

School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 23, 2026

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, February 23, 2026 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Members Wolf and Wright were excused. Other members present were: Kelsey Paurus, Brad Evenson, Sherri Evenson, Barton Rud, Jenny Thelen and Skylar Rosenow.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

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

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to approve the following Consent Agenda with the addition of the resignation of Vanessa Bakewell, Paraprofessional. Motion unanimously carried.

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes January 26, 2026

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 24614-24744=\$265,215.23

FY 26 Checks numbered to and including 24745-24798=\$367,848.05

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Pmt Type</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1/15/2026	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	\$ 38,402.72
1/15/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	\$ 29,740.46
1/15/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 89,888.83
1/15/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	\$ 163,560.88
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 3,766.71
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 500.00
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 5,395.46
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 6,730.07
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 1,066.67
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 461.68
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 425.00
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 333.34
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 2,942.03
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 500.02
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 4,393.00
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 3,566.66
1/15/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 2,619.16
1/15/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	\$ 34.16

1/15/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	\$ 4,020.80
1/15/2026	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	\$ 128,591.00
1/15/2026	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	\$ 323.66
1/31/2026	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	\$ 29.00
1/31/2026	WX	AMERICAN HERITAGE NATL BANK	\$ 445.00
1/31/2026	WX	REVTRAK INC	\$ 326.61
1/27/2026	WX	BMO	\$ 3,240.76
1/31/2026	WX	MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK	\$ 30.00
1/31/2026	WX	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	\$ 892,100.00
1/31/2026	WX	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	\$ 30,265.60
1/31/2026	WX	BOND TRUST SERVICES CORP	\$ 268,750.00

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Eugene Holmquist - Head Cook
- 2) Nissa Doubek - Paraprofessional

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Paul Urman - Head Baseball Coach
- 2) Iraida Borrero - Paraprofessional
- 3) Johnelle Christiansen Food Service
- 4) Eugene Holmquist - Custodian
- 5) Tori Lee - Kindergarten Teacher
- 6) David Blanchard - Secondary English Teacher
- 7) Andrew Engelhardt - Secondary Science Teacher

CA-4a Conferences and Trainings

- a. MSBA/MASA Day at the Capital - March 9, 2026

CA-5 Update Policy 521 - Student Disability Nondiscrimination

CA-6 Lane Change Requests - Effective 3-1-2026

- a. Carissa Bitz to MA+30
- b. Nathan Hibbs to BA+20
- c. Taylor Lanoue to BA+10
- d. Taylor Psyck to BA+10
- e. Abigail Russ to BA+10
- f. Melissa Vetsch-Larson to MA retro back to 22-23 due to clerical error

Motion unanimously carried.

Kelsey Paurus talked about the MSHSL rule that does not allow the 6 graders to participate in Track and Cross Country. Angela Bitz is starting a Track Club to give these kids an opportunity to still be involved.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to follow the MSHSL new policy rules regarding 6th graders not being able to participate in Track and Cross Country MSHSL events. Motion unanimously carried.

Kelsey also talked about banners being put up around town promoting LPGE. The City of Long Prairie is willing to pay for the majority, if not all, of the cost of them and also put them up and take them down and store them.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zahnow to approve the banners representing LPGE to be displayed around town with the City of Long Prairie paying for the cost of them. Should there be any expense to the school it is not to exceed \$500.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Kelsey also talked about the new credit card readers that have been installed. These will be available to pay for admission fees at games and other events. There will be a convenience fee for using the machine.

Winter sports are wrapping up and spring sports will get underway in 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Evenson gave some information on the VPK program that the school has applied for. It is a grant through the State of Minnesota. We will have to wait until May or June to hear if we have been accepted for this program.

Requests are coming in for renting the Thunder Stadium out. We will need to take a look at pricing for outside entities using the facilities.

Barton Rud said that the PD day on February 16, 2026 went very well. He also reported that they have hired a Secondary Science Teacher for the 26-27 school year and they are currently interviewing for the Secondary English Teacher position.

Superintendent Ludvigson touched on the Compensatory aid stating we won't have any answers until May. Enrollment is steady. Information is being gathered to submit for the Solar Grant.

Board Highlight – Gohman, Hollenkamp and Zastrow have all taken Officers training. There was mention of Community events for the elderly with some discussion on what could be done to involve the students and the elderly citizens of the community.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to give Mr. Ludvigson permission to work with the City of Long Prairie to make the requested upgrades/changes at Soldiers Field for the Outdoor Ice rink. Motion unanimously carried.

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

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for February 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)
Debbie Bruder	\$100	Kylie Goff Scholarship
Long Prairie Rotary Club	\$175	Secondary Activity Day

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Zahnow and Zastrow

Nay: 0

Absent: Wolf & Wright

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

A motion was made by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to accept the Resolution for the District's Proportionate Share of LTFM to Freshwater Education District #6004. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Gohman and seconded by Zastrow to approve the 25-27 Contracts for the Teachers, Clerical and Support Staff. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp to approve the 25-27 Contract for the Food Service Director. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to approve the list of surplus items presented at this time for the upcoming auction. Motion unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm by Chairman Gohman.

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Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk