

Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99

Connecting School and Community

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Winterfest

JANUARY 20, 2024

A FAMILY FUN EVENT

10:00- 2:00 PM ESKO SCHOOL

Esko Community Partnership along with Esko Community Education is happy to bring back this popular event! Carnival games, food, and business expo. There will also be a lantern walk in the school forest in the evening. We are looking to add snow sculpting too. If you are interested in helping or participating, email eskocommunitypartnership@gmail.com. Next meeting December 12th Noon at The Buffalo House.



We Need Your Help!

The District has unfilled driving positions that are and will cause disruptions to our families if left unfilled. Please consider signing up to drive a bus for our kids. We will work with you to become licensed and trained. Contact our Transportation Director Ms. Groth at 655-5014.

ESKO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

COOL KIDS IS HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

- ✓ M-F 2:00-6:00 - NO WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS!
- ✓ PERFECT FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO WORK IN EDUCATION
- ✓ \$15.69/HOUR

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT EMILY DAVEY
EDAVEY@ESKO.K12.MN.US

MUST BE A HIGHSCHOOL GRADUATE AND PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK

Community Education is hiring for program assistants in Cool Kids. We need 2 high school graduates to work after school hours of 3:00-5:30 and 2:00-5:30 on Wednesdays. We can be flexible with how many days a week you work. Pay is \$15.69/hour. Leaving these positions unfilled will force us to limit registrations next year. Please consider helping us out. Contact Emily Davey at edavey@esko.k12.mn.us.

Summer 2024 Cool Kids Registration will begin at 12:00 NOON, Monday, February 12th.

Summer Cool Kids provides care for students entering Kindergarten up to completing 5th grade. We open at 6:30 AM daily and close at 5:30 PM. The start and end date are pending. We will also be closed July 1st-5th in observance of the 4th of July holiday. To register for the program, all community education balances must be paid in full.

Summer Cool Kids registration will stay open until the program fills. Families that were enrolled last summer will have priority registration. Priority registration will end, and we will begin taking new registrations on Wednesday, February 14th. Please register your child as soon as possible as the program fills fast.

Registration will be online in our registration system, Eleyo. You will not receive an email with a direct link to registration. Please see our Esko website under Community Ed for the link in Eleyo at 12:00 NOON, Monday, February 12th. If you have any questions please email coolkids@esko.12.mn.us or call 218-879-4038.

Registration for Cool Kids/Cool Cubs school year 24-25 will begin at 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 11th.

Families must register each year. Cool Kids provides school age care for students in the 4's Pre-K class to 5th grade. We open at 6:30 AM daily and close at 6:00 PM. We are closed any day there is no school scheduled, a ½ day scheduled and on snow/weather related closures. To register for the program, all community education balances must be paid in full.

Fall Cool Kids registration will stay open until the program fills. Families that are currently enrolled have priority registration. Priority registration will end, and we will begin taking new registrations on Wednesday, March 13th. Please register your child as soon as possible as the program fills fast.

Registration will be online in our registration system, Eleyo. You will not receive an email with a direct link to registration. Please see our Esko website under Community Ed for the link in Eleyo at 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 11th. If you have any questions please email coolkids@esko.12.mn.us or call 218-879-4038.

Esko Early Learning registration will begin at 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 11th.

School Readiness classes are held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday with options for AM (8:30-11:00) and PM (12:30-3:00). Students must be 4 years old by September 1st 2024 and fully toilet trained.

Discovery is Wednesday and Friday AM only (8:30-11:00). This class goes outside for extended periods of time; please ensure your student has proper clothing for this class. Students must be 4 years old by September 1st 2024 and fully toilet trained.

Stepping Stones is Wednesday and Friday AM only (8:45-11:15). Students must be 3 years old by September 1st 2024 and fully toilet trained.

Registration will stay open until filled. Once registration is open, students will be put into either AM or PM. You may choose a preference, but that does not guarantee a spot in that exact class time.

If your child will need wrap around care, you must also register for the Cool Cubs program listed above.

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TOWN OF THOMSON

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Esko, Minnesota 55733
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(218) 879-9114 (fax)

Email: thomson@cpinternet.com or township@townofthomsonmn.gov

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

Town of Thomson is in need of election judges for the 2024 Presidential Nominating Primary (Tuesday, March 5, 2024) , and the Primary and General Elections (Tuesday, August 13, 2024 and Tuesday, November 5, 2024).

Please consider contributing your time to help in the election process.

This is a paid position and training is provided.

If you'd like more information, please contact Rhonda Peleski at the Town Office 879-9719, rpeleski@townofthomsonmn.gov, stop in during regular office hours,

M – F, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an application or

find the application on our website: thomson.govoffice.com.

The Town Office is located at 25 E. Harney Road, Esko.

Snow Parking and Removal Reminders

The ordinance which regulates the parking of vehicles within the Town of Thomson states in Section 4 that “During the period from November 1 of each year to March 31 of the following year, no person, firm, or corporation shall park any motor vehicle on the roads, streets, alleys, boulevards, sidewalks, or public grounds within the corporate limits of the Township between the hours of four o’clock a.m. and seven o’clock a.m. It shall be the duty of law enforcement to cause any motor vehicle that is so parked between 4 o’clock a.m. and seven o’clock a.m. to be removed and impounded, and the motor vehicle shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage of the vehicle are paid.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 879-9719. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Town of Thomson reminds all snow removal operators/property owners that it is unlawful to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street.

Minnesota Statute § 160.2715 prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roadways. This includes the ditch and right-of-way area along the roadside.

This would include pushing the snow from your driveway across the street onto the right-of-way of a vacant lot/land. The snow from your driveway needs to remain on your property.

According to state law, violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. Damage can also be done to Town plow equipment or privately owned vehicles. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

Other hazards created by improper placement of snow on or near a public roadway include drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and safe accessibility. Special attention should be made to keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed.

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Articles and submissions may be sent to the Esko Community Education office or e-mailed to mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to print date for the next month's issue. The publication schedule can be found on the website. Articles may be edited for space and content. If you have questions, please call the community education office at 879-4038. Visit the school website: www.esko.k12.mn.us

“A Touch of Scandinavia”



Annual Christmas Bazaar

Presented by the Women of Bethesda
Lutheran Church, 204 5th St., Carlton

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Featuring

- Lunch
- Lefse, Hot & Ready to Eat!
- Baked Goods
- Craft Table
- Next to New items
- Silent Auction



ATTENTION SANITARY SEWER CUSTOMERS

If you are on the Town of Thomson Sanitary Sewer System and you are planning on selling your house, be aware that a video inspection of your sewer line from your house to the Town's sewer line is required before the house is listed for sale. This is per Ordinance No. 44, Regulating Inflow and Infiltration Compliance and Prescribing Penalties for the Violation of its Provisions. Section 6A of that ordinance states:

Upon the proposed sale or the proposed transfer of title in Owner's property, the Owner shall coordinate a Service Lateral inspection. The responsibility for repair of a Service Lateral that fails testing shall be mutually agreed upon by the property buyer and seller.

The entire ordinance and more information can be found on the Town's website, <https://thomson.govoffice.com> or by contacting the Town Office, 218-879-9719.

As snow approaches- remember the Esko Education Building parking lot is a one way lot. Enter on the side nearest the building. Snowbanks will soon fill our lot and we are unable to accommodate parent drop off and pick up for elementary students or parking for staff of the school. Please park elsewhere.
We appreciate your cooperation.



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ADULT

Pilates

Pilates is a low-impact, slow and controlled practice. This movement practice can help you; build strength, increase flexibility, release tension, relieve back, shoulder, and other joint pain, plus so much more. Come join Kati who just recently received her Mat 1 Certification, but has practiced and loved pilates for many years.

Bring to Class: Pilates or yoga mat and water
Cost: \$60
Sessions: 5
Instructor: Kati Ruhnke
1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Esko School Cafeteria

Sessions: 6
Cost: \$72
Instructor: Kati Ruhnke
2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Esko School Cafeteria

Zumba

Zumba is a fitness cardio workout that combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves that will make you forget you're even working out! Our goal is simple...we want you to be healthy, to love working out and to enjoy exciting calorie burning, body energizing movements meant to be enjoyed throughout your life at any age! Now is the time to try Zumba!

Bring to Class: Water Bottle
Sessions:5
Cost:\$35.00
Instructor: Naomi Christiansen
1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Esko Schools Cafeteria

Zumba Punch Card

5 class punch card to use throughout the 23-24 school year \$45

Yoga

Relaxation/slow flow Yoga class for a calm relaxation feeling before the weekend (then roll off to bed after class...) Join April who just completed her 200 hour Yoga Teacher Training with an additional 40 hour certificate in Trauma Conscious yoga.

Bring to Class: Yoga mat and water

Sessions: 5
Cost: \$45
Instructor: April Thompson
1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15
6:15 PM-7:15PM Esko Schools Cafeteria

Sessions: 5
Cost: \$45
Instructor: April Thompson
2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 4/4, 4/18
6:15 PM-7:15 PM Esko Schools Cafeteria

Open Pickleball

Replacing open gym, pickleball is open to high school graduates and older to play. Please bring clean, dry tennis shoes and your own racquet and balls. If you are a first time player, equipment can be provided.
Blue gym.

Cost: Free
Sundays, January 7-March 17
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Volleyball

Adult volleyball league is open to high school graduates and older. Registration cost is for the entire team. Only captains of teams should register. Please fill out the questionnaire with your entire roster.
Cost: \$175
Sundays, January 7- April 28
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mom & Me Art

Get in the holiday spirit and join us to decorate holiday cookies! We will be using frosting, sprinkles, and other small holiday treats. One registration is good for one adult and child and includes supplies for 1 project. Each group will go home with 6 decorated cookies.
Instructor: Emily Davey
Cost: \$15
12/18/2023 6 PM-7 PM FACS room

YOUTH

****Directly after school, students will meet for a snack and check-in in the cafeteria, then report to their club's meeting spot. You may pick up your child at the playground doors (door #6). If your child will not be attending a scheduled club, please inform their teacher AND call the Community Education office at 879-4038****

Refunds can be given on classes that have not begun with notice 24 hours prior to the start of class. Refunds can not be given on the day of the class, or after the class has started.

Clubs close for registration the day PRIOR to the beginning of the club. Some clubs may need more time, and may close more than one day prior. This information may be noted in the course description.

Esko Community Education cannot accept registration for After School Clubs on the day of the club, due to communication with teachers and Cool Kids regarding attendance.

Northern Outdoors Club - Firemaster

First, learn about the elements needed to create fire during this class. Then learn and practice the many methods and skills from an older time to modern day to create fire! Last, forage and make a take home firestarter for future campfire or wood stove use.

Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: \$15
Instructor: Cassie Janke
12/4/23 3:15-4:30
Playground

Great Lakes Aquarium - Fantastic Frogs

Join the Great Lakes Aquarium staff to learn all about frogs! Hop, Jump, Plop! Frogs are fantastic with their slimy skin and watery ways. Learn to sing like a frog, practice your jumping, and learn about their special, transforming lives.
Age Req: Grades 1 & 2
Cost: \$13
Instructor: Great Lakes Aquarium Staff
12/5/23 3:15-4:30
Cafeteria

Savannah's Pottery - Christmas You Pick Sign
Come make a North Pole Plaque or Grinch's Lair sign!

Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$16
Instructor: Michelle Line
12/7/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Esko Trails - Grinch Ornament

Added due to popular demand! We've added another session of the grinch ornament.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$20
Instructor: Amy Feely
12/11/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101
Registration closes 12/9/23

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Join your friends as we decorate holiday cookies together! We will be using frosting, sprinkles and other small holiday treats! Students will take home 6 decorated cookies.
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$15
Instructor: Emily Davey
12/14/23 3:15-4:30
Room S100
Registration closes 12/12/23

Lego Robotics

Hang out with Mr. Krueger for the afternoon and learn to build and control LEGO Robots!

Grades 3/4 Section #1
Tuesdays - 1/2/24-1/23/24
3:15 - 4:30
Room E372

Grades 5/6 Section #1
Tuesdays - 1/30/24-2/20/24
3:15-4:30
Room E372

Grades 3/4 Section #2
Thursdays - 2/1/24-2/22/24
3:15-4:30
Room E372
Registration opens 1/1/24

Awesome Art - 3D Polar Bear

Using cardstock to create a polar bear and fun paper tricks to make it 3D, this polar bear will be right at home on a watercolor backdrop of the northern sky.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$14
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
1/4/24 3:15-4:30
Room E367

Northern Outdoors Club - Quinzhee building

Come learn about and how to build a Quinzhee - a snow shelter made by Alaska Natives. Have fun in this class and learn some winter survival skills. Please wear all outside warm winter gear. Hot chocolate provided during the 2nd day of class!
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$18
Instructor: Cassie Janke

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1/8/24 & 1/9/24 3:15-4:30
Playground

Esko Trails - Yahtzee Travel Game Box
Assemble an spain this travel Yahtzee game box!
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$20
Instructor: Amy Feely
1/11/24 3:15-4:30
Room S101
Registration closes 1/9/24

Savannah’s Pottery - Heart Mug
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$19
Instructor: Michelle Line
1/16/24 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Elementary Cheer Clinic
Age Req: Grades k-6
Cost: \$42
Instructor: Kari Knutson

Tuesday/Thursday Section #1
1/16/24 & 1/18/24 3:15-4:30

Wednesday/Friday Section #2
1/17/24 2:15-3:30
1/19/24 3:15-4:30

Cafeteria
Registration closes 1/5/24

Board Game Club
Gather your friends and join a local board game company, Oaken Hollow Games, to play some games! The first week students will use various materials to create their own game. The second week will focus on playing different board games together!
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: \$15
Instructor: Darrell Davey
1/23/24 & 1/30/24 3:15-4:30
Room S101
Registration closes 1/20/24

Savannah’s Pottery - Valentine Plate
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$16
Instructor: Michelle Line
1/29/24 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Awesome Art - Zentangle Heart
On thick paper, a large heart will be drawn and then filled with zentangle designs with black sharpie. The final step will be to use watercolor to create a bright tie dye effect.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$14
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
2/1/24 3:15-4:30
Room E367

Savannah’s Pottery - Kids Choice
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$16
Instructor: Michelle Line
2/5/24 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Esko Trails - Tree Embroidery
Come and learn how to do the basic embroidery backstitch and also learn the valuable skill of how to sew a button.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$20
Instructor: Amy Feely
2/6/24 3:15-4:30
Room S101
Registration closes 2/4/24

Pokemon Club
Join Oaken Hollow Games for an introduction to the world of Pokémon and how to play Pokémon the Card Game!
Having your own cards is not necessary, but if you do, please bring them!
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: \$15
Instructor: Darrell Davey
2/8/24 3:15-4:30
Room S100

Valentine Making
Help share the love! Gather your friends and help make Valentine cards to share with local nursing homes!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$8
Instructor: Emiy Davey
2/13/24 3:15-4:30
Room S100

Northern Outdoor Club - Keeping Warm
Learn and practice the skills needed to survive in the cold outdoor Minnesota Winter! Run a science experiment to avoid heat loss by thinking like a MN animal during this interactive class! All outdoor winter gear needed!
Age Req: Grades 2-5
Cost: \$16
Instructor: Cassie Janke
2/15/24 3:15-4:30
Playground

Savannah’s Pottery - St. Patrick’s Mug
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: \$16
Instructor: Michelle Line
2/20/24 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Awesome Art - Abstract Painting on Canvas
Don’t wear your best clothes for this project! We will be using acrylic paint on a 16X20 canvas to create a bold abstract design. No paint brushes for this project. We will be dripping on the paint and using a scraping method to blend and layer colors.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$16
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
2/22/24 3:15-4:30
Room E367

Esko Trails - Two day basics of embroidery
Join us for two days as we work together on learning several basic embroidery stitches.
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: \$20
Instructor: Amy Feely
2/26/24 & 2/27/24 3:15-4:30

Room S101
Registration closes 2/24/24

Northern Outdoors Club - Weird N’ Wild Creatures
Have a blast playing a card game involving tons of weird n’ wild creatures, including nightmares of nature, monsters of the deep, tiny terrors and so much more!
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: \$15
Instructor: Cassie Janke
2/27/24 3:15-4:30
Room S100



Tiny Tots: Monday 4:30-5:45
Enjoy one-on-one time with your toddler before attending a discussion about a variety of topics specific to a toddler’s social, emotional and physical development. Children enjoy socializing under the supervision of an early childhood teacher. Parents will have an in-class meeting the first few weeks. We will begin having parent/child separation after the children have had a few weeks to build a comfort with their classroom teachers. This class is only offered for children ages 10-30 months. Sibling care is not available.

Marvelous Mondays: Monday 6:00-7:15
Enjoy playing and making fun crafts with your child(ren) while also meeting other families in your community. Come discuss positive and practical ways to handle the challenges of raising young children. This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and get advice from other parents who may be experiencing similar situations. This is also a great opportunity to share any tips you may have from your own life experiences, with other parents. Parents and children do separate for part of class time. This class is only offered for children ages birth through five years. Sibling care is not available.

Terrific Tuesdays: Tuesday 5:15-6:30
Enjoy playing and making fun crafts with your child(ren) while also meeting other families in your community. Come discuss positive and practical ways to handle the challenges of raising young children. This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and get advice from other parents who may be experiencing similar situations. This is also a great opportunity to share any tips you may have from your own life experiences, with other parents. Parents and children do separate for part of class time. This class is only offered for children ages birth through five years. Sibling care is not available.

Little Sprouts: Tuesday & Thursday 8:45-10:15
This is a great time for children to gain pre-Kin-

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Kindergarten knowledge while parents are learning more about how to guide their child through these early learning experiences. Children will explore arts and crafts, introduction to basic concepts, music and movement, and large muscle activities. This parent and child class will meet on Thursdays for 1 1/2 hours. Children will have quality time with their parent(s), and also gain some independent experience while parents go off to a separate parent group for a portion of the class time. Parents will meet with a licensed parent educator to discuss parenting joys and concerns, as well as their child's social, emotional and physical development.

Monday Mingle: Mondays 11:15-12:15

Starting on Mondays in February.

We know winter can be tough when the weather is not nice, but you need a space for your children to play and get out of the house. Join us on Monday's from 11:15-12:15 for an hour long play space, please pre-register for each class individually, you may come to one class or all!. This class offers the opportunity for families and students to make connections with others in the community, along with getting to know some ECFE staff. Caregivers must stay for the whole time while their child is playing, we encourage all caregivers to interact with their child, along with other parents around. A teacher will be present to help facilitate play between students and parents, along with answering any questions that might come up. This is a perfect class for all families unsure of what ECFE classes to take as this will help the children get acclimated to the building, room, and staff.

Community Baby Shower

Tuesday January 23rd 6:00-7:00 for all babies born in 2023

Registration on Eleyo under the ECFE tab. Register by January 15th, 2024

Questions email to mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us

FOR MORE CLASS INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://ESKO.CE.ELEYO.COM/](https://esko.ce.eleyo.com/)

Community Education Building | PH: 218-879-2969 ext635 | mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us

ESKO ECFE CLASSES SPRING 2024

MONDAY

11:15-12:15 Monday Mingle
4:30-5:45 Tiny Tots
6:00-7:15 Marvelous Mondays

THURSDAY

8:45-10:15 Little Sprouts

TUESDAY

8:45-10:15 Little Sprouts
5:15-6:30 Terrific Tuesdays

MOMMY & ME YOGA

1/16/23 Ages 9 months - 2
6:00-7:00 years 11 months

1/30/23 Ages 3 years to 6
6:00-7:00 years

SARAH WELLS

classes 6:00-7:00 with snack and
childcare provided

These classes are FREE

1/11 Building Resilience

1/18 Mindfulness

1/25 Intentionality and Parenting

2/1 Self Talk for Littles



Register here



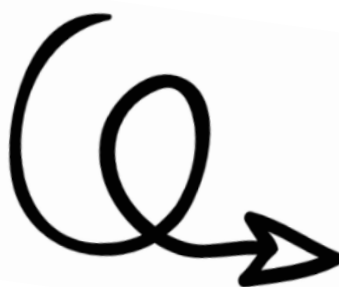
Spring Early Childhood Screening

Attention Families of Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old

Early Childhood Screening is a requirement by the State of Minnesota prior to entering Kindergarten, and is recommended to be completed as early as possible between the ages of 3 1/2 and 5 years old. Esko Early Childhood Screening will be held on Tuesday February 6th and Wednesday February 7th at the Esko Education Center located at 16 Highway 61. If your child has not received their Early Childhood Screening Please register for an appointment at <http://esko.ce.eleyo.com/>

Screening is open to Esko residents ONLY. Even if you plan to open enroll, children should be screened in their resident district. Please contact Esko Community Education at 879-4038 if you have any questions.

**Don't miss out! Register for all
Community Ed
offerings using this
QR Code, or visit
www.esko.ce.eleyo.com/**



Please Join Us for a



Esko Community Baby Shower

CELEBRATING
babies born in 2023

Tuesday | January 23 | 6:00-7:00
2024

Join us for lots of fun, FREE baby items, games, door prizes and meet other families!
Hosted by Esko ECFE
RSVP on Eleyo by January 15th
Questions?
mpliml@esko.k12.mn.us



Weather Closings Information

The winter season is already upon us. It is time to revisit what the school district will do on days that conditions make it difficult to open and run school. When it has been decided that school needs to be closed, we will send this information out through our instant messaging system. The message will then be communicated to the local TV stations and WKLK radio out of Cloquet. The message will be posted on our school web page too.

- WDIO 10
- KDLH 3
- KBJR 6
- Fox 21
- WKLK 96.5 FM and 1230 AM

School cancelations can happen at any time, and you are encouraged to keep your instant messaging system up to date. Make sure the message is going to a number or email address that you can check throughout the day. If you have any questions about the instant messaging system, please contact Sam Engen in the elementary office at 218-879-3361 or Gretchen Grover in the high school office at 218-879-4673.

There is always a possibility that you won't receive the information that school is closing. This is especially true when schools close unexpectedly for utility issues and parents aren't watching for a closure. You are encouraged to develop a family emergency plan for your student if they were to go home and you aren't there for them. The family emergency plan could include family members to call, neighbors to go to for assistance, additional keys, or ways to get into the home safely and additional measures to ensure your child is safe if they return home and you are not able to be there. Plan for the unexpected.

Esko Cheerleader Fundraiser

AWESOME

Afternoon

The Esko Cheerleaders are offering an afternoon of inexpensive activities and fun for K-6 students on the conference early release days in February.

Students must be registered in Eleyo. Registration will close one day prior to each afternoon.

PLAYGROUND | SNACK | GYM TIME | STUDY TIME

February 7th and 14th

REGISTER IN ELEYO

12:15-3:30

You must register for both separately. Students who are not registered will not be allowed to stay.



Elementary News

By Brian Harker

Important Dates

- Thursday, December 7: Elementary Holiday Program- 6:30 pm- Grades 1-3
- Thursday, December 21: 3-Hour Early Dismissal – students and staff
- Tuesday, January 2: School Resumes

Elementary Conferences

Winterquist Elementary held its fall Parent/Teacher conferences in October. We enjoy sharing our classrooms and the success stories that are happening here at school each day. Thank you for your attendance and we look forward to seeing you all in the building again soon.

Elementary Music Programs

We are excited to share our 1st-6th grade concert schedule with you. We will be featuring different grade levels once per year in person with live performances. Our 1st-3rd graders will perform on Thursday, December 7th in the Varsity Gym. The program will start at 6:30 pm. Then, our 4th-6th graders, including our 6th grade band will perform for you in May. This will allow us to showcase each grade level and allow for a more comfortable viewing experience for our families. - Esko Music Department- Mr. Mowers, Mrs. Staples, Mrs. Holland.

Holiday Break

Holiday Break will begin on December 22 and classes will resume on January 3. We will have an early release at 12:30 pm on December 21. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to a new year and a fresh start as we return to school next month.

After School Activities

Unless your child is enrolled in an after-school activity, they should go home after school. Students are not allowed to stay after school unsupervised.

Winter Weather

As winter weather is quickly approaching, please be mindful of school cancellations or late starts. In the case of a school cancellation, late start, or early dismissal will be using our Alert System that will notify your family by phone, text, or email. We will still be using the following radio and television stations to notify the public as well.

Radio
WKLK

TV
KDLH
WDIO
KBJR

Mark Your Calendar for the Holiday Concert! Thursday December 7th

6:30 PM

Grades 1-3

Varsity Gym



Hello families,

Listed below is information about a program funded by the FCC, Federal Communications Commission, regarding their affordable connectivity program for families who lack broadband resources. <https://www.fcc.gov/acp> We encourage families to look into this resource that is provided by the Federal Government.

Winterquist PIE Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy, Sarah and Sheelar. Meeting started at 6:03pm
Approval of Minutes: Approved by Kacy 2nd- Sarah
Treasurer Report:
Annual Report form 2022-23 School year - Approved by Kacy

2nd Sarah

General Fund	May-Aug
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Starting Balance (5/01/2023): \$28,852.97
Deposits (total): \$199.09
Checks (total):(\$415.46)
Interest: \$0.48
Ending Balance (8/31/2023): \$28,637.08
Teacher Requests
Starting Balance: \$2091.32 (form 22-23 school year)
Paid Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: (\$1900.00) (form 22-23 school year)
Total Remaining: \$191.32 (form 22-23 school year)
Food Requests
Starting Balance: \$0.00
Food Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: (\$0.00)
Total Remaining: \$0.00
Approval of 2023-24 Budget:
General Fund- \$5000
Magents, gift cards for child care, classroom parties, popcorn days, door prizes, teacher appreciation week, etc.
Teacher Request- \$7750
Caps on grades/Valleyfair trip
Food Requests- \$250
Teacher Requests:

Jess Uecker - for 2nd grade - Writing Word Journals \$186.89-
Approved by Kacy, 2nd- Sarah
Steve Krueger - for 3rd grade - Scholastic Magazine estimated cost \$600-Approved by Melissa 2nd-NIta
Steve Krueger - for School Forest - Hammock City estimated cost \$500- Motioned to move to general fund up to \$750. Approved by Kacy 2nd- Sarah
Joyce Bergstedt - Gifted & Talented - Knowledge Bowl \$500-
Approved by Vanessa 2nd- Marie
Vessel-Johnosn/Zywicki - Skating in PE estimated cost \$1,390.
Approved by Nita 2nd- Vanessa
New for 2023-24 School Year!
Door prize for attendance at PIE meeting- water bottle and stress ball

Teacher reward has changed to classroom party
Ideas for party/reward- approx \$10/month
Fill the E Fall Fundraiser
\$20,000 goal this year- Teachers will ask children what they think Mr.Harker should have to do if this goal is reached. All sub-
missions will be in by the end of this week, Sept 15, 2023
Sept 29 - Oct 13, 2023. Prizes given out Week of 16th before MEA break
Assembly- Sept 29 to kick off @ 2:15 pm
Help preparing donation packets and prize distribution- looking for volunteers to help with this.

Assembly October 18th or the following week - top (5?) earners get to pie a staff member & give away extra gift cards/prizes (this was done in 2019 and was a hit)!
Conference Meals- Oct 4 and 11
Online meal sign up for parents - Remind people to use crockpot liners. Nita will be helping with this on Sign up Genius. October 4th will be soup and salads. November 11th will be Taco bar. She will send this to the P.I.E group.
Other fundraiser ideas
Popcorn Day - once a month? Kernels are in low supply and hard to find. Also need a popcorn machine and all supplies that goes with it.

Matching donation for online donations - starting in November (we would need 7 businesses to match funds). - tabled for future meeting.
Mc Teacher night - one in November & one in April. Will talk with Marie about dates. 20% of the proceeds from the food and 100% of the proceeds from buying a cookie will go to P.I.E
Clothing sale - online and paper flyer - need school board approval in October.
Winterfest - host a game and/or sell Esko gear
Family Day/Night
Ideas for fun family event or presenter that we host for Elementary students and families
Elementary dance- this could be after “I love to read Month”, or doing a Harvest/ Halloween dance
Family Science Night,

Friday Hat day (charging \$1.00 to wear a hat of choice)
Mum sale in the fall
Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas
Next Meeting: October 2, 2023.
Adjourned at 7:01pm

10-2-23

Thank you to Woodfire Candle Co. for donating the door prize for tonight!

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy, Erin, Sarah and Sheelar
Meeting called to order at 6pm
Treasurer Report: Motioned to approve by Kacy and 2nd by Denise

General Fund	Sept
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Starting Balance (9/01/2023): \$28,937.08
Deposits (total): \$0.00
Checks (total):(\$388.80)
Interest: \$0.12
Ending Balance (9/30/2023): \$28,548.40
Teacher Requests
Starting Balance: \$2091.32 (form 22-23 school year)
Paid Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: (\$1900.00) (form 22-23 school year)
Total Remaining: \$191.32 (form 22-23 school year)
Food Requests
Starting Balance: \$0.00
Food Requests: \$0.00
Unpaid Requests: (\$0.00)
Total Remaining: \$0.00
Teacher Requests:
Brian Wickenheiser - transportation for 6th grade Wolf Ridge \$690.50. Motioned to approve by Nita and 2nd by Sarah
Jill Harden - Xtra Math for 2nd grade \$50. Motioned by Kacy to amend and approve for \$200.00 for all 2nd grade classes. 2nd by Sarah.
Conferences - Oct 4 and 11
Online meal sign up for parents - Remind people to use crockpot liners & sign up. Great response for sign up to help with meals.

Thank you Nita Peterson for setting this up online.
Table at 1 or 2 doors with our brochures
Fill the E Fall Fundraiser - \$20,000 goal
Started this past Friday. - New and revised folder worked great!
Breaking down the amount per child to raise was good feedback from parents.
Assembly October 27th - top earners pie a staff member & give away extra gift cards/prizes!
If we reach our goal Mr. Harker spends a spooky night in the school forest!
Future Dates to Note
McTeacher night - one in November & one in April- Mondays work best
Clothing sale - online and paper order form - Starting Nov 1 - Nov 18(ish). Paper forms will be going out- hoping the response will be better. Looking into smaller sizes for toddlers, ect. To personalize with a name, you must order online. Keep the price affordable.

New Business/Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas
Family Event Ideas - dance party - talk about at November’s meeting. Possible sub committee to coordinate for the family dance.
Science night? Lap pads, Popcorn Fridays, ball cart for recess.
Next Meeting: November 6, 2023
Kacy and Denise motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm.
2nd by Denise.

11/6/23

Thank you to Esko Trails for donating the door prize for tonight!

Board Members in Attendance: Sarah Rogalla and Kacy Jacobs
Approval of Minutes: Motion passed
Heather East motioned to approve
Sarah 2nd
Treasurer Report: Denise, Nita 2nd
General Fund October
Starting Balance (10/01/2023): \$28,548.40
Deposits (total): \$17,286.00
Checks (total):(\$24,615.67)
Interest: \$0.14
Ending Balance (10/31/2023): \$21,218.87
CD Account
Balance (10/31/2023): \$22,600.00

	Budgeted Amount	Amount Remaining for 23-24
Teacher Requests	\$8,000	\$4,640.69
Food Requests	\$300	\$300
General Fund Expenses (Magnets, prizes, Gen Fund req, cc fees)	\$6,000	\$881.16
Teacher and Staff Appreciation	\$500	\$500
Whole school (Requests/Assembly/Family Events)	\$2,000	\$2,000
Unassigned	\$1,000	\$1,000
Classroom Parties (donated by Northstar Services for 2023-2024)	\$250	\$201.06
Total	\$18,050	\$9,522.91

Teacher Requests:
Brenda Thwaites- Occupational Therapy room equipment for \$564.64
Passed with the contingency of asking Duluth Public Schools about the liability of the swings and if there was further information about this. Just checking to make sure there isn’t a liability issue. Nita, 2nd by Sarah (parent)
Ms. Lily, Mr. Harker- Indigenous People’s Day- Mr. Dan used to bring in older equipment to see
\$650 per day for 2 days - paying for one day, from the General Fund
Pay for one day- Denise and 2nd done by Nita- Passed
Fill the E Fall Fundraiser
We raised \$17,737.00!
Feedback from parents and staff:
Want a lower increment prize, possibly the lowest number (this year was \$30, if the whole school participated) giving a chance to anyone that raises that lower number a chance to win a chance prize (dependent on donations received)
Lower the threshold for prizes
Ideas on how to get more families to participate, this year 168 out of 655 students participated (25%)- no further ideas at this time
Conference Meal Follow Up
Nita update- went well
Desserts only option? Teachers appreciate the meals provided and would prefer meals vs. desserts only.
Lap Pads
Follow up from Amanda re: contact with Sewing Club, Kacy sent a message to check in
A quilting club may be able to help- idea from the group at large
November Activities
Apparel fundraiser started
Closes on November 15th
Order online or return the flier with a check
If you want anything personalized, you MUST order online
McTeacher Night on Nov 28th
20% is donated to us of all sales
100% of cookie sales (done by Esko Staff only) is donated to us- CASH ONLY!
Advertising starts soon! Stickers will be sent home on the day of the event for reminders to families
Teachers will sign up to participate- sign up for one hour shifts or stay the whole time!
Hours: 4:00-7:00 PM
New Business/Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas
Suggestions submitted
December Holiday Sing Along Assembly
Is this something the school would be interested in? Taking place during the school day. No charge to students. High School Choir singing carols with the kids?
Next steps- Kacy will email Mr. Harker to see about connecting with the HS Choir director- done.
Ball Bin for recess time
\$250 for the bin
\$250 for balls
Vote to move forward or dismiss
Moved to March agenda
Drinking water at the school
Is this something we can look into for the school? It sounds like this is something the school is aware of and will be looking into, in the near future.
Dance Party
Is there anyone interested in exploring the option and potential budget for this?
Moved to January’s Agenda
Next Meeting: January 8, 2024 in the library at 6 pm *No meeting in December*



Esko Spirit Blankets

are back by popular demand!

Blankets WILL arrive before the holidays with an expected delivery date of Dec 10- Dec 23

\$80

Scan the QR code to reserve your blanket TODAY!

These double-sided blankets are 60" x 80" in size and are sure to keep you warm while cheering on our Esko United players and all other Esko teams through the entire year!

Contact katiesiats@gmail.com with any questions

SIGN UP FOR YOUR BLANKET TODAY!

Help support Esko United Soccer Association! All money raised will go towards funding of indoor space to practice over the winter and spring, as well as helping with costs of tournaments.

2024 YOUTH SUMMER SOFTBALL

Registration dates: February 1st - March 15th

----- NO LATE REGISTRATIONS -----

LEVELS OF PLAY	GAME NIGHTS	FEES
8U	MONDAY	\$85
10U	WEDNESDAY	\$115
12U	TUESDAY	\$125
14U	WEDNESDAY	\$135
16U	MONDAY TUESDAY	\$150
18U	MONDAY TUESDAY	\$155

*U14/U16/18 GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT WHEELER FIELDS **U10 AND U12 GAME NIGHTS ARE DOUBLE HEADERS

REGISTER ONLINE! WWW.ESKO.CE.ELEYO.COM

*****JERSEY INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION*****

Birthdate will determine level of play during registration

Follow us: Esko Youth Softball Association

Questions? Email: eskoyouthsoftballassociation@gmail.com

Congratulations to our Fall Sport Athletes

Girls Soccer

All State 1st Team: Gwen Lilly and Abrianna Madill
All State 2nd Team: Reese Kuklinski
All Tournament Team: Britta Koski
Essentia Senior ALL Star: Gwen Lilly, Abrianna Madill and Jordyn Randa
Lake Superior Soccer Ref Association- Gwen Lilly

Letter winners:
Liberty Clifford, Whitney Hanson, Madeline Hipp, Britta Koski, Brooke Koski, Kenna Lammi, Gianna Madill, Abianna Madill, Kaitlyn McConnell, Hannah Roemer, Jordayn Randa, Jordan Stodola, Abigail Naud, Sophia Naud, Emma Padgett, Maya Steurmer, Celia Preiner, Eilee Straub, Reese Kuklinski, Gwendolyn Lilly, Paiton Plante

Cross Country

Letter winners:
Elliot Zigich, Mason Eng, Joe Cekalla, Ethan Gamache, Alec Halvorson, Braydon McKibbon, Joel Barta, James Cornell, Spencer Hipp, Dalton Spindler, Addison Johnson, Marie Eng, Kellie Renne, Mari Sathre, Leah Borden, Ellynor Barta, Aspen Berg, Macy Hanson, Lizzy Wells
All-Conference: Ellynor Barta and Spencer Hipp

Volleyball

Letter winners: Emerson Harker, Kyra Johnson, Bailey Plante, Hannah Swanson, Chiara Houser, Sydney Kazel, Raegan Grayson, Kiya Marino, Cassie Stark, Maya Johnson

Polar League player of the year- Kyra Johnson

1st team All-conference: Kyra Johnson, Kallie Sinnott and Chiara Houser
2nd team All-conference: Maya Johnson
Academic All-State: Kyra Johnson

Football

District Coach of the Year: Coach Arntson
All Conference/All Section/State Awards:
Bryce Hipp, Cole Sauter, Braedyn Male, Joe Antonutti, Ethan Kilachowski, Isaak Sertich, Makoi Perich
Makoi Perich: Defensive player of the year/All area/DNT player of the year.

Letter winners: Cruize Liimatainen, Makoi Perich, Jacob Randa, Isaak Sertich, Ryan Sturm, Joey Antonutti, Jace Stewart, Braedyn Male, Gino Bertogliat, Ethan Kilichowski, Bryce Hipp, Dylan Marciulionis, Aiden South, Rylee Raymond, Talon Mattson, Aiden Lewis, Damien Iverson, Cole Sauter, Jacion Owens, Sam Haugen, Jackson Peterson, Bobby Thornton, Jack Graddy, Jack Bergstedt, Leo Luense, Nolan Pfister, Max McWilliams, Brock Montminy, Jayden Keppeler, Andrew Waters, Easten Harker, Neil Elsmore, Luke Tester, Brody Lillo, Graham Hartlieb, Ethan Hill, Wyatt Perrault, Trevor Matteen, Jake Hurst, Owen O'Connor, Jayden Ausland, Hewitt Liimatainen, William Karjala, Dominic Androsky, Heath Sunnarborg, Alan (AJ) Skowlund, Jacob Iallonardo, Connor Dallman, Logan Dahlman, Ben Foster, Titas Piepho, Gavin Moderson, August Marline, Levi Butkiewicz, Evan O'Leary, Keola Fontoni, Kaiden High, Preston Genereau, Evan Watsick, Aiden Tingum, Broderick Marsh, Derek Nooyen, Liam Reeves, Joseph Jukich, Ben Schmitz, Ethan Klunenber

Quarter 1 Honor Roll

Bella Abrahamson	Kendra East	Madison Hurst	Abigail McConnell	Hannah Roemer
Will Abrahamson	Garrett East	Maya Johnson	Grace McIlvain	Liana Rust
Emma Adkins	Marie Eng	Declan Johnson	Cierah McKibbon	Naiya Ruuska
Rachel Amireault	Mason Eng	Addison Johnson	Ava McKibbon	Laurnyn Salmela
Adisyn Anderson	Eliana Erspamer	Elise Johnson	Brooklyn McKibbon	Mari Sathre
Simone Anderson	Logan Filipiak	Hunter Johnson	Aidan McWilliams	Bryn Sathre
Santiago Anich	Elise Finc	Jacob Johnson	Maxwell McWilliams	Robert Schilling
Joseph Antonutti	Tyler Finc	Jayce Johnson	Harper Mears	Ariel Schmitz
Joshua Antonutti	Benjamin Foster	Kyra Johnson	Eden Mendez	Hope Schmitz
Hank Backstrom	Max Foster	Jayla Jones	Brayley Merrier	Benjamyn Schramm
Lucye Backstrom	Erik Fowler	Nels Jouppi	Adelynn Michaud	Peyton Selin
Aaron Bailey	Kaelyn Foxx	Aina Jouppi	Aubrey Micken	Isaak Sertich
Ellahna Barnes	Kali Foxx	Joseph Jukich	Ella Miles	Attlei Sheldon
Lourdes Barousse	Kennadi Foxx	Sophia Juntunen	Grace Miles	Deklinn Sheldon
Joel Barta	Millie Frederick	Ahti Kari	Addison Miller	Sophia Sheridan
Ellynor Barta	Finn Furcht	Brandon Kauma	Belle Miller	Ava Sheridan
Lucy Barta	Zander Gabel	Sydney Kazel	Tagan Mock	Araya Shovein
Alena Beare	Ethan Gamache	Jayden Keppeler	Aislynn Mock	Henry Skifstad
Ashlynn Beare	Melanie Gamache	Tallon Kiminski	Abigail Naud	Lucy Skifstad
William Beisang	Owen Genereau	Alex King	Ellie Naud	Samuel Skog
Levi Belland	Ella Gerard	Kamryn Korkala	Sophia Naud	Annabelle Skowlund
Harper Benedix	Aubrey Gerard	Jayce Koskela	Allysa Nelson	Madison Slygh
Jaxon Benedix	Brielle Gerard	Brooke Koski	Blake Nesseth	Aubrey Snaza
Aspen Berg	Kadence Ghann	Britta Koski	Sovay Nick	Aiden South
Cambrie Berger	Samantha Gilbertson	Carson Kronlund	Leah Niven	Vivian Spicer
Wyatt Bergstedt	Taylor Gilbertson	Reese Kuklinski	Matthew Norstrom	Kate Staples
Aviana Bergstrand	Alyssa Gonzalez	Kamryn Kulas	Max Olson	Brielle Stewart
Gino Bertogliat	Elijah Gonzalez	Camden Kurhajetz	Trenton Ondrus	Brooklyn Stewart
Wyatt Blotti	Jack Graddy	Kennedy Kurhajetz	Andrew Osborne	Jace Stewart
Emmeline Bohlman	Raegan Grayson	Samantha LaGraves	Jacion Owens	Jordan Stodola
Genevieve Bohlman	Macie Greiner	Kennadie Lammi	John Pagelkopf	Tanner Stokes
Leah Borden	Ella Grell	Logan Lanthier	Samuel Panger	Eilee Straub
Nickolas Borden	Liberty Grimm	Amber Lattner	Adelyn Parrott	Maya Stuermer
Isabella Bowman	Elizabeth Haapanen	Carley Lawry	Connor Pearce	Ryan Sturm
Marisa Brabec	Tuula Hallsten	Trevor Leach	Aubrey Pearce	Declan Sullivan
Ahna Brekke	Jamis Halverson	Keira Leach	Makoi Perich	Annabelle Sunnarborg
Tyler Campanario	Alec Halvorson	Evelyn LeBlanc	Harlow Perlinger	Hannah Swanson
Braeden Caple	Samuel Hammond	Thurston Lick	Ainslie Perlinger	Jayden Symiczek
Merik Carey	Alyssa Hansen	Hewitt Liimatainen	Johanna Peterson	Luke Tester
Priya Carey	Sharla Hansen	Amara Liljegren	Jackson Peterson	Isaac Tester
Lucky Carlson	Hailey Hansen	Aleah Lindgren	Erin Pettyjohn	Kenley Theisen
Charlie Carlson	Lilee Hanson	Cole Luense	Nolan Pfister	Kaija Thompson
Joseph Cekalla	Levi Hanson	Leo Luense	Vincent Pianalto	Abram Thwaits
Samuel Cheslak	Macy Hanson	Drew Madill	Titus Piepho	Nolan Thwaits
Ayden Chopskie	Whitney Hanson	Gianna Madill	Emma Piirainen	Kaylee Tipple
Brynn Christensen	Easton Harker	Joelle Majerle	Drew Piontek	Meghan Wagner
Maria Ciotti	Eagan Harker	Braxdyn Male	Bailey Plante	Chase Walz
Aoife Cook	Emerson Harker	Dylan Marciulionis	Paiton Plante	Henry Warden
Paul Cornell	Samuel Haugen	Kiya Marino	Witten Powers	Amelia Warden
Micheal Couture	Stella Haugen	Ava Marline	McKenna Powers	Violet Warden
Logan Dahlman	Arabelle Hawkinson	August Marline	Mallorie Prouty	Evan Watsick
Hunter Dallager	Nolan Hendrickson	Audrey Marsh	Nora Pulford	Matthew Wiermaa
Ethan Dallager	Michael Henney	Avery Martineau	Ethan Putzke	Nicole Wietman
Adam Dallmann	Braden Herman	Solomon Marxhausen	Levi Raisanen	Kaden Willis
Abrina Dammann	Lillian Hester	Harper Marxhausen	Jordyn Randa	Derrek Wirtanen
Ava Daveau	Kaiden High	Andrew Mattinen	Jacob Randa	Isaac Wisted
Rylee Demers	Gabriella Hilinski	Thomas Mattonen	Ainsley Rauner	Shelby Zahn
Daniel Dewey	Bryce Hipp	Cruz Mattonen	Hannah Rautell	Elliot Zigich
Colton Dewey	Madeline Hipp	Easton Mattson	James Rautell	Lliam Zimny
Autumn Doble	Sawyer Hipp	Solveig Mattson	Sophia Reeves	Ava Zywicki
Gabriel Dusek	Evangelena Hobbs	Kaitlyn McConnell	Piper Rice	Owen Zywicki
Michael Dusek	Bella Huffman	Logan McConnell	Hunter Roemer	

Quarter 1 Merit Roll

Anderson Luna	Hart Chloe	Parker Ashelyn
Anderson Cale	Hart Cecilia	Parrott Ashton
Anderson Ava	Hartlieb Graham	Pederson Milo
Androsky Dominic	Hawkinson Madilyn	Pederson Ava
Arevalo Jack	Hawkinson Molly	Pehl Carson
Ash Nicholas	Haydon SandraJean	Perez Avani
Ausland Jayden	Henagin Rylan	Perfetti Donovan
Ausland Mallory	Hendrickson Briley	Perrault Wyatt
Bailey Emmett	Hill Leland	Peterson Margaret
Barousse Therese	Hill Gabrielle	Peterson Evelyn
Bednar Josef	Hipp Spencer	Prachar Dawson
Behrendt Blake	Houser Chiara	Prachar Dylan
Berger Cairin	Hurst Robert	Preiner Celia
Berger Cadence	Illikainen Grace	Putzke Dylan
Berglund Adalyn	Illikainen Isaac	Radovich Lauren
Bergstedt-Bloss Maiya	Johnson Jayce	Raymond Rylee
Besonen Elin	Johnson Ilee	Reeves Liam
Breed Emma	Johnson Jocelyn	Regas Emelia
Brissett Rowan	Johnson Jaster	Renne Kellie
Bucsko Addison	Kachinske Nora	Ritchie Baizlee
Byrnes London	Karjala William	Rosace Sara
Campanario Alli	Karjala Mikko	Salmi Londynn
Cawcutt Owen	Kayser Madek	Samec William
Clifford Liberty	Kemp Alexandra	Sathre Elsa
Clow Avah	Kern Aubree	Sauter Kira
Coleman Keaira	Klingelhofer Maija	Savage Ava
Cooper Joseph	Klingelhofer Lexi	Savage Adaline
Cornell David	Kluenenberg Ethan	Sawyer Aiden
Cornell James	Kluenenberg Natalie	Schmitz Benjamin
Crotteau Braelyn	Kluenenberg Caitlin	Schmitz Annastasia
Dallmann Connor	Kulas Aubrey	Schoepflin Bridget
Dammann Aria	Langhorst Charlie	Selin Tucker
David Romane	Larsen David	Seymour Millie
DeBondt Kennadi	Lawry Amber	Shannon Grace
Dee Irelynn	Liimatainen Cruize	Sheridan Iris
Dinda Brody	Lillo Brody	Sielaff Addison
Durovec Rilee	Lilly Gwendolyn	Sinnott Kallahan
Egge Jaela	Lindgren Ethan	Skowlund Alan
Eickhoff Olivia	Malzac Raven	Soukkala Jaiden
Elsmore Neil	Marino Ariya	Spindler Dalton
Engen Anabelle	Marsh Broderick	Stark Cassie
Erickson Finnley	Mattson Talon	Storck Jonah
Erickson Tait	McKibbon Braydon	Stuermer Neela
Federico Theodore	Metcalf Eli	Sullivan Conor
Fontaine Paige	Michaud Oliver	Sundquist Embry
Fontaine Claire	Moderson Gavin	Swanson Clara
Frederick Ezra	Montminy Brock	Sweere Bryce
Furcht Philip	Mrozik Trevor	Taivaloja Tenley
Gamache Hailey	Muchow Finn	Tingum Aiden
Gamache Logan	Munthe Sofia	True Aiden
Gerard Brennan	Nagorski Laila	Vang Xai
Glendenning Haley	Nelson Alivia	Vigliaturo Catrina
Hacker Wyatt	Nelson Alexander	vonGillern Teagan
Hacker Emily	Nikunen Kenleigh	Walz Jayden
Hakala Jack	Nooyen Derek	Weaver Ian
Halverson Weston	Nyakundi Adrian	Weber Wyatt
Halvorson Annika	OConnor Owen	Wells Elizabeth
Halvorson Vivian	O'Leary Evan	Whiting Layla
Haney Arlyne	Osvold Carter	Williams Payten
Hanson Paige	Oveson Altyn	Zimmer Izaac
Harden Greta	Panger Sophia	
Harman Noah	Parask Landen	

From Our School Board

Clerk’s Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rob Johnson, and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Absent: Leona Johnson.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023, regular School Board meeting.
 - Checks.
 - Personnel.
 - Michelle Foshay, NLSEC Special Education Coordinator, additional 10 workdays added to the 2023/2024 regular teacher contract days.
 - Treasurer’s Report.
 - June 2023.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99 ESKO, MINNESOTA TREASURER'S CASH REPORT Month Ending June 30 2023						
Date of Report: 7/24/2023						
FUND	BALANCE 6/30/2023	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL (541,832.56)	SUNDRY JOURNAL (708,472.17)	BALANCE 6/30/2023
01 General	6,593,802.89	1,109,886.25	(533,411.16)			5,923,153.25
02 Food Service	460,407.12	38,055.87	(41,824.73)	(10,000.41)	(7,059.55)	458,889.00
03 Transportation	(123,344.84)	229.37	(28,470.65)	(19,094.60)	707,868.70	539,217.68
04 Community Service	427,609.92	49,815.75	(17,353.88)	(23,594.44)	(4,775.59)	431,801.78
05 Capital Expenditure	(132,478.98)	0.00	(1,550.43)	0.00	0.00	(134,030.39)
06 Building Construction	51,892.51	0.00	(1,087.09)	0.00	248.44	50,843.86
07 Debt Service	(85,661.99)	146,514.35	(1,975.00)	0.00	0.00	57,877.36
11 Student Activity	81,452.93	4,158.20	(12,665.69)	0.00	5,704.59	78,749.03
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	7,295,768.58	1,348,437.59	(835,308.61)	(594,931.31)	(6,465.68)	7,408,500.57

45 OPEB Trust	1,038,905.03	3,545.71	(5,528.94)	0.00	(1,874.42)	1,036,047.38
TOTAL District Cash	8,335,673.61	1,351,983.30	(641,837.55)	(594,931.31)	(8,340.10)	8,442,547.95
BANKS AMOUNT						
National Bank of Commerce 182,954.27						
Other Banks (CD's & M/N Trust) 7,226,166.37						
OPEB Trust 1,054,015.31						
TOTAL OF BANK BAL. 8,442,547.95						
This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.						

Electronic Transfer Report					
June					
Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount		
09/29/23	PMA Trust Fund	National Bank of Commerce	\$300,000.00		
Payrolls					
June					
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
08/15/23	regular	109278-109308	\$8,899.92	\$253,782.41	\$258,690.09
08/30/23	Regular	109307-109325	\$9,839.13	\$252,018.07	\$524,394.02

- Fundraiser Request.
 - Cheerleaders – conduct a cheer clinic for elementary students and perform at half time of the September 22, 2023, football game.

Presentation: Perkins Funds

Leah Bott and Jill Murray were present and reported on Career and Education funds and course offerings supported by Perkins funds.

Discussion/Action: Fitness Center Project

Progress Report: Contractor is working on footings and dirt work. Abandoned storm water pipes were found which added on costs.

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the extension of the firewall and install new doors at a cost of \$36,584.36. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Flooring for the Fitness Center Project

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve flooring for the Fitness Center Project from Dynamic Fitness and Strength at a cost of \$28,920.35. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve 2023/2024 Fall Coaching

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the 2023/2024 fall coaching list pending return of clear background checks. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Set iPad Insurance Rate

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to set

the iPad insurance rate at \$23.00 per machine for students in grades 3rd – 12th. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Handbooks for 2023/2024

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the 2023/2024 High School Student Handbook, Winterquist Elementary Student Handbook, Staff Handbook and Paraprofessional Handbook. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Milk and Bread Provider for 2023/2024

Move by Steve McConnell, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve Kemps as the milk provider and Pan-O-Gold as the bread provided for 2023/2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Transportation Fuel Provider for 2023/2024

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve Como Oil and Propane as the fuel provider for 2023/2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Snow Removal Provider for 2023/2024

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve NUW Transport as the snow removal provider for 2023/2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Extra Curricular Faculty Assignments for 2023/2024

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve extra-curricular faculty assignments for 2023/2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Annual Review of Policy 807 Health and Safety

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the annual review of Policy 807 Health and Safety. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Air Conditioning Unit for the High School Office

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Todd Rengo to approve an air conditioning unit for the high school office at a cost not to exceed \$16,900.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Contract with Superintendent Fischer from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve a contract with Superintendent Fischer from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letters of Resignation from the Following

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnel to accept letters of resignation from the following.

Jillian McCullough, Cool Kids Program Assistant, effective August 23, 2023.

Rachel Pantsar, Cool Kids Program Assistant, effective August 23, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Hires

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the following hires:

Lisa Lillie, Elementary Teacher, at an MA15 Step 4 beginning the 2023/2024 school year, clear background check on file.

Cami Martin in Food Service for 4 hours per week at \$17.67 per hour beginning the 2023/2024 school year, clear background check on file.

Marc Magnuson, Paraprofessional, for 6.75 hours per day at \$19.08 per hour beginning the 2023/2024 school year, clear background check on file.

Dale LaBorde, Housekeeping, for 4 hours per day at \$16.46 per hour beginning September 5, 2023, clear background check on file.

Lillian Hester, Student Cool Kids Program Assistant, for approximately 12.5 hours per week at \$13.66 per hour beginning August 15, 2023.

Emily Martin Thompson, NLSEC Special Education Coordinator, at MA Step 7 with an extended 10 days added to the regular teacher contract days, beginning the 2023/2024 school year, pending return of a clear background check.

Aviana Bergstrand, Student Cool Kids Program Assis-

tant, for 5 to 15 hours per week at \$13.66 per hour, effective August 15, 2023.

Shawn Yardley, Paraprofessional, for 6.75 hours per day at \$19.08 per hour beginning the 2023/2024 school year, pending return of a clear background check.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals’ Reports:
Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Student Handbook updated
- Kinder Camp started today
- Back in the office to get the year started
- High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:
 - First day of school Fall activities
 - Hand out summary of changes to the Handbook
 - Hall of Fame Induction

Board Committee Reports:

Jerry Frederick: Town Board Meeting
Margaret Sunnarborg: Town Board Meeting, Community Education Meeting, Esko Community Alliance
Todd Rengo: Certified Negotiations
Steve McConnell: Certified Negotiations

Superintendent’s Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:
Mr. Fischer reported on the following:
Policy Committee and Facility Committee will be meeting in the near future
Possible working session in September
Training for Paraprofessionals prior to school starting
Thank you to Michele Carlson and the Esko Fun Days Committee
Solar Project will begin shortly
Parking lot/Abatement is postponed until Spring of 2024 due to our parking situation
Streaming cameras are set up in the gym

Congratulations and Commendations

Thank you and Congratulations to the following:
Michele Carlson and Margaret Sunnarborg for a successful Esko Fun Days
Randy Nyholm for the Burkholder Race
Everyone involved with getting the Handbooks updated

Open Forum

A Town Board member updated on the following:
Esko Fun Days dance went well at Northridge Park
Essentia Health broke ground at the Industrial Park

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Todd Rengo to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
Steve McConnell
Clerk

Clerk’s Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rob Johnson, Leona Johnson and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

From Our School Board

- Approval of Consent Agenda Items**
Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023, regular School Board meeting.
 - Checks.
- | Date | Check #s | Total |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
| 8/17/23 | 109103-109159 | \$939,377.87 |
| 8/22/23 | Void 109092 | (\$359.12) |
| 8/30/23 | 109160-109207 | \$82,746.40 |
- Personnel.
 - o Fall coaching additions – Cheryl Hindermann, Volleyball C Team Coach, clear background check on file. Lainey Benson, Soccer Volunteer and Tyson Owens, Football Volunteer, pending return of clear background checks.
 - o Yvette VanDerBosch – increase in hours from 6.75 hours per day to 7 hours per day.
 - o Change of Senior High Student Council Advisor from Deb DeArmond at .02 to Jeremy Weaver at .01 and Orianna Scherer at .01.
 - o Petition for Salary Lane Change from BA15 to BA 30 from Orianna Scherer Semester I FY24.
 - o Petition for Salary Lane Change from MA15 to MA30 from Laura Zimny Semester I FY24.
 - Grants.
 - o Minnesota Energy Resources Foundation Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Discovery Preschool Program’s butterfly garden.
 - o Northland Foundation Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for ECFE.
 - Donations.
 - o Minnesota Power Foundation in the amount of \$400.00 for Cool Kids.
 - o Esko PIE in the amount of \$500.00 for LEGO Robotics.
 - Fundraising Requests.
 - o All Night Grad Party – B&B will donate their grill trailer for a barbeque during the week of homecoming.
 - o All Night Grad Party – Gift Card Fundraiser in November and early December.
 - o All Night Grad Party – Food Booth at Grandview Golf Course during a tournament - date to be determined.
 - o All Night Grad Party – Cloquet Dairy Queen will donate a portion of its profits during a designated night – date to be determined.
 - o All Night Grad Party – We Fund 4 You – phone calls and emails asking for donations – dates to be determined.
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- o All Night Grad Party – Hacky Sack Toss at football and basketball games.
 - o Cheerleaders – Offer an afternoon of inexpensive activities for all K-6 students on the early release days of conferences, October 4th and October 11th.
 - o Esko Soccer Booster Club – Selling Esko scarves online and at sporting events.
 - o Esko Soccer Booster Club – Print a supplemental program with team photos and sponsors highlighted to be handed out at home games.

Discussion/Action: Fitness Center Items

Superintendent Fischer provided updates and minor changes to the fitness center plan. A few questions were addressed.

Set Truth-in-Taxation Meeting for Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to set the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting for Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. during the Board Meeting Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Proposed Levy 2023 Payable 2024 at the Maximum

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the proposed Levy 2023 payable 2024 at the maximum. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2023/2024 – 2024/2025 Master Agreement between ISD No. 99 and Esko Education Association

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the 2023/2024 – 2024/2025 Master Agreement between ISD No. 99 and Esko Education Association. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2023/2024 Community Education Youth Development Plan

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve the 2023/2024 Community Education Youth Development Plan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Adding Girls Lacrosse School Activities Co-op Sponsorship Agreement

Move by Rob Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve adding Girls Lacrosse School Activities Co-op Sponsorship Agreement to pair with Hermantown, Proctor, Carlton and Cloquet school districts. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Adding Boys Lacrosse School Activities Co-op Sponsorship Agreement

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve adding Boys Lacrosse School Activities Co-op Sponsorship Agreement to pair with Cloquet and Carlton school districts. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Esko Youth Baseball Association Proposal to Develop a Multi-Use Infield for Baseball

This proposal would remove the grass in the infield to open it up for softball, little league, and intermediate baseball to use. Work would start Fall of 2023 and will be paid for by community advocates and certified contractors.

Moved by Rob Johnson, second by Leona Johnson to approve the Esko Youth Baseball Association’s proposal to develop a multi-use infield for baseball. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Hires effective September 12, 2023

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the following hires effective September 12, 2023:

Petra Bednar, Paraprofessional, at \$19.08 per hour for 6.75 hours per day, clear background check on file.

Melanie Pliml, School Readiness/ECFE Coordinator and Early Childhood Teacher, for 32 hours per week for 40 weeks per year at \$31.50 per hour, clear background check on file.

Alice Salo, Food Service, at \$17.67 per hour for 2.5 hours per day, clear background check on file.

Melissa Wehrman, Paraprofessional, at \$19.08 per hour for 25 hours per week, clear background check on file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from John McGregor, Two Trip Bus Driver, effective September 8, 2023

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jerry Frederick to accept a letter of resignation from John McGregor, two trip bus driver, effective September 8, 2023, with permission to post the position. Motion carried by unanimous vote,

Administrative Reports:

Principals’ Reports:
Elementary School: Mr. Harker was not in attendance.
High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:
School year is off to a great start
High School has 4 sections of grades 7-12 for the first time

Teacher Assistants in the elementary classrooms are a very positive experience for all

Excellent experience with new NLSEC administration
Board Committee Reports:

Jerry Frederick: Work Session., Facilities
Margaret Sunnarborg: Work Session, Township Meeting
Todd Rengo: Certified Negotiations, Work Session, ESA Golf Tournament
Steve McConnell: Facilities, Work Session
Rob Johnson: Work Session
Leona Johnson: Work Session, Certified Negotiations

Superintendent’s Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:
Mr. Fischer reported on the following:
Solar Project starting this week
NLSEC Level IV programming update
Northern Lights Academy
Esko is able to access this program as a part of the Co-op
Cost effective

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk

Clerk’s Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held a special board meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rob Johnson, Leona Johnson and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Member absent: Steve McConnell.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to ap-

prove the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Diane Ranua, Housekeeper, for 4 hours per day at \$16.46 per hour

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the hire of Diane Ranua as a Housekeeper for 4 hours per day at \$16.46 per hour, clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Purchase of New Uniforms

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the purchase of new uniforms at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to adjourn at 4:33 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk

Clerk’s Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Jerry Frederick, Todd Rengo, Steve McConnell, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rob Johnson, Leona Johnson and Superintendent Aaron Fischer.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Approval of Consent Agenda Items**
Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, regular School Board meeting.
 - Approve the minutes of the September 25, 2023, Special School Board meeting.
 - Checks.
- | Date | Check #s | Total |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
| 9/18/23 | 109208-109308 | \$334,565.65 |
| 9/27/23 | Void 109194 | (\$257.02) |
| 10/3/23 | 109309-109408 | \$187,573.33 |
| 10/3/23 | Void 109271 | (\$148.00) |
| 10/4/23 | Void 109334 | (\$6,419.69) |
- Personnel.
 - o Petition from Delecon
 - o Petition from MA15 to MA30 from Kristine Baird Semester I FY24.
 - o Change in position for Hayden Kemp from Cool Kids Program Assistant to Stepping Stones Classroom Assistant.
 - o Parental Leave Request from Rachel Kubat.
 - o Fall Coaching change – Macey Rudolph from a Football volunteer coach to a paid C Team coach and Matt Pfister from a Football paid C Team coach to volunteer coach.
 - Grant.
 - o Northland Foundation Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the School Readiness Program.
 - Donations.
 - o Sheila Juntunen in the amount of \$100.00 for Robotics.
 - o Duluth Huskies Baseball in the amount of \$88.10 for Robotics.
 - o B&D Total Temp in the amount of \$250.00 for the Fishing Team.
 - Fundraising Requests.
 - o Esko Music Boosters – Sell band apparel without the “Eskomo” logo.
 - o Esko Music Boosters – Sell choir apparel.
 - o National Honor Society – Sell pre-packaged popcorn.
 - o Esko School Forest – Sell engraved leather chopper mittens.
 - o Esko PIE – Sell Esko apparel.
 - o Esko PIE – McTeacher Night at the Cloquet McDonald’s location – 20% of sales and 100% of cookie sales donated to the Esko PIE Organization.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99						
ESKO, MINNESOTA						
TREASURER'S CASH REPORT						
Month Ending July 31 2023						
Date of Report: 9/22/2023						
FUND	BALANCE 9/30/2023	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 7/31/2023
01 General	4,835,567.17	394,282.63	(595,359.75)	(498,038.01)	(153.66)	4,186,288.38
02 Food Service	474,459.30	5,931.48	(15,533.22)	(7,978.87)	0.00	456,877.87
03 Transportation	583,882.21	0.00	(17,640.50)	(14,189.85)	0.00	551,751.77
04 Community Service	462,469.86	37,226.45	(24,337.97)	(18,309.23)	0.00	477,077.11
05 Capital Expenditure	460,870.85	0.00	(105,354.31)	0.00	0.00	355,516.54
06 Building Construction	2,163,411.81	0.00	(5,268.58)	0.00	8,520.80	2,166,633.83
07 Debt Service	484,495.55	53,191.29	(15,250.00)	0.00	0.00	502,406.85
11 Student Activity	78,061.46	1,211.11	(3,180.00)	0.00	0.00	76,102.57
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	9,572,966.02	491,821.94	(782,234.42)	(506,515.78)	8,367.14	8,784,434.92
45 OPEB Trust	1,042,226.60	4,514.93	(5,528.94)	0.00	227.69	1,041,440.28
TOTAL District Cash	10,615,222.82	496,336.87	(787,763.36)	(506,515.78)	8,594.83	9,825,875.20
					BANKS	AMOUNT
					National Bank of Commerce	277,872.04
					Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	8,493,867.94
					OPEB Trust	1,064,243.00
					TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	9,825,972.98
This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.						

From Our School Board/Around Town

Electronic Transfer Report July						
Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into			Amount	
07/13/23	PMA Trust Fund	National Bank of Commerce			\$700,000.00	
07/19/23	PMA Trust Fund	National Bank of Commerce			\$100,000.00	
Payrolls July						
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total	
07/15/23	regular	109338-109347	\$5,476.40	\$217,104.15	\$265,583.71	\$488,144.26
07/31/23	Regular	109348-124000	\$1,894.00	\$207,108.16	\$239,575.17	\$448,577.33

o August 2023.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending August 31, 2023

Date of Report:	10/1/2023					
	BALANCE	CASH	CASH		SUNDRY	BALANCE

FUND	7/31/2023	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	JOURNAL	8/31/2023
01 General	4,187,718.03	1,883,113.81	(1,056,968.37)	(450,825.42)	(35.45)	4,542,072.40
02 Food Service	458,877.87	0.00	(7,814.75)	(7,971.17)	0.00	441,281.95
03 Transportation	551,751.77	0.00	(11,395.63)	(12,887.43)	1,181.99	528,650.70
04 Community Service	477,077.11	72,062.58	(14,508.45)	(21,079.85)	13,818.01	527,261.38
05 Capital Expenditure	355,316.54	3,000.00	(112,840.38)	0.00	0.00	245,476.16
06 Building Construction	2,187,282.41	0.00	(287,199.27)	0.00	9,001.73	1,909,084.87
07 Debt Service	502,408.85	81,123.85	(1,100.00)	0.00	0.00	582,430.71
11 Student Activity	78,102.57	1,078.00	(3,017.93)	0.00	0.00	74,162.64
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	8,784,533.15	2,020,388.03	(1,504,968.78)	(492,733.87)	23,959.28	8,831,494.81
45 OPEB Trust	1,041,440.28	14,033.21	(3,389.35)	0.00	(9,318.77)	1,042,765.37
TOTAL District Cash	9,825,973.43	2,034,401.24	(1,508,058.13)	(492,733.87)	14,647.51	9,874,233.18

BANK'S	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	193,147.39
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	8,646,181.56
OPEB Trust	1,044,624.23
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	9,874,233.18

This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.

Electronic Transfer Report						
August						
Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount			
08/03/23	PMA/MN Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$150,000.00			
08/08/23	PMA/MN Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$350,000.00			
08/17/23	PMA/MN Trust	National Bank of Commerce	\$1,000,000.00			
Payrolls						
August						
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total	
08/15/23	Regular	1009332-109334/124000-124008	\$3,494.28	\$214,085.72	\$242,893.31	\$480,473.29
08/31/23	Regular	109335-109337/124000-124012	\$2,092.22	\$219,719.51	\$245,736.79	\$487,548.52

o September 2023.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99

ESKO, MINNESOTA

TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending September 30, 2023

Date of Report:	10/8/2023					
	BALANCE	CASH	CASH	SUNDRY	BALANCE	
	FUND	8/31/2023	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	JOURNAL
01 General	4,542,072.40	1,030,273.86	(503,638.82)	(638,699.21)	19,384.14	4,453,924.37
02 Food Service	441,281.95	9,938.07	(20,126.29)	(11,890.12)	287.24	419,528.85
03 Transportation	528,650.70	250.00	(17,474.52)	(17,647.99)	(119.49)	493,688.70
04 Community Service	527,381.38	85,092.99	(16,892.79)	(25,859.28)	(2,775.87)	547,999.58

05 Capital Expenditure	245,476.16	0.00	(12,648.85)	0.00	0.00	232,827.31
06 Building Construction	1,909,084.87	0.00	(47,198.91)	0.00	0.00	1,861,885.96
07 Debt Service	582,430.71	81,818.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	624,049.41
11 Student Activity	74,162.64	3,870.00	(3,236.58)	0.00	3,352.50	77,049.56
18 Custodial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	8,831,494.81	1,170,811.63	(620,502.56)	(691,093.58)	20,128.72	8,710,838.92
45 OPEB Trust	1,042,765.37	2,372.34	(3,389.35)	0.00	191.65	1,041,649.21
TOTAL District Cash	9,874,233.18	1,173,183.87	(623,888.91)	(691,093.58)	20,320.37	9,752,785.13

BANK'S	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	225,815.00
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	8,904,967.82
OPEB Trust	1,052,800.12
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	9,183,672.94

This report reflects CASH balances of the district, NOT fund balances.

Electronic Transfer Report						
September						
Date	Account Transferred From		Account Transferred Into		Amount	
09/13/23	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce		\$500,000.00	
09/19/23	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce		\$250,000.00	
09/28/23	PMA/MN Trust		National Bank of Commerce		\$200,000.00	
Payrolls						
September						
Date	Payroll Type	Check's	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total	
09/15/23	regular	1024013-1024021	\$5,409.22	\$239,995.79	\$421,205.54	\$687,511.55
09/30/23	Regular	1024022-1024029	\$2,391.18	\$239,082.55	\$253,280.17	\$494,793.00

Retention Schedule.

Approve the adoption of the School District General Records Retention Schedule from the Minnesota Historical Society.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Items removed from Consent Agenda for Individual Action/Consideration

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Rob Johnson to approve a change in hours for Diane Ranua in Housekeeping from 4 hours per day to 8 hours per day, effective October 16, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion/Action: Fitness Center Items

Superintendent Fischer provided updates on the progress of the Fitness Center Project. A few questions were addressed.

Approve Out of State Travel for the Robotics Team

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Todd Rengo to approve out of state travel for the Robotics Team. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Minnesota State High School League Form A Resolution

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the Minnesota State High School League Form A Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Superintendent Fischer as EDIAM (IOwA) for Esko Public Schools

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Rob Johnson to approve Superintendent Fischer as EDIAM (IOwA) for Esko Public Schools. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Following Policies

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the following policies with changes to Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity and to remove Policy 617 School District Ensurance of Standards for further discussion:

102 Equal Educational Opportunity

418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School

424 License Status

425 Staff Development

506 Student Discipline

507 Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint

509 Enrollment of Nonresident Status

514 Bullying Prohibition

516.5 Overdose Medication

532 Use of Peace Officer and Crisis Teams

601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals

602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day

616 School District System Accountability

618 Assessment of Student Achievement

620 Credit for Learning

621 Literacy and the READ Act

624 Online Instruction

709 Student Transportation Safety

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept Letter of Resignation from Mikalie Maunu, Community Education Program Assistant, effective October 6, 2023

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to accept a letter of resignation from Mikalie Maunu, Community Education Program Assistant, effective October 6, 2023, with permission to post the position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Naomi Nyberg as a Two Trip Bus Driver

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the hire of Naomi Nyberg as a two trip bus driver for 3 hours per day at \$27.37 per hour, clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

Conferences started last week

Walk and Bike to School Day was a success

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

Indigenous Day recognition

New science curriculum is in place and going well

Conferences started last week

Homecoming week went well. The cheerleaders planned the events.

Cross Country ran the game ball to the field

National Honor Society induction ceremony. Kelly Lake was the guest speaker.

Playoffs have started

Board Committee Reports:

Jerry Frederick: Non-certified negotiations, worked on sign, Community Education

Margaret Sunnarborg: Non-certified negotiations

Rob Johnson: Non-certified negotiations, Policy Committee, Phase 3 MSBA

Leona Johnson: Community Education

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

Mr. Fischer reported on the following:

Solar Project completed

Updates on the Fitness Center Project

Details from the Superintendents Conference

Congratulations and Commendations

Cheer Advisors, Kari Knutson and Joyce Bergstedt, for a wonderful homecoming week.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell

Clerk

Town Board Minutes

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JULY 6, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Absent: David Sunnarborg

Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Joe Jurewicz

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Hill. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve pay application # 1 from Ulland Brothers in the amount of \$ 139,914.10. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 329,442.17 (Check #'s 48636-48680) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 10,359.79. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Notification was received from Minnesota Department of Management and Budget that the Town is in compliance with the Local Government Pay Equity Act.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to approve the Computer Use Policy as presented. Motion carried. Acknowledgement of this policy must be signed by all employees and Board members.

Stephanie Kantola and Chris Anton from Esko Hockey were present to discuss a location for the upcoming street dance being held during Esko Fun Days. After discussion it was decided that Northridge Park would be the best place to hold the dance. They plan on having food trucks in an area separate from where alcohol is being served.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to waive ordinance # 28 and allow alcohol to be sold at Northridge Park for the street dance on Saturday, August 5th, 2023. Motion carried.

One estimate was received for work to be done at Northridge Park. A second estimate will be obtained.

A second electronic sign quote was received. Discussion was held on location and service after installation. This was tabled.

Two quotes were received for dust control. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to award the 2023 dust control to Jake's Companies in the amount of \$ 1.30 per gallon. Motion carried.

Notification was received from WLSSD regarding the Town's 2022-23 annual inflow/infiltration and F.O.G. report. A score of 9 was received which means the Town is in compliance.

A work session is scheduled for Monday, July 31 at 9:00 a.m.

Pykkonen provided a list of people interested in being a member of the park board. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to appoint the following residents to the park board: Jerry Moran (Chair), , Cassie Janke (Secretary/Vice Chair), Brande Seguin, Amna Hanson, Irene Rudnicki, Andrew Pykkonen, Katie Pease

(alternate Secretary/Vice Chair), Logan Saline (alternate). Motion carried. Michele Carlson, Leah Pykkonen, and Bill

Around Town

Gerard will be non-voting members of the Board.

The park board by-laws will be reviewed for the next Town Board meeting.

Jurewicz updated the Board on the E. Riverside/Serenity Road paving project. Stormwater pond inspections are being done. The stormwater culvert on Maple Drive has been televised.

Gerard has been planting the seedlings he received from the DNR.

Compo reported that the ladder portion of the ladder truck is no longer working. The truck can still be used for blocking traffic and for carrying equipment. Future discussions will need to be held on replacing it.

Soccer will be providing a list of dates that they would like to use Northridge Park.

At 5:52 a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to close the meeting to discuss progress being made on the sale of real estate. Motion carried.

At 5:58 a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to reopen the meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the cancellation of the purchase agreement. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:00 p.m. by Hill with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

JULY 20, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Dave Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, Dave Pritchett
Absent: Terry Hill, Tony Compo
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Joe Jurewicz, Kyle Gustafson, Casey Rennquist
Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Janke. Motion Carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount \$ 53,837.92 (Check #'s 48681-48722, void 48685, 48689) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 9,113.55. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion Carried.

June receipts in the amount of \$ 59,480.00 and June fund balances were reviewed.

The bylaws for the Park Board were reviewed. Janke requested changes be made to the section explaining appointment of officers.

Janke gave a thank you to Kathy and Olli Rahkola for the work they've done in the community garden.

School Board member Maggie Sunnarborg reported that the school broke ground on the new fitness center.

Pykkonen continues to work with the new software implementation.

Deputy Casey Rennquist gave his report for June. There were 119 calls for services. He responded to 56 of those calls.

Jurewicz reported that Northridge Park parking lot has been paved. It was witnessed that

people were driving into the park on the pedestrian walking path. Barrels have been put up until a permanent solution is installed. It will be striped in the next week. The pedestrian crossing sign and crosswalk should be installed by the end of the month.

The DNR permit has been approved for the replacing of a culvert on Marks Road by the Midway River. Three quotes will be obtained for that work.

The Fire Department is preparing for National Night Out and Esko Fun Days. Gustafson will be having "no parking" signs be posted at the Fire Hall. With limited parking at the school this has now become an issue. He'd also like to have "No Parking" painted on the blacktop. Jurewicz will follow up with the contractor that did the sealcoating.

Gerard has been working in the park preparing for Esko Fun Days.

The mold issue in the garage at the Town Hall is being taken care of. One quote was received for gutters on the garage. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard to approve the quote in the amount of \$ 750.00 from North Country Gutters. Motion carried.

Sunnarborg has also been spraying weeds at the Town Hall. He'll then spray by the Town signs and along the parade route.

Sunnarborg attended a CAFD meeting. They are changing to a new billing company which will enable them to have better breakdowns of ambulance billing and revenues.

Gerard pointed out that Commissioner Marv Bodie has been mowing along the Canosia Road trail.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:25 p.m. by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

AUGUST 3, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, David Sunnborg, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Joe Jurewicz, Josh Evans
Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Hill. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve pay application # 1 from Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$ 52,677.50. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 189,561.90 (Check #'s 48723-48769, Void 48740, 48758) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 9,933.39. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Cloquet Area Fire District regarding their 2024 budget and tax levy.

Discussion was held on purchasing an electronic sign to be installed at the Town Hall. The discussion included an alternate site such as

Northridge Park or at the school to be shared with the school, type of cabinet, cellular service, and whether to get another quote or not.

Discussion was held on list prices for the two remaining lots in the business park. Stangle researched the price per square foot that commercial properties in the area are listed at. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to increase the list price of the two remaining lots to \$ 4.00 per square foot. Motion carried with 4 ayes and Hill voting nay.

Discussion was held on digitizing Town records. Peleski is looking for companies that provide this service and will report at a later date.

Resident Maggie Sunnarborg questioned why the Town does not want to locate a sign at the school and share costs. Her comments will be taken into consideration.

School Board member Jerry Frederick updated the Board on the fitness center and parking situation at the school.

Stangle gave his monthly report. Several building permits for accessory structures have been taken out. He thanked AE2S for assisting with stormwater inspections for the Essentia project. He is now able to submit e-citations to the State and has several to submit. Thank you to Senator Jeff Dotseth for his help in getting the court administration to fix the problems.

Josh Evans from AE2S reached out to four contractors for a quote for work on replacing a culvert on Marks Road. One quote was received in the amount of \$ 25,964.43. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the quote from A+ Landscaping. Motion carried. One of the requirements for the DNR permit is to have the project completed by Oct. 31.

Jurewicz gave an update on the projects he's been working on. There were grading issues at Northridge Park. He'll be meeting with Ulland to discuss this. They also have additional work to complete on E. Riverside Road.

This is Jurewicz last meeting as he will no longer be with AE2S. He expressed his gratitude for the nine years he's served the Town. He will still be available if anyone has questions. The Board appreciates all he's done for the Town, and he will be missed.

Stencils will be purchased to add the "No Parking" signs along the curb at the fire hall.

Sunnarborg reported that the mold remediation in the Town Hall garage is finished. Locks will be changed, and the furnace will be removed.

Sunnarborg and Gerard are working on Northridge Park and getting ideas for what needs to be done.

Peleski reported that she, along with Jon Bouvine, attended a meeting with Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management representatives to begin the process of requesting assistance for the April flooding.

At 5:44 a motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to close the regular meeting to discuss the negotiations with IUOE Local 49. Motion carried.

At 5:52 a motion was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg to reopen the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Janke to approve the negotiated contract with International Union of Operating Engineers Local

49. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:56 p.m. by Hill with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

AUGUST 17, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski
Absent: David Sunnarborg, David Pritchett
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Jon Bouvine, Josh Evans, Casey Rennquist
Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Compo made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion Carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount \$ 139,805.44 (Check #'s 48770-48807) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 8,660.68. Second by Compo. Motion Carried.

July receipts in the amount of \$ 1,172,335.63 and July fund balances were reviewed.

A letter of intent to retire was received from Clerk/Treasurer, Rhonda Peleski. Her anticipated retirement date will be March 31, 2024.

An email was received from Dawson Broman regarding the stage at Northridge Park. The stage was built as his Eagle Scout project. He explained that he worked with contractors and engineers as he developed the plan.

A letter was received from Kristine Baird regarding Esko soccer using Northridge Park and additional dates that it will be needed. Pykkonen has taken care of the scheduling.

Bovine requested approval that the 1993 dump truck be sold. It is in need of about \$ 10,000 in repairs. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to sell the 1993 Ford dump truck. Motion carried. This will be brought to Lots 4 Bid in Wrenshall.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to authorize Bouvine to work with Compo to find a used dump truck and for Compo to make the decision on whether to purchase it. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing a new dump truck to replace the dump truck that was totaled over the winter and the 1993 Ford. If a truck is ordered now, it will be about 18-24 months before its delivered. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to authorize Bouvine to begin getting quotes for a new truck. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing another grader instead of a dump truck. Bouvine feels a dump truck is more versatile than a grader.

Discussion was held on the roadside mower. There are metal savings in the pan again. It is going back to Ziegler to be fixed. Quotes were obtained in 2022 for a new tractor/mower. Bouvine thinks that we should update our quotes and trade the old tractor in. This will be discussed further when the tractor is back from Ziegler. Carlton County Transportation has finished the Town's roadside mowing.

Discussion was held on Randall Avenue and the shared sewer lateral lines in that area. With the

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departure of the previous Town Engineer, Bouvine will bring Evans up to date on the issues.

The Clerk/Treasurer job description was reviewed. One change was requested. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to approve the job description with the addition of “conducts annual performance reviews for those under Clerk/Treasurer supervision”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to begin advertising for the Clerk/Treasurer position. Motion carried.

Bouvine requested approval for the purchase of a brush cutter attachment for the skid steer. It would be used to clear the sewer lines and also for brushing around the stormwater ponds. The cost would be \$ 7,000 to \$ 13,000 with half coming from the sewer fund and half coming from the stormwater pond fund. After discussion, a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to approve the purchase not to exceed \$ 13,000. Motion carried.

Deputy Casey Rennquist was present with his report for July. There were 109 calls for service. Rennquist responded to 50 of them with other deputies covering the other 59 calls. Discussion was held on meeting with organizers of Esko Fun Days to see what can be improved for next year.

Pykkonen reported that the park committee will hold their next meeting on August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

A new internet security training session will be available Aug 28 - Sept. 11. Pykkonen encouraged all staff and Board members to review the lesson and take the quiz.

School Board member Maggie Sunnarborg informed the Board that the school is offering free senior citizen passes to Esko athletic events. These can be obtained in the school office. There is also an option to watch games online.

Matt Wilder, Thomson Township Relief Association, was in attendance to review the forms that are submitted to the State each year. The forms breakdown what each firefighter has earned towards their retirement. The Association members voted to raise the annual benefit from \$ 2,400 for each year of service to \$ 2,700. The last increase was made in 2021. A resolution of support was brought by Hill with a second by Gerard to give the Board’s support for this increase. Resolution passed with three yeas, Sunnarborg absent, and Compo abstaining.

Evans gave an update on the replacement of a Marks Road culvert. Straightline Surveying has done the survey work so the contractor can begin the work.

The crosswalk on Canosia Rd at Northridge Park is finished. Gerard would like to thank Pete Radosevich for coordinating the media coverage for the ribbon cutting event. There are still some changes that need to be made to the drainage on that corner and the truncated domes. Evans and Bouvine will be working with the contractor to make corrections on E. Riverside Rd and Northridge Park.

Janke thanked the groups that coordinated National Night Out and Esko Fun Days.

Minnesota Association of Towns will hold the District 10 meeting in Virginia. A new District 10 director will be elected.

There will be a Carlton Ambulance Committee meeting on August 24 at 10:00 am.

Compo reported that the fire department ladder truck is now working and will be tested again. A switch needed to be activated that had not been.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:47 p.m. by Gerard with a second by Hill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, David Sunnborg, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Jonathan Bouvine, Kyle Gustafson, Josh Evans

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 85,405.36 (Check #'s 48808-48866) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 17,142.03. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

A thank you was received from the Northern Outdoors Club, firearms training class, for the use of the community room.

A thank you was received from Esko Community Partnership for the contribution made to Esko Fun Days.

Evans updated the Board on the E. Riverside Rd/Serenity Way and Northridge Park paving projects. Ulland will be making corrections soon.

The personnel committee is recommending the hiring of Jesse Hennen for the position of Heavy Equipment Operator. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to approve the hiring. Motion carried.

A draft of the Carlton Ambulance Medical Services Agreement was received. The City of Carlton is asking if the communities covered remain committed to moving forward with hiring a full-time ambulance manager and daytime EMT. They are also looking at alternate ways for determining annual contributions for each community. The next meeting will be September 20.

With the recent approval of the IUOE Local 49 contract, union members received an additional .50 per hour. This now puts the Town out of compliance with Minnesota pay equity laws. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the .50 per hour increase for all full-time employees. Motion carried.

A quote was received from Parson Electric to finish the electrical work needed at lift stations 1 and 2. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the quote in the amount of \$ 14,475. Motion carried.

Bouvine recently found out that the used 1-ton truck that was recently purchased cannot pass the DOT inspection as it has been deleted. Bouvine will work with the dealership and legal counsel to get the matter resolved.

Easements are needed before the two school bus turnarounds can be constructed on Sunnarborg and Torma Roads. Surveys are needed for both of the areas so the easements can be written.

Two used dump trucks are being traded in at Nuss Truck. A refundable down payment of \$ 2,000 for each truck is needed to hold the trucks until Town staff can look at them. Both trucks are from Anoka County and come with plows. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to approve the refundable down payments of \$ 2,000 each to hold the trucks. Motion carried. If either or both are worth purchasing it could mean a new truck purchase could be postponed for 5 years.

Gustafson reported that the fire engines were recently pump tested. Two of the three are in need of repairs. The repairs should be finished within a couple of weeks.

Evans introduced Jarda Solc. He is the civil engineering lead from AE2S.

Sunnarborg asked about the Randall Ave. sewer issues. Evans was going to put together cost estimates for some options to fix the problems. He discovered this had already been done in May. He is now waiting for additional guidance from the Board on a couple of items.

Stangle gave his report. He has been working on getting caught up on zoning violations. Complaints continue to come in on new violations. He also has a preliminary plat that is in the process of being reviewed.

Gustafson inquired about properties that were damaged from the snow load over the winter. He questioned whether the Town Building Official should be involved in this issue. The homes still have occupants, which brings up safety concerns. Gustafson will contact the Building Official.

Gerard recently attended the MN Association of Towns District 10 meeting. Kevin Connick from Canosia Township was elected the new District 10 Board representative.

Peleski reported that the 2022 financial audit is still not complete. It should’ve been submitted to the State by June 30. An extension was requested and granted. Peleski is waiting for an update from the Town auditor, Abdo.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:34 p.m. by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, David Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Jon Bouvine, Josh Evans, Casey Rennquist, Kyle Gustafson

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Compo made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Hill with a second

by Compo to approve pay application # 2 from Ulland Brothers in the amount of

\$ 235,750.82. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount \$ 285,018.50 (Check #'s 48867-48904, Void 48867, 48868) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 7,559.03. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion Carried.

August receipts in the amount of \$ 65,476.53 and August fund balances were reviewed.

Discussion was held on the paving of Northridge Park. Parts of the project will need to be done over. There was miscommunication between the Town, the engineering firm, and the contractor regarding the project. The others have agreed to split the cost three ways. The estimate for the work is \$ 12,000. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Hill to approve the three-way split. Motion carried.

Hill updated the Board on the recent meeting with the Carlton Ambulance committee. A contract is being worked on. Pritchett suggested changes that will be passed on to Carlton. The way annual payments are determined is also still being discussed.

Jerry Moran was present from the Park Board to present a list of recommendations made by the Park Board. They’d like to see rental fees updated. The recommendation is being made for a \$ 100 refundable deposit. A list will be provided of things that need to be done in order for the deposit to be returned. They are also recommending a rental fee be charged. Town residents would pay \$ 25 per hour with a maximum of \$ 150. Non-residents would pay \$ 100 plus \$ 25 per hour with a maximum of \$ 250. Non-profit groups with the proper tax ID would not pay a rental fee but would pay the \$ 100 refundable deposit.

Other recommendations included upgrades to the indoor lighting, new siding, security cameras, replacing picnic tables, installing an awning on south side of the building, installing fans, replacing the back door, new play equipment, removing the stage, and an ADA compliant walking path.

A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Sunnarborg to adopt the new fee schedule as recommended. The effective date will be Jan. 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Sunnarborg addressed some of the recommendations regarding the lighting, benches, siding, clearing brush from the back of the building. He’s gotten a quote for a 4’ sidewalk around the building to make it ADA compliant. All of these items will be discussed further. A proposal was received from Arrowhead Regional Development for a visioning and design project.

A work session will be scheduled for Monday, Oct. 9 at 9:30 am.

A joint work session with the school board is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 pm.

Pykkonen reported on the contract renewal with Catalis, formally Govoffice. She should have an update for the work session.

Bouvine provided his public works update. Lift stations 1 and 2 are being updated. When complete, all four lift stations pumps and panels will be four years old or less.

There’ve been complaints from E. Riverside and Serenity Way regarding speeding. Deputy

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Rennquist has been spending time in the area.

The 1-ton Ram truck is back at the dealership in St. Cloud. They are working on getting it back to stock so it can pass the DOT inspection.

The two used Mack trucks that were being held with a downpayment will not be purchased. It will take over two years for a new truck to be ready.

Kiminski Blacktop will be doing the blacktop patching from the spring flooding.

Discussion was held on whether another used truck should be found for the upcoming winter. It was decided that we can get by with the current equipment.

Stangle reported that a local contractor has purchased property at the end of Evelyn St. There’s a platted road on the property. In the future, he will be requesting the Town vacate that road since he owns everything around it. He’ll also be addressing the Board in the future regarding extending the sewer line.

Deputy Casey Rennquist gave his report for August calls for service. There were 140 total calls with Rennquist responding to 84 of them.

Gustafson updated the Board on a property that had a roof collapse last winter. He’s working with the building official to hopefully get the structure removed.

The E911 project in Jay Cooke Park continues to be worked on. The fire department is working with CAFD to update the tech rescue mutual aid agreements. The department recently responded to a barn fire. It was a total loss.

Sunnarborg received an estimate for a 4’ side-walk around the park pavilion.

Sunnarborg is working with a contractor on the heating units at the Town Hall. It’s an old system and parts are hard to find.

There’s a streetlight at Northridge Park that’s not working. It needs to be determined if the Town if paying for that light.

A draft of the financial audit has been received.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a meeting on Oct. 10 to discuss the bylaws and chairperson, vice chair positions.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:58 p.m. by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

OCTOBER 5, 2023

Present: Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, David Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Absent: Ruth Janke, Tony Compo

Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Kyle Gustafson, Josh Evans

Vice-chairperson Gerard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Sunnarborg made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Hill. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 159,550.43 (Check #'s 48906-48949) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 10,140.74. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

A letter was received from WLSSD regarding the wastewater treatment charges. The amount paid to WLSSD will increase by 4.05 %. This does not include any year-end adjustments which won’t be known until January.

Hill reported on the recent Carlton ambulance committee meeting that he attended along with Peleski. A final contract should be coming soon for the Board and legal counsel to review.

A Technical Rescue Services Mutual Aid agreement was received from Cloquet Area Fire District. It has not been updated since 2009. It has been reviewed by the fire department staff and legal counsel. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

The proposal from Arrowhead Regional Development Commission for improvements at Northridge Park was received at the previous meeting. If approved, ARDC would facilitate the planning and design process for making improvements at the park. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Hill to approve the proposal in the amount of \$ 12,500. This will be paid using ARPA funds. Motion carried.

A quote was received from Minnesota Pumps Works to replace the base elbows and internal lift station piping at Lift Station 3. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Hill to approve the quote in the amount of \$ 18,581.60. Motion carried.

Josh Evans from AE2S gave his report. The contractor for Essentia is installing their 20” storm culvert. The culvert on Marks Road should be replaced the week of Oct. 16. The contractor for the E. Riverside Road paving project will be back to finish their work within the next week.

Stangle gave his report. One new home permit was issued. He, along with Deputy Rennquist, David Pritchett and the two building officials, will be meeting with the owner of a wedding venue to discuss noise complaints they’ve received and concerns they have with the facility.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet soon to discuss updating their bylaws.

Stangle thanked Evans for continuing the necessary stormwater construction inspections for the Essentia project, the E. Riverside Road project, and the school fitness center project.

One blighted property violation had a court date today. Stangle is waiting to hear the results.

Gustafson reported that the fire department will be providing a truck and manpower to standby at a brush burning demo being put on by Carlton County SWD. The department will be paid for the equipment and staff on standby at the site.

The fire tanker chassis should be ready in December. The completion of the apparatus portion is projected for July 2024.

Due to manpower shortages throughout the County, the department was called to a barn fire in Cromwell.

Gerard shared an article on the pedestrian sign installed on Canosia Road.

Sunnarborg has been trying to remove graffiti at Northridge Park.

The City of Cloquet has given permission for Essentia to connect to the Town waterline for fire protection in their new building.

Four applicants will be interviewed for the

Clerk/Treasurer position.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:30 p.m. by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Bill Gerard, Vice-chairperson
Town of Thomson

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Dave Sunnarborg, Rhonda Peleski, Dave Pritchett

Absent: Tony Compo

Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Kyle Gustafson, Casey Rennquist, Josh Evans

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Hill. Motion Carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount \$ 143,351.97 (Check #'s 48950-48995) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 8,981.77. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion Carried.

September receipts in the amount of \$ 96,988.92 and September fund balances were reviewed.

An email was received from Kathy Rahkola updating the Board on the Esko Community Garden and the recent growing season. Four plots were rented to individuals. The first graders from Queen of Peace rented two plots. There were also community plots including a rhubarb garden. Plants that were donated by Hammarlund Nursery were planted by volunteers. Four plots were designated as pollinator gardens. At the end of the season 175 pounds of produce were donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. The Board would like to thank Kathy and Olli Rahkola for the work they’ve done with the garden.

Discussion was held on the E. Riverside/Serenity Woods paving project and assessment. Since the project and final billing are not complete, the assessment hearing will need to be postponed until 2024 with collections beginning in 2025. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg to postpone the assessment hearing until 2024. Motion carried. Peleski will send a letter to the residents.

Discussion was held on the stage at Northridge Park. Gerard feels that the Board should hold off on making a decision until after the ARDC study. The cost of the material alone was \$ 8,300. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Hill to have the stage removed due to it being a hazard. Motion carried with 3 yeas and Gerard voting nay.

Andrew Pykkonen from the Park Board was present with a recommendation from the Park Board to remove the picnic tables in the pavilion and replace them with tables and chairs. Tables and chairs are easier to move and will provide better ADA accessibility. They’ve gotten prices for both and found the lowest prices at Sam’s Club. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to approve the purchase in the amount of \$ 2,600. ARPA money will be used. Motion carried. The current picnic tables will

be moved elsewhere or sold on an online auction site.

Hill updated the Board on the hiring process for the Clerk/Treasurer position. Interviews were held with four candidates. Hill, Janke, Peleski, and Tim Peterson, City of Cloquet Administrator, conducted the interviews. The personnel committee is recommending the hiring of Deborah Kamunen for the position. Kamunen was in attendance to answer questions from the Board. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the hiring pending the successful background checks. Motion carried. Kamunen will begin working with Peleski on Nov. 6 and will take over the Clerk/Treasurer position in March.

Gustafson presented the name of a new member on the fire department. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to approve the hiring of Will Hammond, effective October 5, 2023. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on whether to approve the extended warranty for the generator at the fire hall. More information will be provided at the next meeting regarding what the warranty will cover.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the agreement with Arrowhead Regional Development Agency to assist in facilitating the design and improvements at Northridge Park. Motion carried.

Janke passed on the compliments received from the school board regarding the services they are receiving from the fire department and law enforcement.

Deputy Casey Rennquist was present to give his monthly report. In September there were 155 calls for service. Rennquist responded to 95 of them with other deputies coving the remaining 60.

Gustafson reported on fire department activities. They have been putting on fire prevention programs at the elementary school, and local preschools and daycare centers.

Gustafson has been attending the State Fire Chief conference currently being held in Duluth.

Evans is working on three projects in the Town. The Riverbend subdivision, along with E. Riverside Rd/Serenity Way paving, and the Marks Rd culvert replacement. He is waiting for a response from the televising company regarding the Randall Ave. sewer connections.

Sunnarborg was given the building assessments that were done in 2021 from SafeAssure and has continued the work on addressing the items that were listed.

Cloquet Area Fire District has approved the tech rescue mutual aid agreement. The Town approved the same agreement at a previous meeting. CAFD will also begin reviewing ambulance billing and collections.

Sunnarborg is also looking into solar power and possible grants.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:29 p.m. by Sunnarborg with a second by Hill. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
Town of Thomson

Church News

Apostolic Lutheran Church
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Pastor Nathan Juntunen
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December 2023 Worship Schedule

Sundays (3, 10, 17):
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
(1st & 3rd Sundays - Holy Communion)
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday, Dec. 24th:
No Sunday School
10:00 AM Christmas Eve Worship Service with Special Music – All Ages

Sunday, Dec. 31st:
No Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays (6, 13, 20):
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Advent Service

Wednesday, Dec. 27th:
9:30 AM: Ladies Bible Study
No Wednesday Night activities

January 2024 Worship Schedule

Sundays (7, 14, 21, 28):
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
(1st & 3rd Sundays - Holy Communion)
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesdays (3, 10, 17, 31)
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:15-7:00 PM Activities for all ages
Youth Group: Pre-School - 12th Grade
Adult Bible Study

* January 24th: Annual Meeting. No other Wednesday Night activities

February 2024 Worship Schedule

Sundays (4, 11, 18, 25):
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)
11AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesday Feb. 7th:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:15-7:00 PM Activities for all ages
Youth Group: Pre-School - 12th Grade
Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays (14*, 21, 28)
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Services
*Ash Wednesday Service

EVENTS:
Dates TBD: Ski Weekend, 6th Grade and up invited to attend. Event updates will be posted on our website.

✝ Check out our Church website at www.esko-apostolic.org.
There are pictures, upcoming events, bulletins, church calendar, cemetery information and more!

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Pastor Marty Mably

Sundays
8 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Children's Sunday School and Youth (Grades 7-12) Bible Study
10:30 am online worship via St. Matthews Lutheran Church Facebook
9:30 am TV Option Channel 6 (KBJR) airs "My Savior Lives"

WEEKLY:
Tuesdays: Men's Bible Study 7 am
Coffee with Pastor 9 am via Facebook
T3 Totally Terrific Tuesdays (Grades 7-12) 3:30-5pm
Wednesdays: Women's Bible Study 5:30m
Thursdays: Experience Recovery 6 pm

UPCOMING:
Sunday, December 2 Silent Auction
10 am-12:30 pm
Wednesdays, December 6, 13, & 20th Advent Worship
6:30 pm
Sunday, December 17th – Children's Program 10:30 am
Sunday, December 24 – Sunday Morning Worship 9 am
Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion 3, 5, & 10 pm
Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day Worship 9 am (1 service)
Sunday, December 31 – New Year's Day Worship 9 am (1 service)
Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

For additional information and updates, check www.stmatthewsesko.org or Facebook

You are Invited To a

Youth Fundraiser

SILENT AUCTION & BAKE SALE

Benefits National Youth Gathering

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

St. Matthews Lutheran Church Family Life Center

Auction begins @ 10 AM
Bidding Ends @ 12:30 PM



Wednesday Advent Services at St. Matthews December 6,13,20 - 6:30 pm

"Peace Came to Earth" - By Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Paavola

Peace is our common pursuit. As Advent leads us to Christmas, we are especially seeking a distinct season of peace. We need a quiet place to rest during this restless time. Year after year, with each Advent season, we wonder if this year will bring a peace that endures. We crave the reassurance that God knows all our needs and will provide for them, not just for these short weeks but for every season.

Wednesday, December 6: Look Up! The Star of Peace Draws Near

Wednesday, December 13: Peace to All, Near and Far

Wednesday, December 20: Our Peace Rests on Him Alone

Sunday, December 24: The Diamond Found in the Manger

Join us as we explore our pursuit of peace and God's plan for us. As we journey, God meets us, halts our endless pursuits, and gives us a new understanding of His gift of peace. That peace comes always through the birth of Jesus, the Word become flesh who steps into the world and fulfills our desire for peace.

St. Matthews Lutheran Church – 4 Elizabeth Avenue – Esko - -www.stmatthewsesko.org



December Lunch Menu

DECEMBER 2023 LUNCH MENU

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.</i></p> <p><i>*WGR cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item.</i></p> <p><i>*Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.</i></p>	<p><i>*Alternate line available for grades 7-12 daily.</i></p> <p><i>*Ala Carte (Smart Snack) line available for grades 9-12.</i></p>	<p>Nov. 29</p> <p>Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Lunch: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Crackers, Lettuce Salad, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Salad Bar</p>	<p>Nov. 30</p> <p>Breakfast: Donut, HB Egg</p> <p>Lunch: “Lunch Brunch” French Toast, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce</p> <p>Alt: Soft Shell Taco</p>	<p>Dec. 1</p> <p>Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel</p> <p>Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Hot Dog Bar</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese</p> <p>Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Peas & Carrots, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Cheese Pizza Crunchers</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Breakfast: Mini Pancakes</p> <p>Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Waffle Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Garlic Cheese Bread with Tomato Soup</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Lunch: Turkey Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuits, Cranberry Sauce or Craisins</p> <p>Alt: Taco Salad Bar</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg</p> <p>Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Crinkle Cut Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Mandarin Orange Chicken</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel</p> <p>Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Normandy Vegetable Mix, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: French Toast Sticks</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese</p> <p>Lunch: Fish Nuggets, Au Gratin Potatoes, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Pulled Chicken/Mac & Cheese</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Breakfast: Mini Waffles</p> <p>Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Bacon, Egg & Cheese Bagel Sandwich</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Lunch: Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Whole Kernel Corn, Cottage Cheese, Frozen Fruit Cup</p> <p>Alt: Salad Bar</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Breakfast: Donut, HB Egg</p> <p>Lunch: Taco in a Bag Chips/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato, Spud Bites, Bread Stick, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Ham & Cheese Sub</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel</p> <p>Lunch: Turkey Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Pickle Spear, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Lasagna Roll-Up</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese</p> <p>Lunch: Sloppy Joe/Bun Cheese Slice, Whole Kernel Corn, Baked Beans, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta Bake</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Breakfast: Mini Pancakes</p> <p>Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Crinkle Cut Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Lunch: Homemade Chili, Cheesy Bosco Stick, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Crackers, Fruit</p> <p>Alt: Salad Bar</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg</p> <p>Lunch: Cheese Pizza Crunchers, Lettuce Salad, Winter Veggie Mix, Fruit</p> <p>No alternate line.</p> <p>Early dismissal.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</p>
<p>25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</p>	<p>26</p> <p>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK</p>

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January Lunch Menu

JANUARY 2024 LUNCH MENU

Subject to change

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 Breakfast: Mini Waffles Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Fruit Alt: Turkey/Bacon Wrap	3 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce & Tomato, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit Alt: Salad Bar	4 Breakfast: Donut, HB Egg Lunch: “Lunch Brunch” Pancakes, HB Egg, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce Alt: Chicken Burger	5 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Broccoli/Cheese Sauce, Fruit Alt: Meatball Sub
8 Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Steamed Peas & Carrots, Fruit Alt: Soup/Ham & Cheese Sandwich	9 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun Waffle Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Alt: Buffalo Chicken Pizza	10 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Whole Kernel Corn, Cottage Cheese, Frozen Fruit Cup Alt: Taco Salad Bar	11 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg Lunch: Ribette/Bun, Oven Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruited Gelatin Alt: Egg Rolls	12 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Normandy Vegetable Mix, Fruit Alt: Chicken Alfredo
15 NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE	16 Breakfast: Mini Waffles Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad Chips, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Alt: Sausage, Egg, Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	17 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Breaded Chicken Drumstick, Mac & Cheese, Biscuit, Whole Kernel Corn, Baby Carrot Cup, Fruit Alt: Salad Bar	18 Breakfast: Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Taco in a Bag Chips/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato, Spud Bites, Bread Stick, Fruit Alt: Ham & Cheese Sub	19 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Turkey Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Pickle Spear, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Fruit Alt: Lasagna Roll Up
22 NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE	23 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Chicken Strips, Oven Fries, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Alt: Italian Cold Cut Sandwich	24 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Homemade Chili, Cheesy Bosco Stick, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Crackers, Fruit Alt: Salad Bar	25 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg Lunch: Mandarin Orange Chicken, Fluffy Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Bread Stick, Pineapple Tidbits Alt: Turkey Sub	26 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Cheese or Mexican Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Winter Veggie Mix, Fruit Alt: Pulled Pork Sandwich
29 Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Fruit Alt: Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap	30 Breakfast: Mini Waffles Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce & Tomato, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit Alt: Stuffed Crust Pizza	31 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: “Lunch Brunch” French Toast, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce Alt: Salad Bar	*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast. *WGR cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item. *Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.	

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February Lunch Menu

FEBRUARY 2024 LUNCH MENU

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.</i> <i>*WGR cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item.</i> <i>*Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.</i>	<i>*Alternate line available for grades 7-12 daily.</i> <i>*Ala Carte (Smart Snack) line available for grades 9-12.</i>		1 Breakfast: Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Bologna Sandwich, Crackers, Lettuce Salad, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Fruit Alt: Soft Shell Taco	2 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Bagel Lunch: Cheese Quesadilla Pizza,, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Broccoli/Cheese, Fruit Alt: Hot Dog Bar
5 Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Steamed Carrots, Fruit Alt: Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Sandwich	6 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Waffle Fries, mixed Vegetables, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Alt: Pulled Pork/Mac & Cheese	7 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Corn, Cottage Cheese, Frozen Fruit Cup NO ALTERNATE EARLY DISMISSAL	8 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Oven Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruited Gelatin Alt: Mandarin Orange Chicken	9 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Bagel Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Normandy Vegetable Mix, Fruit Alt: Chicken Enchilada
12 Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese Lunch: Breaded Chicken Drumstick, Mac & Cheese, Biscuit, Whole Kernel Corn, Baby Carrots, Fruit Alt: Burger Bar	13 Breakfast: Mini Waffles Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit Alt: Sausage/Egg/Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	14 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Fish Nuggets, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit NO ALTERNATE EARLY DISMISSAL	15 Breakfast: Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Fajita Shell/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato Spud Bites, Bread Stick, Fruit Alt: Italian Cold Cut Combo with Mac & Cheese	16 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Bagel Lunch: Turkey Sub or Fish Sandwich, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickle Spear, Fruit Alt: Lasagne Roll Up
19 NO SCHOOL	20 Breakfast: Mini Pancakes Lunch: Sloppy Joe/Bun, Cheese Slice, Whole Kernel Corn, Baked Beans, Fruit Alt: BBQ Meatballs	21 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Crinkle Cut Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Alt: Salad Bar	22 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg Lunch: Homemade Chili, Cheesy Bosco Sticks, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Crackers, Fruit Alt: Mini Pancakes	23 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Bagel Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Broccoli with Cheese, Fruit Alt: Bacon Cheeseburger Tot Bake
26 Breakfast: Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit Alt: Turkey Bacon Wrap	27 Breakfast: Mini Waffles Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit Alt: Hot Dog Bar	28 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: “Lunch Brunch” Pancakes, HB Egg, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce Alt: Salad Bar	29 Breakfast: Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Crackers, Lettuce Salad, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Fruit Alt: Chicken Alfredo	March 1 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Bagel Lunch: Cheese Pizza Crunchers, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Normandy Vegetable Mix, Fruit Alt: Chicken Strips

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