up to \$3,300. Motion carried by unanimous vote

Approve the Bread and Milk Providers for the 2025/2026 School Year

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve Pan-O-Gold as the bread provider and Kemp's as the milk provider for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Snow Removal Provider for the 2025/2026 School Year

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve NUW Transport LLC as the snow removal provider for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Transportation Fuel Provider for the 2025/2026 School Year

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve Como Oil & Propane as the fuel provider for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Annual Review of Policy 807 – Health and Safety

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve Policy 807 – Health & Safety as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Adding Strength and Conditioning Coaches to Boys and Girls Athletics

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve adding Strength and Conditioning Coaches to boys and girls athletics at a rate determined by Schedule B in the Esko Education Association's contract. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve High School Extracurricular Faculty Assignments

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve high school extracurricular faculty assignments for the 2025/2026 school year. 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:

- Cool Kids Handbook
- Preschool Parent Handbook
- Paraprofessional Handbook
- Winterquist Elementary Student Handbook
- High School Student Handbook
- Staff Handbook

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation from Ben Haugen, Head Baseball Coach

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to accept a letter of resignation from Ben Haugen as head baseball coach, with permission to post the position. The District thanks him for his years of service. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letters of Resignation from the Following Staff

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

- Angela Solem as a bus driver, effective immediately, with permission to post the position.
- Aviana Bergstrand as a Cool Kids program assistant, effective August 11, 2025.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Thomas Quinn as an Elementary Teacher

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the hire of Thomas Quinn as a 1.0 FTE elementary teacher at an MA Step 1 beginning the 2025/2026 school year. Clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hires of Jordyn Landsverk and Matt Norstrom as Cool Kids Program Assistants

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the hire of Jordyn Landsverk and Matt Norstrom as Cool Kids program assistants, for 10-15 hours per week at \$18.96 per hour. Clear background checks on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- All teaching positions have been filled – four new teachers
- One more paraprofessional to hire
- Kinder Camp was last week – Kindergarten enrollment is at 80 students
- Finalizing schedules
- Meeting with NESC Read Act Support this week
- Re-evaluating parent pick up process

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Reviewing staff and student parking
- Six new teachers
- Meet and Greet with new staff on the first work day
- Nineteen new open enrollment students

Board Committee Reports:

Margaret Sunnarborg: Trophies

Steve McConnell: Negotiations

Leona Johnson: Negotiations

Todd Rengo: Negotiations

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

- Summer projects have been completed: parking lot, retaining wall and new flooring on 3rd floor

Congratulations and Commendations

- Thank you to Margaret Sunnarborg for supervising the organizing, sorting and selling of trophies
- Thank you to Char Franck for her help with the trophy display in the blue gym
- Thank you to the high school staff for getting the students college ready

Communications

- President of hockey association
- Soccer group

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Todd Rengo to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk