

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, May 19, 2025
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 21, 2025.
 - 5.2 Student Activity Fund
 - 5.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 5.4 Donations: \$850.00 from Nobles Electric grant
6. Administrative Reports
 - 6.1 Principal
 - a. Student Count
 - b.
 - c.
 - 6.2 Superintendent
 - a. School Board News
 - b.
 - c.
7. Action Items:
 - 7.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
 - 7.2 Preschool tuition/snacks
 - 7.3 Resolution for membership in the MSHSL
 - 7.4 Personnel
 - a. Contract - PE/Health Instructor - Brooklyn Ver Steeg
 - b.
8. Buildings & Grounds:
 - a.
 - b.
9. Adjournment

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

Staff present: Amy Labat, Bill Strom, Darcey Groen, Judy Huisman & Nate Warwick.

Visitors: None

A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Jenniges to approve the meeting agenda with one addition. Motion carried.

Darcey Groen reported on these items for student council: They have raised \$3,544.00 for the sound system, 5th grade orientation will be May 2, next year's student council members will be voted on at the end of the month.

Lisa Lynn reported on these items for EPTO: Father-Daughter dance will be April 26.

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

- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on March 17, 2025
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations

Motion carried.

Ms. Labat's report included information on student count, graduation - board member to hand out diplomas - Ryan Heikes, next year's calendar options, lunch survey results, Baccalaureate will be May 9 at Zion, & Summer School will be held at Bethel.

Mr. Strom's report included information on the building project, working with contractors, doing walkthroughs of the building, discussion on clearing out classrooms, DEI compliance information, meeting with potential daycare provider, negotiations, budget, seniority list & met with insurance consultants.

Darcey Groen presented the bills. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lynn to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Mr. Heikes opened the bids for the football field. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Jenniges to accept the bid of \$105/acre from Chris Leuthold. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a contract with Schomaker's Cleaning Service for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to approve the contract with Schomaker's Cleaning service. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented information on the payment of the ACT exam. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lenz to table this item and discuss it again next fall. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a Lease Agreement with Zion Presbyterian Church for room rental for office personnel for the summer months during construction. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lefdal to approve the Lease Agreement with Zion Presbyterian Church. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a resignation submitted by Jolene Condelli as Physical Education/Health Instructor. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Jenniges to accept the resignation submitted. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a contract with Shanae Klaassen as Elementary Instructor for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lynn to approve the contract with Shanae Klaassen. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented information on the daycare. The current provider will be moving her daycare to her home due to the rising cost of liability insurance. Mr. Strom, Ms. Labat and Lisa Lynn met a potential daycare provider before the board meeting. The board discussed options for the contract with a new provider. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to not charge rent for the new provider and they will need to follow the stipulations of the contract. Motion carried.

There being no further business Chairperson Ryan Heikes called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lynn to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk