

**ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, June 15, 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 May 18, 2026.
 - 5.2 Student Activity Fund
 - 5.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 5.4 Donations: \$250.00 from Rose Rentals for prom decorations,
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 School Board election filing dates: July 14-28
 - 7.3 Call for bids for dairy products
 - 7.4 Call for bids for propane. Current contract - CHS - 30,000 gallons. Used approximately 16,000 gallons.
 - 7.5 Preliminary FY27 Budget
 - 7.6
 - 7.7 Personnel
 - a. Resignation - Brooklyn Ver Steeg
 - b. Contract - Megan Busman
 - c. Resignation - Jennifer Gaul
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 Ryan Heikes and Jennifer Harms. The Board of Education opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present: Amy Labat, Bill Strom, Darcey Groen, Craig Gaul, Christine Lovett, & Jenni Gaul

Visitors: None

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

Lisa Lynn reported for EPTO on the following items: no more meetings this year and they will be handing out freezies to students on the last day of school

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

- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on April 20, 2026
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations:

Motion carried.

Ms. Labat's report included information on field trips, ACT testing, music concerts, elementary track & field day, athletic accomplishments, Memorial Day program, Baccalaureate, all school fair, graduation & staff retirement party.

Mr. Strom's report included information on finance/budget, ESST, summer employees, legislative meeting, & health insurance.

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

Mr. Strom presented information on the district employee health insurance plan. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Jenniges to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield as the district employee health insurance plan for 2026-2027. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a Daycare rental agreement with Sara Hennings. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lenz to approve the daycare rental agreement as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Lenz, Lynn, Jenniges, & Lefdal. The following voted against: None. Ryan Heikes & Jennifer Harms were absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Lefdal requested tabling the request from the office staff as there are more questions. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Lynn to table the item until later. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a Resolution for Membership in the MSHSL for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lynn to approve the Resolution for Membership for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Letters of resignation were submitted by the following employees: Allie Geerdes: Art Instructor, Melanie Harson: Elementary Instructor, and Jennifer Harms: School Board member. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lynn to accept the resignations submitted. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a contract with Dennie Kruid as 4th/5th grade instructor. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Lenz to approve the contract with Dennie Kruid. Motion carried.

The following item was discussed for buildings & grounds: lawn spraying will be done once school is out, the railing has been delivered, supplies have been purchased for summer repairs, painting to be done in areas of the building, summer mowing & sound system.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk