

**REGULAR MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION**  
**Lester Prairie Public Schools**  
**Monday, December 15, 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:** Carter Cavanaugh 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 B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve the Agenda as presented and or modified
  - **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

**Recognition of Communications since Last Meeting:**

- Communication - none
- Open dialogue - none

**Minutes and Bills**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to approve consent agenda, the meeting minutes of the Regular Board meeting on November 24, 2025 and payment of bills in the amount of:
  - o Total amount: \$373,973.95
- **Vote: 6 for, 0 against.**

## Administrative Reports

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

- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - attended the FFA 2025 Models of Excellence National Champs program at GSL, 4 active members from LP(Brielle Christen, Michael Albers, Henry Kern, Gordon Leveque).
- PTO Holiday store on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to PTO for continued support
- LETRS Training for staff on Dec 12th
- Para's will have their final Read Act training on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am. This will complete the required training.

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

- Notified that school received both Form A and Form B grants from MSHSL, checks will be sent out in January
- Attended Together 4.0 conference on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 sessions specifically for ADs, Cindy Clough-founder/owner of Just for Kix was speaker, spoke about building the program and big issue of student apathy
- LP HOF committee to meet Dec 17<sup>th</sup> to review applications for Hall of Fame
- 2<sup>nd</sup> JH boys basketball coach found, interviewed candidate for Girls JV/Assistant position, candidate meeting with coach Elhard then will discuss from there
- Triple A applications for Seniors are due on Jan 8th
- Congratulations to Brielle Christen and Eli LaMott for being selected as Lester Prairie Schools ExCel Award winners. Applications go in for state wide review. Overall winners announced at Girls BB tournament in Feb.
- Hosted our yearly wrestling match on Thursday Dec 11th
- Basketball games have started, have 1 weather related reschedule already
- Had to cancel 3 JV girls games over the next week and a half due to a few students going on extended holiday vacations and not enough players remain
- Winter Bank/Choir concert is tonight(Dec 15<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30 in South Gym, utilizing the new lighting and sound system recently installed

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

- Enrollment update: Current enrollment is at 403 students - unchanged from last month
- 2026-27 Calendar up for approval - relied heavily upon staff recommendations, begin before Labor Day with 4 day weeks to start the year, longer breaks throughout the year, additional day before Thanksgiving, full week of Spring Break over Easter
- Truth in Taxation presentation later in meeting, levy is down 4.13% and down 3.87% the previous year

### **Lauren Syrup - Business Manager**

- No report

## School Board Committee Reports

- Community Ed. - none
- PTO - Holiday store on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> was another success
- Facilities/Maintenance- Discussion with Foundation for Education about fundraising for future facilities improvements/upgrades
- Facility Planning - none
- Tech/Media - discussed need for AI handbook, waiting for SWWC to get model handbook in place, working to prioritize Smart Board/Display replacements, South Gym install and training completed, Screen damage is main issue with devices, although incidents have been minimal, phishing training continues through InfoSec.
- Activities Committee - none
- Negotiations - Certified - none
- Negotiations - Non-Certified - none
- Negotiations - Administration - Meeting following Dec 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting
- Meet and Confer - none
- Policy - none
- Legislative - none
- City Council - Planning meeting with liaison (Gary Krause) soon

## New Business

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

## Old Business

- None

## School Finance

- Truth in Taxation Presentation by Superintendent Radeke.

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMott to approve the certified levy in the amount of \$1,993,013.48.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

### **Policy Administration**

- None

### **Personnel**

- Motion by B. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson to approve the following contracts.

**Ashley Heckson** - One Act Play Advisor

**Adam Engell** - Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

**Andrew Daho** - Head Boys Basketball Coach

**LaDamien Gatlin-Coellner** - JH Boys Basketball Coach

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

- Motion by R. Heimerl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Heimerl to approve resignation of **Brian Herrmann** as Head Volleyball Coach effective December 3, 2025.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

### **Other Items for the Board**

- None

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM**