

School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 17, 2026

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, August 17, 2026 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Other members present were: Kelsey Paurus, Kevin Houdek, David Ruda, Renee Kreemer, Tammy Cebulla, Rachel Bothun, Sherri Evenson, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

A formal "Thank you" was given to Board members Tanja Levin and Lisa Wright for their years of service and to the candidates that have signed up to run for school board in November.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to adopt the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Wolf to approve the following Consent Agenda with the following changes: **Hires:** Matt Mills - Secondary Lead Night Custodian (Lane B, Step 2), Joanne Pohlman - Part-Time Online SPED Teacher (BA+30, Step 14), Ashley Farrow - 21st Century Program Assistant/Thunder Online Academy Secretary (Lane 4, Step 2). **Resignations:** Matt Mills - Elementary Night Custodian, Ashley Farrow - Paraprofessional. **Lane Change:** Nathan Hibbs (MA, Step 3). **Approve Full Year Overloads for:** Megan Peterson (Science), Emily Bjorgan (Science), Justin Sagerhorn (Social Studies), Christopher Vedbraaten (Social Studies) Jaret Beckmann (Social Studies) Chet Hudalla (Science, half year) and Curtis Gjerstad (Ag, half year). Removal of the Volunteer Coach for Volleyball and Hockey pending additional information. Removal of the Addendum to the Leadership & Activities Director MOU pending further legal review

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes July 20, 2026

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 25518-25574=\$248,756.75

FY 26 Checks numbered to and including 25575-25577=\$69,794.44

FY 27 Checks numbered to and including 225578-225622=\$315,244.75

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

| Date      | Pmt Type | Vendor                         | Amount     |
|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 7/2/2026  | WX       | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE        | \$160.84   |
| 7/2/2026  | WX       | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM  | \$777.11   |
| 7/2/2026  | WX       | TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT    | \$648.28   |
| 7/8/2026  | WX       | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE        | \$271.36   |
| 7/8/2026  | WX       | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM  | \$1,150.19 |
| 7/8/2026  | WX       | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN | \$733.00   |
| 7/15/2026 | WX       | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE        | \$5,113.11 |
| 7/15/2026 | WX       | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE        | \$3,394.57 |

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| 7/15/2026 | WX | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM       | \$16,480.34 |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM       | \$26,928.79 |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN      | \$2,956.08  |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN      | \$16,263.63 |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT         | \$9,462.58  |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT         | \$1,483.21  |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$1,602.00  |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$266.67    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$578.00    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$425.00    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$100.00    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$363.64    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$225.01    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$300.00    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$450.00    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$216.67    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$216.67    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$333.34    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$2,175.01  |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$150.00    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$1,666.67  |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | AVIBEN                              | \$166.67    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | DELTA DENTAL OF MN                  | \$2,480.29  |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | DELTA DENTAL OF MN                  | \$383.28    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | DELTA DENTAL OF MN                  | \$378.43    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | DELTA DENTAL OF MN                  | -\$34.84    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | DELTA DENTAL OF MN                  | \$696.26    |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC            | \$51.06     |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC            | \$30.74     |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC            | \$82.32     |
| 7/15/2026 | WX | EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC            | \$168.92    |
| 7/16/2026 | WX | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA | \$19,217.00 |
| 7/16/2026 | WX | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA | \$12,000.00 |
| 7/16/2026 | WX | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA | \$26,480.00 |
| 7/16/2026 | WX | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA | \$66,608.00 |
| 7/27/2026 | WX | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE             | \$871.51    |
| 7/27/2026 | WX | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM       | \$4,134.31  |
| 7/27/2026 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN      | \$50.00     |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE             | -\$1.22     |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE             | \$1,642.49  |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM       | -\$17.64    |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM       | \$8,085.83  |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN      | \$5,528.09  |

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| 7/31/2026 | WX | AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK       | \$29.00      |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC          | \$10.42      |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | MINNESOTA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM | \$75,947.96  |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | REVTRAK INC                       | \$1,493.95   |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | MINNESOTA UI FUND                 | \$35,089.52  |
| 7/21/2026 | WX | BMO                               | \$3,015.31   |
| 7/21/2026 | WX | BMO                               | \$10,396.57  |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK           | \$40.00      |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP          | \$297,600.00 |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP          | \$2,841.70   |
| 7/31/2026 | WX | BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP          | \$33,000.00  |

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including – None

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Ramon Guanchez Rivas - Paraprofessional (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 2) Gail Ragan - Paraprofessional (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 3) August Sarracco - Paraprofessional (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 4) Gage Lowery - Paraprofessional (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 5) Myriam Flores - Paraprofessional (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 6) Jennica Terwey - Elementary Secretary (Lane 5, Step 1)
- 7) Kimberly Santana - Paraprofessional (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 8) Jessica Wettstein - Elementary Attendance/Community Ed Secretary (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 9) Lara Drum - ESL Teacher (BA, Step 1)
- 10) Jaret Beckmann - Secondary Social Studies (BA, Step 4)
- 11) Guadalupe Botello Becerra - Paraprofessional (Lane 4, Step 1)
- 12) Lori Hintz - WIN/Interventionist Teacher (BA, Step 3)

The following appointments are made contingent upon adequate enrollment/participation in the program. The board retains broad discretion to discontinue programs, without notice if enrollment/participation is not adequate.

- 1) Kevin Houdek - Trap Shooting Coach
- 2) Kendra Berg - JH Volleyball Coach
- 3) Heather Luebesmier - Volunteer Volleyball Coach
- 4) Adan Morelos - Soccer Coach
- 5) Damian Ambriz - Soccer Coach

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Linda Guse - Food Service Worker
- 2) John Leagjeld - Lead Night Custodian - Secondary
- 3) Cassie Zimmer - Elementary Secretary/Community Ed Secretary
- 4) Melanie Childrey - Social Studies Teacher
- 5) Paula Muellner - WIN Teacher
- 6) Esther Swartzentruber - Paraprofessional

CA-5 Lane Change Request: Megan Dreher (MA+30), Brent Sterriker (MA+10), Amelia Harren (BA+20), Jill Hanson (MA+10), Taylor Psyck (BA+20), Abigail Russ (BA+20), Taylor Lanoue (BA+20), Angela Eldred (BA+20), Allison Metcalf (BA+10), Erica Ebnet (BA+20)

CA-6 Removed

CA-7 Authorization to seek bids for snow removal

Motion unanimously carried.

Fall Activities have started today

A comment was made by Board Member Hollenkamp that she had a couple of parents that were very impressed with the online course offerings, especially the intro to Nursing . Mrs. Bothun said that there are 16 onboarded with 4 more this week and 3 more inquiries over the weekend, 27 total interested. Thank you to Charlotte Roe and Mrs. Bothun for getting the online academy up and running.

Superintendent Ludvigson - Executive report recommending Superintendent goals.

Superintendent Goals

- School Finances
- School District Operations - Transportation and Food Service
- Human resources
- Ethical and Inclusive Leadership

Discussion was had and the board will come back with the final goals in September.

The donation resolution was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for August 2026**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or device of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full."; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Long Prairie Grey Eagle, ISD 2753, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

| Donor                  | Item                                   | Designated Purpose (if any) |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lake Beauty Bible Camp | 1000 rounds of 12 guage shotgun shells | Trap Team                   |

The following have donated items for our new teacher welcome baskets:

MN National Bank

LP Chamber

Minnesota National Agency

Prairie Packing

American Heritage Bank

All Star Title and Abstract Company, LLC

|                                     |                                      |
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| Pregnancy, Life and Resource Center | Fleet Supply                         |
| Neville Hardware                    | LP Country Club                      |
| Vitality Wellness                   | River of Life Church                 |
| Little Rose Custom Creations        | Todd County Historical Society, Inc. |
| Magnifi Financial                   |                                      |

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The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow and Zastrow

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

A Motion was made by Wolf and seconded by Zastrow to approve the Master Agreement for Principal Contracts. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm by Chairman Gohman.

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Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk