

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, November 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approve meeting agenda
3. Student Council
4. EPTO
5. Approval of FY25 School District Audit
6. Consent Agenda Consider/Approve
 - 6.1 Minutes of regular board meeting on October 20, 2025.
 - 6.2 Student Activity Fund
 - 6.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 6.4 Donations: \$300 to Book Club from Community Club, \$750 from Community Club for cell phone cases
7. Administrative Reports
 - 7.1 Principal
 - a. Comprehensive Achievement & Civic Readiness Report
 - b. Achievement and Integration Report
 - 7.2 Superintendent
 - a. School Board News
8. Action Items:
 - 8.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
 - 8.2 MN Paid Leave Act
 - 8.3 Approval for a Proclamation for FACS week
 - 8.4 District Mission & Vision Statement
 - 8.5 Green Card - Permanent Residency
 - 8.6 Cell Phone pockets
 - 8.7 Under Levy
 - 8.8 January & February board meeting dates
 - 8.9 Personnel
 - a. Contract - Sharlyn Galas
9. Buildings & Grounds:
10. Adjournment

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, October 20, 2025**

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Dustin Lefdal at 6:00 p.m. A roll call revealed all members present except Ryan Heikes. The Board of Education opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present: Amy Labat, Bill Strom, Darcey Groen, Sara Leuthold, Marge Trupe, Andrea Gaul, & Craig Gaul.

Visitors: Josh with APX Construction

A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Jenniges to approve the meeting agenda with two additions. Motion carried.

Lisa Lynn reported on these items for EPTO: T-shirt and Jersey sales went well. The next meeting will be November 10 at 6:30.

A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lenz to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on September 15, 2025.
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations: \$350 from Zion PW for P.E. Equipment

Motion carried.

Ken Seiler presented a Project Cost Summary for the board.

Ms. Labat presented the following items: student count, homecoming week, home athletic games & crowd control, evacuation drill, MTSS update, and Yondr bags for cell phones.

Mr. Strom's report included information on the following items: building project, budget, buses purchased, MN paid leave act, & negotiations.

Darcey Groen presented the bills. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lynn to approve the bills as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Lenz, Harms, Jenniges, Lynn & Lefdal. The following voted against: None. Ryan Heikes was absent. Motion carried.

Darcey Groen presented a Resolution for the MSHSL Foundation Grant. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Lynn to approve the Resolution for the MSHSL Foundation grant. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom discussed the MN Paid Leave Act. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Lenz to authorize Superintendent Strom to implement policies and procedures on the MN Paid Leave Act. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the December board meeting date. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Lynn to move the regular meeting to December 17 at 6:00 pm. The Truth in Taxation Public meeting will be held on December 15 at 6:00 pm. The Elementary Music concert will be on December 15 at 6:30 pm. Motion carried.

A discussion took place regarding a Permanent Residency for a staff member. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Harms to table this conversation until the November board meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom suggested the hiring of Lori Romans as the concessions advisor. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Lenz to approve the hiring of Lori Romans as concessions advisor for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Dustin Lefdal discussed the sound system and the updates that are still needed.

The following items were discussed for buildings & grounds: building project finishes.

There being no further business Vice-Chairperson Dustin Lefdal called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lynn to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk