# ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
# REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
# Zion Presbyterian Church
# Ellsworth, Minnesota
# Monday, August 18, 2025
# 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order and roll call

2. Approve meeting agenda

3. Consent Agenda Consider/Approve
   - 3.1 Minutes of regular board meeting on July 21, 2025.
   - 3.2 Student Activity Fund
   - 3.3 Treasurer's Report
   - 3.4 Donations: $1,000 from Comm. Club for 9th grade (last year's class)

4. Administrative Reports
   - 4.1 Principal
     - a. Student Count
     - b. Fundraising
     - c.
   - 4.2 Superintendent
     - a. School Board News
     - b.

5. Action Items:
   - 5.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
   - 5.2 25-26 School Calendar
   - 5.3 Propane bids
   - 5.4 Accept bid on school slide
   - 5.5 Education Identity & Access Management Resolution
   - 5.6 Set Truth in Taxation date
   - 5.7 Personnel
     - a. Resignation - Destinee Garber - Paraprofessional
     - b. Resignation - Meghan Mollberg - Preschool Instructor
     - c. Contract - Sharlyn Galas - Elementary Instructor
     - d. Contract - Mariah Schilling - Preschool Instructor

6. Buildings & Grounds:
   - a. School Grounds Maintenance and weed control

7. Adjournment

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## Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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

Staff present: Bill Strom, Darcey Groen, Rachel Kramer, Amy Simpson, Marge Trupe, Jenni Gaul, & Craig Gaul.

Visitors: None

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

A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lynn to approve the Consent Agenda items:
- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on June 16, 2025
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations:

Motion carried.

In the absence of Ms. Labat, Mr. Strom reported on the 2025-2026 school calendar - this will be approved at the August meeting.

Mr. Strom's report included information on the building project, building cleaning process following the project completion, budget analysis, daycare informational meeting, & negotiations update.

Darcey Groen presented the bills with one addition. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lefdal to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented the Non-Renewal of the Athletic Director position. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lynn to non-renew the athletic director position. Motion carried.

Mr. Heikes opened the bids for dairy products for the 2025-2025 school year. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Harms to accept the bid submitted by Prairie Farms. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom requested approval for the call for bids for propane for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lenz to call for bids for propane for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Ten Year Plan.
Dustin Lefdal introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 514 LONG-TERM FACILITY MAINTENANCE TEN YEAR PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of District No. 514, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board of School District 514 has approved the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Ten Year Plan for its facilities for 2025-2035. The various components of this plan are attached.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Lisa Lynn and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Dustin Lefdal, Lisa Lynn, Janelle Lenz, Jennifer Harms, & Ryan Heikes.

And the following voted against the same: None.
Lindsay Jenniges was absent from the meeting.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Mr. Strom requested approval for the call for bids for the sale of the school greenhouse and playground slide. Bids will be opened on July 31 at 12:00 pm. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lynn to approve the call for bids for the sale of these items. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a school rental request for December 20 submitted by Faye Schilling-DeBoer. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Lynn to approve the school rental request for December 20. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented the athletic fee schedule that the Adrian School board has approved. Fee prices are as follows: $75/sport, fine arts $30/activity, & family cap of $250. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lynn to change our fee schedule to the same as Adrian School. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented information on the closing of the Nobles County Review, our current official newspaper. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lynn to appoint the Daily Globe as our official newspaper. Motion carried.

Member Dustin Lefdal introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by member Janelle Lenz:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO $519,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS, SERIES 2025A; RATIFYING THE AWARD OF SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

Upon vote being taken on the foregoing resolution, the following voted in favor thereof: Dustin Lefdal, Lisa Lynn, Jennifer Harms, Janelle Lenz, & Ryan Heikes.
The following voted against the same: None.

Lindsay Jenniges was absent from the meeting.
whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Lisa Lynn presented a picture book fundraising idea for approval. A motion was made by Heikes and seconded by Lefdal to approve the fundraiser to be opened up to any interested group. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a resignation letter submitted by Hanna Walters, Elementary Instructor. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Lefdal to accept the resignation submitted by Hanna Walters. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a contract with Madison Walters as Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lefdal to approve the contract with Madison Walters. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented a contract with Kristina Habben as part-time Administrative Assistant and part-time Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lefdal to approve the contract with Kristian Habben. Motion carried.

There being no further business Chairperson Ryan Heikes called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Lefdal to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Lynn

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk