

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held a special board meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rob Johnson, Leona Johnson and Steve McConnell. Also present: Jeff Pesta from Rising Tide Services.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Board Preparation

Jeff Pesta from Rising Tide Services went over the plan and procedures for the interviews. He reviewed the questions that were chosen by the board. A discussion was held about what can't be asked or what to ask to follow up questions. It was decided that Chairperson, Jerry Frederick, will be the voice of the board to answer any questions from the candidates and delegate other members as needed for answers. Also reviewed was how to score the candidates and what happens after the interviews are over.

First Interview

Jodiann Fanth:

- Interview started at 4:30 p.m.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Interview ended at 4:55 p.m.

Second Interview

Greg Hexum:

- Interview started at 5:30 p.m.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Interview ended at 6:18 p.m.

Third Interview

Brian Trettin:

- Interview started at 6:31 p.m.
- Questions asked and answered.
- Interview ended at 7:15 p.m.

A 10 minute break was called at 7:16 p.m. Returned to session at 7:26 p.m.

Board Deliberation

Interview scores were given to Jeff Pesta. He tallied the results and presented the average scores to the board. He explained the process with the viability line and how the scoring worked. The board discussed each of the candidates.

Superintendent Position Offer

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to offer the Superintendent position to Greg Hexum, effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk