

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, May 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approve meeting agenda
3. Student Council
4. EPTO
5. Consent Agenda Consider/Approve
 - 5.1 Minutes of regular board meeting on April 20, 2026.
 - 5.2 Student Activity Fund
 - 5.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 5.4 Donations:
6. Administrative Reports
 - 6.1 Principal
 - a.
 - b.
 - 6.2 Superintendent
 - a. School Board News
7. Action Items:
 - 7.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
 - 7.2 Approve health insurance rates
 - 7.3 Daycare rental agreement
 - 7.4 Request from office staff
 - 7.5 Resolution for membership in the MSHSL FY27
 - 7.6
 - 7.7 Personnel
 - a. Resignation - Allie Geerdes - Art Instructor
 - b. Resignation - Larry Lewis - Bus driver
 - c. Contract - Dennie Kruid - 4th/5th Instructor
8. Buildings & Grounds:
9. Adjournment

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

Staff present: Amy Labat, Bill Strom, Darcey Groen, Craig Gaul, Casey Klosterbuer, Jenni Gaul, Shanae Klaassen, Anne Shelton, Amy Simpson, & Becca Dreesen.

Visitors: None

A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lynn to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Lisa Lynn reported for EPTO on the following items: father-daughter dance was held on April 12 and very well attended, they will hand out treats to all students at the end of the school year.

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

- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on March 16, 2026
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations: \$277 from the Community Club for the Barnes & Nobles trip

Motion carried.

Ms. Labat's report included information on Prom, MCA testing, tornado drill, ACT testing, Read Act training, 2nd grade play, Grandparent's Day, & music program events.

Mr. Strom's report included information on health insurance, budget, fund balance, tank removal, and the safety rail.

Darcey Groen presented the bills. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Heikes to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Dustin opened the bids for the mowing of the football field. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Heikes to accept the bid of \$105/acre from Chris Tiesler. Motion carried.

Becca Dreesen requested approval for student volunteers to assist this summer with building cleaning, painting, and other related tasks. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Jenniges to approve student volunteers for the summer months. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a contract with Schomaker's Cleaning for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion was made by Heikes and seconded by Harms to approve the cleaning contract. Motion carried.

A school building rental request was presented from Brenda Fenton for the evening of November 6 and all day on November 7 for the annual Holiday Bazaar. A motion was made by Heikes and seconded by Jenniges to approve the building rental request. Motion carried.

Mr. Lefdal presented the proposed salaries for the non-certified and administrative staff. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Harms to approve the salaries as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Lynn, Harms, Jenniges & Lefdal. The following voted against: None. Ryan Heikes abstained from the vote. Janelle Lenz was absent. Motion carried.

The following item was discussed for buildings & grounds: gutters, grass seed & hiring someone to spray the school lawn.

There being no further business Chairperson Dustin Lefdal called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Heikes and seconded by Harms to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk