

School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, May 18, 2026 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Other members present were: Rich Ragatz with Ideal Energy, Brent Sterriker, Tanner Roske, Kelsey Paurus, Brad Evenson, Melissa Meagher, Patti Larsen, Ashley Pesta, Michelle Halonen, Caylee Kuehne, Katelyn Jones, Barton Rud, Tammy Cebulla, Sherri Evenson, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske..

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

It was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Resolution for the MSHSL Membership for 2026-2027 year. Motion unanimously carried.

Ideal Energy presented to the board and said that we had been approved for the solar grant. There was discussion on the fence that would need to be put up around the area. Rich gave a couple different scenarios for the fence. A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to allow Ideal Energies to proceed with finalizing the grant. Roll call vote was taken with Zastrow, Zahnow, Hollenkamp and Gohman voting "yes". Wolf, Levin and Wright voting "no". Motion carried 4/3

Brent Sterriker and Tanner Roske gave an update on the weight room and how the funding had been going up to this point. They are still needing about \$30,000 to upgrade everything.

Kelsey had two additions to her Activities Report..Caylee Kuehne got an award for the Most Positive Athlete and was recognized before the Twins Game on May 17, 2026. She also added that the Baseball team beat Osakis for the Championship Conference Title. Kelsy is also working on participation numbers and staff for next year's sports and combining bussing to help streamline things a little more.

It was moved by Wolf and seconded by Zahnow to approve the following Consent Agenda with the following changes: Hires: Jessica Rosenow (Special Ed Teacher), Resignations: Barb Pesta (Paraprofessional), Paul Urman (Secondary Social Studies Teacher, Stacy Cavallero (Head Start Paraprofessional), Brooke Crouse (Head Volleyball Coach and Assistant Track Coach), Jessica Rosenow (Kindergarten Teacher). Motion unanimously carried.

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes April 20, 2026

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 25069-25177=\$244,198.23

Checks numbered to and including 25178-25246=\$387,525.73

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Pmt Type	Vendor Name	Amount
4/9/2026	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	\$ 10,946.65
4/9/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	\$ 5,642.40
4/9/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 28,203.16
4/9/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	\$ 42,249.71
4/15/2026	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	\$ 41,524.90
4/15/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	\$ 35,696.68
4/15/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 98,411.79

4/15/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	\$ 190,356.40
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 4,495.51
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 766.67
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 5,124.12
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 6,855.08
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 1,166.67
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 586.68
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 750.00
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 333.34
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 2,942.03
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 500.02
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 53,170.90
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 3,566.66
4/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 2,619.16
4/15/2026	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	\$ -
4/15/2026	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	\$ 328.35
4/15/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	\$ 3,868.56
4/15/2026	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	\$ 2,070.00
4/15/2026	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	\$ 125,634.00
4/30/2026	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	\$ 49.00
4/30/2026	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	\$ 973.90
4/30/2026	WX	REVTRAK INC	\$ 637.77
4/30/2026	WX	STATE OF MN	\$ 22,246.48
4/30/2026	WX	MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK	\$ 10.00
4/30/2026	WX	BMO	\$ 3,683.51

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Ryan Stangl - HS Band Director
- 2) Marina Montanez - Elem Family Liaison
- 3) Charlotte Roe - Online Teacher
- 4) Julie Benning - Sub Food Service Worker
- 5) Ember Ludvigson - Sub Nurse

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Valeria Gonzalez Flores - Elem Family Liaison
- 2) Renee Coburn - Paraprofessional
- 3) Maxx Wiley - Paraprofessional
- 4) Marina Montanez - Paraprofessional

CA-5 Review Policy 585 and Policy 427

CA-6 Approve Food Service Director Contract

Motion unanimously carried.

Community Ed is busy with summer activities. The participation numbers for Little League and Soccer are very good. Mr. Evenson also found out today that LPGE has been selected to receive the 21st Century Grant starting in the 2026-2027 School year. A huge shout out to Brad for all his hard work putting this grant together and staying persistent with it.

Mr. Ganske presented a quote to the board for new chromebooks. He wanted to get prices locked in as they keep rising.

The health office had a busy month but things are starting to wind down as the school year comes to a close.

Principals are busy with preparations for graduation and end of year stuff. The senior/kindergarten walk through went really well.

Superintendent Ludvigson gave a look at the long range budget projection which looks to be pretty stable. Open enrollment was discussed and what the reasons were for students living in our district to open enroll to another school. There has been more discussion with the online school program and what that would mean for the students and the school. An online teacher has been hired and approved by the board. Having more options and flexibility is what kids are looking for. The school has enlisted the help of the Big River Group to vet candidates for the Principal search. A good group of candidates have applied. The hope is to have someone in place by July 1, 2026.

An update was given on the facilities rental agreement policy. There are some issues with custodial and other staffing that need to be taken into consideration. A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve the Facilities Rental Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

Board Highlight – The Special Olympics Track meet that we hosted for the very first time went very well. Good participation and help with the event. Chair Gohman and Superintendent Ludvigson went to the Sourcewell Dinner where members of our staff were recognized. Congratulations to all the staff that received awards.

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for May 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 devise 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)
Peace United Church	\$50	Post Prom

Bayer Interior Woods	2-\$50 gift cards	Post Prom
Art and Cindy Johnson	\$100	Post Prom
CentraCare	\$400	Elementary Color Run
Advantage 1 Insurance Agency	\$50	Elementary Color Run
Felling Trailers, Inc	\$1424.42	FFA
Lions Club of Long Prairie	\$1000	Elementary Playground Equipment
Daybreak Foods, Inc	\$500	Elementary Color Run
Lions Club of Long Prairie	\$1000	Elementary Color Run
Long Prairie Dairy Queen	\$500	Anthony Miksche's Scholarship
American Legion Post 12	\$500	Elementary Color Run

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.

Resource Trainings and Solutions put together a Cardiac Response Plan and we made it specific to our school. A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to approve the Cardiac Response Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to approve the MOU for FFA Advisor, Curt Gjerstad for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Project Momentum was discussed again which is the opportunity for teachers to get ESL Licensed along with the Special Education Workload Clause. A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve Project Momentum and the Special Ed MOU. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to accept the Superintendent Evaluation Results. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Levin and seconded by Zahnow to accept the lease for the chromebooks. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve the list of candidates for Graduation. Congratulations to all the graduates! Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Levin and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve the MSHSL membership for the 2026-2027 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm by Chairman Gohman.

Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk