ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Library
Ellsworth, Minnesota
Monday, September 15, 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 August 18, 2025.
   5.2 Student Activity Fund
   5.3 Treasurer's Report
   5.4 Donations:

6. Administrative Reports
   6.1 Principal
      a.

   6.2 Superintendent
      a. School Board News

7. Action Items:
   7.1 Consider/approve monthly bills
   7.2 Approval of sale of surplus items: portable & window AC units, Smart Board equip.
   7.3 School rental request - Brenda Fenton - Oct. 3 (evening), Oct. 4 (all day)
   7.4 Bus purchase
   7.5 Concessions advisor
   7.6 Certify Levy at maximum

   7.7 Personnel
      a. Resignation - Kim Dagel - Paraprofessional
      b.

8. Buildings & Grounds:

9. Adjournment

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Zion Presbyterian Church
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Monday, August 18, 2025

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, Rachel Kramer, Amy Simpson, Marge Trupe, Jill Kruse, Leah Deutsch, Andrea Gaul, & Craig Gaul.

Visitors: Jean Onken

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

A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Lenz to approve the Consent Agenda items:
- Minutes of the regular school board meeting on July 23, 2025.
- Student Activity Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Donations: $1,000 from Ellsworth Community Club

Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented the following items: Summer school, teacher workshop, MTSS training, MSBA training, fundraising, concessions/concessions coordinator, school calendar, and all staff have been hired.

Mr. Strom's report included information on the following items: building walkthrough/project, data request, conferences & meeting, license variance, FY25 audit, staff desk replacements, negotiations, tax levy, & bus lease.

Darcey Groen presented the bills. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to refrain from paying the bill for APX Construction. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Lenz, Lynn, Harms, Jenniges, Lefdal & Heikes. The following voted against: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lefdal to pay the remaining bills. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Jenniges, Lefdal, Lenz, Harms, & Heikes. The following voted against: None. Lisa Lynn abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented more information on the APX bill following a conversation with the project coordinator. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Jenniges to pay the APX Construction bill. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Lenz, Lynn, Jenniges & Heikes. The following voted against: Lefdal & Harms. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented options for the 2025-2026 school calendar. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lenz to approve the calendar with a school start date of September 11 and the school open house to be held on September 10. Motion carried.

Mr. Heikes opened the bids for propane for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Lefdal to accept the bid submitted by CHS Eastern Farmers for the amount of $1.17/gallon. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented the bid for the school slide submitted by Darren Kramer in the amount of $100. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Harms to accept the bid submitted by Darren Kramer. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom presented the Education Identity and Access Management Resolution for approval. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lynn to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Strom suggested setting the date for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. A motion was made by Lefdal and seconded by Harms to schedule the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for December 15 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented resignations submitted by Destinee Garber as Paraprofessional and Meghan Mollberg as Preschool Instructor. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Lefdal to accept the resignations. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a contract with Sharlyn Galas as Elementary Instructor for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Lenz and seconded by Lynn to approve the contract with Sharlyn Galas. A roll call vote was taken. The following voted in favor: Lenz, Jenniges, Lynn, Lefdal & Heikes. The following voted against: Harms. Motion carried.

Ms. Labat presented a contract with Mariah Schilling as Preschool Instructor for the 2025-2026 school year. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Harms to approve the contract with Mariah Schilling. Motion carried.

A discussion took place regarding the school grounds with weed control. The district will ask for volunteers to help clean up the school grounds.

There being no further business Chairperson Ryan Heikes called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Jenniges and seconded by Harms to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellsworth District 514 School Board Clerk