

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, December 8, 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 Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025, regular School Board meeting.
- Approve the minutes of the November 24, 2025, Special School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
11/4/25	113531 – 113591	\$352,743.01
11/20/25	113592 – 113640	\$75,176.63
*12/4/25	113641 – 113708	\$75,243.92

*Pending Treasurer's Approval

- Fundraising Request.
 - Sub Zero Robotics – Dinner, Silent Auction and Bake Sale on April 15, 2026.
- Donations/Grants.
 - Carlton County in the amount of \$2,500 for Community Education Youth Enrichment
- Treasurer's Reports.
 - November 2025.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending November 30, 2025

Date of Report: 12/5/2025

FUND	BALANCE 10/31/2025	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 11/30/2025
01 General	5,985,988.76	540,415.42	(654,004.58)	(609,431.91)	11,139.07	5,274,106.76
02 Food Service	776,155.98	99,226.90	(49,240.67)	(8,488.34)	112.95	817,766.82
03 Transportation	(364,301.82)	0.00	(41,720.10)	(25,357.40)	1,431.41	(429,947.91)
04 Community Service	715,348.14	48,480.82	(19,645.92)	(31,554.60)	18.00	712,646.44
05 Capital Expenditure	(416,646.10)	0.00	(33,063.47)	(303.46)	1,150.00	(448,863.03)
06 Building Construction	(34,282.95)	0.00	(18,820.38)	0.00	0.00	(53,103.33)
07 Debt Service	937,642.37	51,606.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	989,248.62
11 Student Activity	80,252.16	22,931.99	(32,820.11)	0.00	(3,696.93)	66,667.11
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	7,680,156.54	762,661.38	(849,315.23)	(675,135.71)	10,154.50	6,928,521.48
45 OPEB Trust	971,976.63	4,514.57	(6,323.13)	0.00	(9,321.27)	960,846.80

TOTAL District Cash	8,652,133.17	767,175.95	(855,638.36)	(675,135.71)	833.23	7,889,368.28
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<u>BANKS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
National Bank of Commerce	225,097.37
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	6,701,006.73
OPEB Trust	963,264.18
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	<u>7,889,368.28</u>

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

Electronic Transfer Report			
November			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Account Transferred From</u>	<u>Account Transferred Into</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/17/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$350,000.00
11/26/25	PMA/TRUST	National Bank of Commerce	\$575,000.00

Payrolls					
November					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payroll Type</u>	<u>Check's</u>	<u>Direct Deposits</u>	<u>Electronic Payments</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
11/15/25	Regular	124823- 124845	\$13,978.18	\$276,718.98	\$303,901.73
11/28/25	Regular	124846- 124862	\$20,285.22	\$305,567.37	\$316,843.27
					\$642,695.86

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2025/2026 – 2026/2027 AFSCME Paraprofessional Master Agreement

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the 2025/2026 – 2026/2027 AFSCME Paraprofessional Master Agreement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2025/2026 – 2026/2027 AFSCME Driver/Custodian Master Agreement

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the 2025/2026 – 2026/2027 AFSCME Driver/Custodian Master Agreement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Esko Public Schools Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan & Summary

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the 2025/2026 Esko Public Schools Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan & Summary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Final Levy Certification 2025 Payable 2026

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the final levy certification 2025 payable 2026. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Purchase of Football Equipment

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve the purchase of football equipment at a cost of \$7,837.70. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Change in Hours for Food Service Employee Danielle Gamache

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve change in hours for food service employee Danielle Gamache from 3.5 hours to 5.5 hours per day effective January 2, 2026, with permission to post the position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Lindsey Ecklund as a Paraprofessional

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the hire of Lindsey Ecklund as a paraprofessional for 6.75 hours a day at the approved contracted rate starting January 2, 2026. Clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Many holiday programs in the next 3 weeks
- Senators Rarick and Dotseth joined us for part of the day
- Paraprofessional hiring is almost done

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Many holiday events such as Spirit of Giving and concerts are happening

Board Committee Reports:

Leona Johnson – Community Education

Jerry Frederick – Town Board Meeting, At Will Contracts starting soon

Rob Johnson – Non-Certified Negotiations, Holiday Gathering

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

- Special Education Task Force
- District hosting Gathering of Great Minds in January

Congratulations and Commendations

- Jerry Frederick - nominated for the All State School Board and will be recognized at the MSBA Conference in January

Open Forum

- Mr. Barta from the Town Board updated all in attendance on township affairs

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk