

REGULAR MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION
Lester Prairie Public Schools
Monday, October 20, 2025 5:45pm
Lester Prairie School Media Center

Roll call was taken, and the following board members were present: Keith Christen, Jeff Engen, Brian Heimerl, Rebecca Heimerl, Candice Anderson and Dan LaMott. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee and Ross Scheevel
Guests: Austin Neaton from the Herald Journal

Call to order

- Meeting called to order by Board Chair Keith Christen
- Welcome to the public and guests
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

Agenda

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve the Agenda as presented and or modified
 - **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting:

- Communication - Several comments about Ava LaMott's recognition as player of the week
- Open dialogue - none

Minutes and Bills

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve consent agenda, the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on September 15, 2025 and payment of bills in the amount of:
 - o Total amount: \$297,465.03
 - **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

Administrative Reports

Mr. Lee K-12 Principal Report: - highlights

- Homecoming went well. Thanks go out to student council and Terri Helland for the fun week. About half the students participated in the after football game volleyball games - time was extended since all were having so much fun
- Fire prevention week was Oct 6th-10th. Thanks to LPFD for presenting to 4th grade and hosting Kindergarten at the fire hall with rides on fire trucks.

- Youth task force had first social event at Harvest Church. 90% of students grades 7-12 attended.
- Joe Miske - AVID strategist for the Upper Midwest Region visited on Oct 14th. 9th grade AVID class going well. Visited a couple rooms and had some constructive feedback to help keep the program moving forward. Had positive comments on 1st year implementation.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were held Oct 2nd and Oct 6th. Good participation on elementary side and some on the high school side. Met personally with many families about the importance of attendance.
- Para training on READ Act Oct 22nd - 2 hours (8 hours needed with 4 hours completed prior to school starting - remaining 2 hours scheduled early 2026)
- Multiple meetings with MnMTSS and COMPASS for continuous improvements. Adam Gregory - Continuous Improvement Coach from SWWC COMPASS will be presenting to teaching staff on Oct 23rd.

Ross Scheevel AD/DoS - highlights

- Due to 9th grade governance issue, may see JH levels go away and become referred to as C squad
- Baseball/Softball additional games were approved, can add 4 more games and tournament formats similar to Volleyball
- Arbiter scheduler still transitioning from rSchool
- Form A and Form B grant applications up for approval by board later in the meeting
- AD plans to attend 2 upcoming youth leadership conferences: T/V on Nov 12th and 4.0 on Dec 3rd
- Basketball schedules are just about complete for all levels
- Remaining coach openings: Assistant Girls basketball, JH girls and boys basketball
- Cross Country conference meet rescheduled to Oct 20th, Section meet Oct 23rd at Baylor Park
- Football ended season 4-4, will host Martin County West on Tuesday in first round of playoffs
- Volleyball ended season 8-12 and will host a first round playoff game Thursday
- Comm Ed VB almost complete, end of year tournament in Litchfield on Nov 8th
- Registration for all Comm Ed activities is open on school registration website

Dr. Melissa Radeke Superintendent Report: - highlights

- Enrollment update: Current enrollment is at 407 students - down 1 from last month
- Close attention being paid to federal budget talks to understand impact on local districts. MDE has new tool on website that tracks federal education investments. Lester Prairie shows federal funding is approx. 7.3% of total budget.
- Submitted annual Facilities Age and Square Footage report to MDE. Total is 118,476 Sq feet.
- Shared old photos of school from 1901

Lauren Syrup - Business Manager

- No report

School Board Committee Reports

- Community Ed. - online registration through Arbiter system, summer flyer to be available by March, Driver's Ed online registration
- PTO - none
- Facilities/Maintenance- none
- Facility Planning - none
- Tech/Media - New 3CX phone system to be installed Oct 16, Discussed SmartBoard/Display replacement schedule, PSEO students haven't signed new Google services agreement, only 3 chromebooks needing repairs, InfoSec training continues, Media class - Ruff Ruff report more professional, South gym project scheduled for completion by end of Oct.
- Activities Committee - none
- Negotiations - Certified - negotiations complete with new Master Agreement up for approval by the board.
- Negotiations - Non-Certified - none
- Negotiations - Administration - none
- Meet and Confer - none
- Policy - none
- Legislative - none
- City Council - Had a meeting with Lester Prairie EDA to discuss housing and future projects. Another meeting is planned for the spring

New Business

- Achievement and Integration Progress Report presented by Superintendent Melissa Radeke.
- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by Anderson to approve the **RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION.**

Roll Call Vote:

BH - Yes

RH - Yes

KC - Yes

CA - yes

JE - Yes

DL - Yes

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the **RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING FORM B APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION.**

Roll Call Vote:

BH - Yes	RH - Yes	KC - Yes
CA - yes	JE - Yes	DL - Yes

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by Anderson and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve the RESOLUTION FOR COMBINED POLLING PLACE.

Roll Call Vote:

BH - Yes	RH - Yes	KC - Yes
CA - yes	JE - Yes	DL - Yes

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Old Business

- None

School Finance

- **BergenKDV presentation on the Lester Prairie Schools 2024-25 Audit presented by Caroline Stutsman.**
- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve the 2024-25 audit as presented.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve the 2025-2027 Master Agreement.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve the estimate from LITZAU EXCAVATING, INC. for 2025-2026 Snow Season

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Policy Administration

- Second Reading **Policy 706 Acceptance of Gifts - Discussion**
- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve **Policy 706 Acceptance of Gifts.**

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Personnel

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve the resignation of **Mike Lee** as JV Girls Basketball Coach.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve lane change request for **Derek Litzau** from BA +10 step 5 to BA +20 step 5.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Other Items for the Board

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM

Jeff Engen, Clerk ISD #424