

School Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 20, 2026

The Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Gohman at 6:00 pm, Monday, April 20, 2026 in the District Board Room 209. Board members present: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow, Zastrow and Superintendent Ludvigson. Other members present were: , Barton Rud, Brad Evenson, Kelsey Paurus, Sherri Evenson, Rich Ragatz, Melissa Meagher, Renee Kreemer, Kaylie Waldvogel, Beth Gustafson, Jill Standafer, Patti Larson, Ashley Pesta, Tori Kleinschmidt, Emily Draxten, Audrey Morrill, Jenny Thelen and Mitchell Ganske.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

It was moved by Hollenkamp and seconded by Zastrow to adopt the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Guest Speaker Kaylie Waldvogel along with students Tori Kleinschmidt and Emily Draxten gave a presentation on the upcoming Unified Special Olympics Track and Field Event that our school will be hosting on May 6, 2026. Tori and Emily also gave an update on the Student Council stating that they had new officers elected. They also said they would be helping out at the Color Run event on May 8, 2026 with the elementary school.

Guest Speaker Rich Ragatz with Ideal Energy gave a presentation on the Solar Panel Grant that the school has applied for. The application is in the beginning stages. A motion was made by Zahnow and seconded by Hollenkamp to give Ideal Energy the approval to continue with the grant process. A Roll call vote was taken with Zastrow, Hollenkamp, Zahnow, Gohman and Wolf voting “yes” and Levin and Wright voting “no”. Motion carried 5/2

It was moved by Wolf and seconded by Zastrow to approve the following Consent Agenda:

CA-1. Regular meeting minutes March 16, 2026

CA-2. Bills

CA-2a. Prewrite checks numbered to and including 24912-24998=\$269,536.86

FY 26 Checks numbered to and including 24999-25068=\$238,344.85

CA-2b. Fund Transfers:

Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Amount
3/13/2026	WX	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMT ASSN	\$ 40,842.71
3/13/2026	WX	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	\$ 35,289.28
3/13/2026	WX	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 98,130.72
3/13/2026	WX	ELECTRONIC FED TAX PAY SYSTEM	\$ 187,859.30
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 4,450.06
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 666.67
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 5,124.12
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 6,855.08
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 1,216.67

3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 586.68
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 750.00
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 333.34
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 2,942.03
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 500.02
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 8,955.00
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 3,566.66
3/13/2026	WX	AVIBEN	\$ 2,619.16
3/13/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	\$ 34.84
3/13/2026	WX	DELTA DENTAL OF MN	\$ 4,020.80
3/13/2026	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	\$ 9.90
3/13/2026	WX	EYE MED VISION CARE, LLC	\$ 333.56
3/13/2026	WX	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA	\$ 128,027.00
3/9/2026	WX	BMO	\$ 5,434.55

CA-2c. Revolving checks numbered to and including

CA-2d. P-Card Statement.

CA-3. Financial Report

CA-4 Personnel

A. New Hires

- 1) Alexis (Lexi) Wolf - DCD Special Education - Elem
- 2) Sasha Wojtowicz - Paraprofessional
- 3) Ana Laforge - Paraprofessional
- 4) Amanda Johnson - Head Start Paraprofessional
- 5) Peggy Wollenburg - Paraprofessional
- 6) Jennifer Kieren - Secondary English Teacher
- 7) Molly Gensmer - Food Service Director
- 8) Jaclyn Schafer - WIN Teacher

The following appointments are made contingent upon adequate enrollment/participation in the program. The board retains broad discretion to discontinue programs, without notice if enrollment/participation is not adequate.

- 1) Ty Urman - JH Baseball

B. Accept the following resignations:

- 1) Shayla Van Den Einde - 1st Grade Teacher
- 2) Sasha Wojtowicz - Paraprofessional
- 3) Jaclyn Schafer - Paraprofessional

Conferences and Trainings - MDE August 4, 2026, Sourcewell Educator Summit Aug. 6, 2026

CA-5 Approve additional items for Surplus Sale - items intended for surplus sale for the auction planned for June or July.

Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Evenson gave more information on the VPK Program and how that process is going. It was talked about the space going to be utilized for the program and Mr. Evenson said there is money through VPK for construction grants to help with renovating areas to be more accommodating. He is looking into what

renovations are needed and how the grant works. The board asked about 21st Century and the only report was that it is “sealed in red tape”

Kelsey Paurus said spring sports are well underway. She is looking into a reduction of events for both varsity and JH by 20% for the upcoming year to help with budget streamlining. More information and discussion on this will be taking place.

The Health Office reported that the number of sicknesses seem to be declining. She also explained a little bit on the head injury protocol.

Barton Rud gave an update on the graduation gowns and accessories that would be utilized this year. He also talked about some upcoming ideas and changes for graduation in the future. There have been some updates done to the platform to keep things looking nice.

Patti Larson presented on Project Momentum which is a program to get a dual licence for teachers to be ESL certified. We have been awarded 4 spots for tier 3 & 4 teachers to take this opportunity.

Board Chair Gohman said that there would be another Superintendent Survey being sent out as there is usually an evaluation done in the spring of the year.

Board Highlight – All spring sports are underway and having a good start to the season. Prom was a success. Spring concerts are coming up in May. Special “Thanks” to Patti Larson for her work on Project Momentum, Brad Evenson for the work on VPK and Melissa Meagher for keeping the health office running smoothly. Kelsey also wanted to acknowledge that Kate Jones will be signing with St. Olaf for Track. This will be the 3rd LPGE athlete signing. Mr. Lamb is working on a matinee dinner for the upcoming play performance.

The donation resolution was moved by Zastrow and seconded by Hollenkamp:

#### **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for April 2026**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: “The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.”; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: “Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or device of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.”; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Long Prairie Grey Eagle, ISD 2753, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions Club	\$1,000	Post Prom
Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions Club	\$1,000	Trap Shooting
Long Prairie Rotary Club	\$300	Dollars for Scholars

Arc Electrical Service, Inc (Browerville)	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Northern Star Cooperative Services (Deer River)	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Prairie Family Dental PLLC	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions Club	\$1000	Elementary Color Run
CTC	\$50	Post Prom
Lakewood Health System	\$50	Post Prom
Magnifi Financial	\$300	Post Prom
Juergen & Luan Brunkhorst	\$25	Post Prom
James & Catherine Leroux	\$100	Post Prom
Long Prairie Rotary Club	\$300	Post Prom
Arvig	\$150	Post Prom
Trinity Lutheran Church	\$100	Post Prom
Advantage 1 Insurance Agency	\$50	Post Prom
Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative	\$50	Post Prom
Cathedral Press	\$100	Post Prom
Felling Trailers, Inc	\$50	Post Prom
CentraCare Health System	\$125	Post Prom
American Heritage Bank	\$100	Post Prom
Viking Coca-Cola	\$650.28	Letterclub
Jenkins Iron & Steel Inc	\$500	Elementary Color Run
MN National Bank	\$50	Elementary Color Run
Magnifi Financial	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ladies Circle	\$100	Elementary Color Run
The Trailer Center (Hillig Auto Center, LLC)	\$500	Elementary Color Run
Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Cathedral Press, Inc	\$100	Elementary Color Run
North Star Plumbing Heating & Air LLC	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Comfort Chiropractic	\$100	Elementary Color Run
American Foods Group	\$50	Elementary Color Run
Double R Saloon, Inc	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Timothy & Caroline Venis	\$20	Elementary Color Run
Pharm Properties LLC dba Prairie Pharmacy	\$25	Elementary Color Run
Kidco Farms Processing, Inc.	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Hormel Financial Services Corp	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Col. Alan Wessel, Auctioneer	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Central MN Realty - LP	\$50	Elementary Color Run

Goplen's LTD	\$250	Elementary Color Run
CTC	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Vanguard Insurance Services	\$400	Elementary Color Run
Enterprise-CP LLC	\$500	Elementary Color Run
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A.	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Lakeland Dental, PLLC	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Aksamit Transportation, Inc.	\$500	Elementary Color Run
Countryside Restaurant of Long Prairie, Inc	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Peace United Church, LP	\$50	Elementary Color Run
Little Rose Creations	\$500	Elementary Color Run
CHS Prairie Lakes	\$500	Elementary Color Run
Sellnow Law Office	\$500	Elementary Color Run
Philip's Repairables	\$500	Elementary Color Run
Subway	\$500	Elementary Color Run
Casey's General Store	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Mediqwest Health Ins. Services	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Grey Eagle Electric	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Central Bi-Products	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Minnesota Fresh	\$250	Elementary Color Run
Scheel's	6 - \$25 gift cards	Elementary Color Run
Dairy Queen	10-\$10 gift cards	Elementary Color Run
LP Tarp	\$300	Elementary Color Run
Becam & Co Photo	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Fleet Supply	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Bitz Plumbing & Heating	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Hometown Abstract & Title	\$150	Elementary Color Run
East West Realty	\$150	Elementary Color Run
Sojourn Counseling	\$100	Elementary Color Run
New Image Salon	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Davey's Garage	\$100	Elementary Color Run
Long Drive In	Movie Passes	Elementary Color Run
Walmart	6-\$25 gift cards	Elementary Color Run
110 Coffee	\$75 in gift cards	Elementary Color Run
McDonald's	5 - \$10 gift cards	Elementary Color Run
David & Lynell Blanchard	\$2,000	Erin Blanchard Memorial
Central Minnesota Whitetails, Inc	\$800	Trap Team

Long Prairie Rotary Club	\$150	Letterclub
American Legion Post 12	\$1,000	Letterclub
American Legion Post 12	\$500	Trap Team
Dennis Breitenfeldt	\$50	Post Prom
Stearns Electric Association	\$20	Post Prom
Peace United Church Women of Peace	\$50	Post Prom
Kali Christensen	\$100	Post Prom
Arc Electric	Multiple Prizes	Elementary Color Run

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:  
 Aye: Gohman, Hollenkamp, Levin, Wolf, Wright, Zahnow and Zastrow  
 Nay: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

\*A Huge "Thank you" to all who have donated to our school\*

Mr. Ludvigson gave his recommendations to the board for streamlining the budget. Recommendations are as follows:

1. Phase out the Instructional Coach and add a SPED Teacher
2. Convert 2 WIN Teachers to ESL Positions
3. Dean of Students position to lapse
4. Take National Honors Society and Student Council off of Appendix C and combine it with the duties of the Activities Director.

Other recommendations that will be looked at in May are the facility rental agreements and reclaiming those costs. Also some coding changes to generate more revenue which Freshwater is looking into and will give the direction to how that should look.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Wright to have the Dean of Students position sunset at the end of the 25-26 school year. The chromebooks will go back to the Tech department, date to be determined on that and the Minnesota Honors Society & Student Council to become duties of the Activities Director. Motion unanimously carried.

The board decided to schedule a work session to look at the other recommendations on May 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to accept the LPN Contract. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was had to create an online teacher position and secure a vendor to move LPGE to offer an online program for students.

A motion was made by Zastrow and seconded by Zahnow to proceed with the online school program for our school. Roll call vote was taken with Gohman, Hollenkamp, Zastrow, Zahnow and Wolf voting "yes", Wright voted "no" and Levin abstained from voting. Motion carried 5/2

The meeting was adjourned at 9.25 pm by Chairman Gohman.

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Lori Hollenkamp, Clerk