

**REGULAR MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION**  
**Lester Prairie Public Schools**  
**Monday, June 9, 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, Ross Scheevel, Lauren Syrup and Cheryl Bayerl **Guests:** Mike Hennek and Lizzie Hennek from 4.0 Bus Service, Lori Bebo.

**Call to order**

- Meeting called to order by Board Chair Keith Christen
- Welcome to the public and guests
- **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by board member Jeff Engen

**Agenda**

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

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting:**

- Communication - More good comments about graduation
- Open dialogue - none

**Minutes and Bills**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve consent agenda, the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on May 19, 2025 and wire payment bill vouchers/check payments in the amount of:
  - o Total amount: \$612,815.02
- **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

**Presentation**

Mike Hennek from 4.0 Bus services expressed his gratitude for the long standing relationship with the Lester Prairie School district. Mike Hennek presented a donation check for \$25,000 to the school district to be used as the board wishes showing his appreciation for the school district's support of 4.0 Bus Services.

## Administrative Reports

### **Mr. Lee K-12 Principal Report:** - highlights

- PTO once again sponsored their inflatable day. A new vendor was used and it was a fun day for the elementary students.
- Bulldog Olympics were held on the last day of school and was a great success. Thanks go out to the high school PBIS team for a fun day
- MDE required DIRS(Disciplinary Incident Reporting System) has been submitted
- End of the year teacher meetings went well
- Staff PD activities on May 27 went very well. Time spent reflecting on the school year, student engagement, classroom management and classroom environment using AVID(Advancement via Individual Determination) strategies
- Staff handbook and Student handbook have both been updated for the next school year and will be up for approval by the board.
- Attending conference in Redwood Falls with John Eller - Navigating Difficult Situations. 3 day training series June 10, October 27 & February 20.
- Principal will be out of the building June 19<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup>. Will still periodically check emails.

### **Ross Scheevel AD/DoS** - highlights

- Working on finalizing the 2025-26 activities schedule
- Transition from rSchool to Arbiter for activity registration underway
- Working on scheduling spring coaches evaluations
- Working on updating the Parent/Participant Activity Handbook
- Hosted first annual Coaches Appreciation meal/planning session. Session went well with good feedback and discussion
- Girls Softball ended season with a 14-9 record. Team was defeated in section quarter finals. Very competitive games( lost 2-1 and 3-2)
- Boys Baseball ended the season with a 7-12 record.
- Clay Target team travels to Alexandria for the State Clay Target meet on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Track/Field had 2 athletes advance to the State meet starting June 10<sup>th</sup>. Nakita Stuck will compete in the 100 and 200 meter races. Addison Hoof will compete in the 100, 200 and 400 meter races. Hoof is attempting to win her 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive state title in the 400 meters.
- Summer camps under way. Basketball camp held last week, Volleyball camp and Weaving class began June 9<sup>th</sup>, Track/Field camp next week and Football camp will be held in July.

### **Dr. Melissa Radeke Superintendent Report:** - highlights

- Enrollment - ended the year at 432 Students
- Anticipated enrollment for 2025-26 at 414 students, with current proposed enrollment we are overstaffed by 2 elementary positions
- With anticipated \$0 coming from the State combined with declining enrollment, revenues will decrease. District will need to dip into fund balances to cover spending
- Big Thank You to Principal Lee for his instructional leadership providing modeling to teachers in how to integrate AVID strategies into instructional practices. AVID is not something extra for the teachers to do, rather it's how teachers teach in any content area

## **Lauren Syrup - Business Manager**

- Presentation of Preliminary Budget for 2025-26 school year and her recommendation to the Board for approval.

## **School Board Committee Reports**

- Community Ed. - none
- PTO - none
- Facilities/Maintenance- none
- Facility Planning - none
- Tech/Media - none
- Activities Committee - none
- Negotiations - Certified - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held, negotiations ongoing
- Negotiations - Non-Certified - none
- Negotiations - Administration - none
- Meet and Confer - none
- Policy - none
- Legislative - none
- City Council - B. Heimerl and LaMott met with Park Board, good discussion around safety issues and improving communication. Working towards getting a committee established including AD, City and coaches.

## **New Business**

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve 2024-25 Local Literacy Plan as presented

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to approve the 2025-26 Staff Handbook as presented.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Engen to approve the 2025-26 Student Handbook as presented.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve the 2025-26 Chromebook/Chrometablet Handbook and Policy Manual as presented.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

### **Old Business**

- None

### **School Finance**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2025-26 as presented

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to approve the following fundraisers.
  - o Volleyball - Heggies Pizza; Longhorns; Cancer T-shirts

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to approve bid for milk with Josh's Delivery.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Heimerl to approve bid for bread with Pan-O-Gold.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve bid for Propane with Glencoe Co-op.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Heimerl to approve bid for towels with Vestis Uniform and Workplace Supply

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

## Policy Administration

- None

## Personnel

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve the following resignations:

**Cheryl Bayerl** - Student Council Advisor and NHS Advisor  
**Blaine Walstrom** - Head Girls Basketball Coach

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to approve the following contracts for the 2025-26 school year.

**Kim Schauer** - SPED Paraprofessional & MARSS Coordinator  
**Leighton Buhr** - Assistant Football Coach  
**Emma Blashack** - C Squad Volleyball Coach  
**Taylor Bayerl** - Football Cheerleading Coach  
**Brian Herrmann** - Head Volleyball Coach  
**Blaine Walstrom** - JH Football Coach  
**Angelica Biondo** - Assistant Cross-Country Coach

**Vote: 5 for, 0 against**  
**\*Jeff Engen abstained**

## Other Items for the Board

- None

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM**