

REGULAR MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION
Lester Prairie Public Schools
Monday, May 19, 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:** Kim DeBruyckere, Mike Jensen & Bob Becker from 4.0 Bus Service and Austin Neaton from Herald Journal.

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

Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting:

- Communication - Graduation went well, many comments that flowers distributed by graduates was a very nice addition to ceremony.
- Open dialogue - none

Minutes and Bills

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve consent agenda, the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on April 15, 2025 and pay the bills (reviewed by R. Heimerl and B. Heimerl) in the amount of:
 - o Board Bills: \$248,841.47
 - **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

Administrative Reports

Mr. Lee K-12 Principal Report: - highlights

- Graduation went very well. Thank you to Christine M. and Ross S. for organizing and setting up gym. Thank you to Bayview & Southview Elementary in Waconia for use of the stage.
- 4 students represented Lester Prairie at McLeod for Tomorrow. All enjoyed the experience and learned a lot about McLeod county. Went to rail yard and rode on train. Attendees were Michael Albers, Ashley Rosenau, Chloe Schafer and Henry Kern

- Local Literacy Plan was submitted
- Working on the DIRS (Disciplinary Incident Reporting System) Report, elementary report completed, finishing the high school portion
- Working on completing end of the year teacher meetings including exit meetings with teachers that are leaving.
- Working on PD activities for May 27th - reflection on the past school year plus student engagement, classroom management and classroom environment strategies.

Ross Scheevel AD/DoS - highlights

- Yearly reporting to MSHSL is being finished, including 2024-25 participation numbers and activity registrations for 2025-26
- Board will vote on resolution for MSHSL Yearly Membership
- 2025 District Football schedules were released and game schedules are completed
- 5 of 7 fall coaching positions filled, waiting on signed contracts from other 2
- Girls softball received #3 seed in Sect 4A - play double header 5-20-2025 in Ramsey Central Park
- Boys baseball received #4 seed in Sect 4A - play home against Mayer Lutheran on May 22nd
- Track and Field travel to NYA on May 22nd for subsections
- 4 individual conference champions at Tomahawk/Valley Conference meet in Sleepy Eye: Logan Meyer - Shot put, Andy Ruwersma - 400M, Addi Hoof - 100M & 400M, Nakita Stuck - 200M

Dr. Melissa Radeke Superintendent Report: - highlights

- Enrollment - 432 Students, increased by 3 students from April.
- Discussed Teaching and Learning Vision by incorporating AVID membership with SWWC. North Collaborative is no longer included.
- Discussed Achievement and Integration Revised Plan and Budget.
- MARSS Coordinator position to be posted. Currently, Para positions are 6.75 hours so this will create a full time 8 hour position.
- South Gym project is moving forward. Facilities committee made recommendations to original proposal - revised proposal will be used.
- Lauren Syrup discussed her recommended revision of policy 704. Also discussed changes to board bills reporting and approval process.
- Mike Jensen and Bob Becker from 4.0 Bus Service are in attendance to answer any questions regarding the new service contract.

School Board Committee Reports

- Community Ed. - Looking at improvements for vendor sale including better signage, still looking at future plans for driver's education program, Kids Depot - no 2025 summer program due to lack of participants, Pre-K to be rebranded "Little Learners Bulldogs"
- PTO - Inflatable day May 19th
- Facilities/Maintenance- South gym acoustics/lighting project moving forward
- Facility Planning - none
- Tech/Media - none
- Activities Committee - none
- Negotiations - Certified - meeting in June to start process
- Meet and Confer - none
- Policy - Policy 704 revision
- Legislative - none
- City -on the agenda for the next Park Board meeting

New Business

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve 2025-26 Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Membership Resolution.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to designate Ross Scheevel as MSHSL School representative for 2025-26.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by Engen and 2nd by R. Heimerl to designate Brian Heimerl as MSHSL School Board representative for 2025-26.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Old Business

- None

School Finance

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve 4.0 Bus Service 2025-2031 Contract.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve revised FY25-27 Achievement and Integration Plan and Budget.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve AVID Products and Services Quote.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Anderson to approve Membership Agreement with SWWC Cooperative for the 2025-2026 school year.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve MARSS Coordinator position.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by Engen and 2nd by LaMott to approve following fundraisers:
 - **Football** - Softener Salt Sale Fundraiser

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Policy Administration

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by Anderson to approve revised policy **704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System.**

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Personnel

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve the following resignations effective June 30, 2025:

Arlene Nowak - Knowledge Bowl Coach
Brian Malady - SPED Teacher
Julie Malady - Secondary Math Teacher

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

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

Christin LaMott - B Squad Volleyball Coach
Derek Zebell - Assistant Football Coach
Ross Scheevel - Assistant Football Coach
Wes Kapping - Head Cross Country Coach
Danny Mages - Knowledge Bowl Coach
Amanda Wood - Co-School yearbook Advisor
Rachel Raduenz - Co-School yearbook Advisor

Vote: 5 for, 0 against
***Dan LaMott abstained**

- Motion by LaMott and 2nd by B. Heimerl to approve **Devin Triebenback** as secondary social studies teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve **Jennifer Widman** as secondary math teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve 2025-26 contract for AD/Dean **Ross Scheevel**.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by LaMott to approve 2025-26 contract for Business Official **Kim Dye**.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2nd by R. Heimerl to approve long term sub contract for **April Lee**.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

Other Items for the Board

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM

Jeff Engen, Clerk ISD #424