Esko's Corner

Esko Public School District #99

Connecting School and Community

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Letter from the School Board Chair

From the School Board Chair:

This 2022-2023 school year is moving full speed ahead at Esko Schools. The end of the 3rd quarter, which is March 24th, will quickly be upon us with spring break following right behind. Conferences have been held and hopefully all parents have taken the opportunity to get briefed on how their students are progressing.

This year, like in past years, has been very successful at ISD 99. Students are very busy, not only in their academic achievements, but in extracurricular activities as well. Successful seasons have been realized in sporting events, concerts, and so many other areas too numerous to mention..... The positive atmosphere is starting to take shape as we are getting further into our sportsmanship initiative. A huge thank you to all the students, spectators and all of the families in the district for helping to make this initiative a success.

Work is still progressing on the fitness center. Again, one of the main reasons that was identified in our community breakout groups, is to move the existing facility outside of the school with an outside entry for the public. This is not only for ease of access for the community, but also enhances school security for the students and staff at EHS. Plans have been adjusted in the past few months to not only improve the usability of the new facility, but to also stay within the budget that the school can afford, using your tax dollars wisely.

If you aren't a regular reader of the school board minutes, you probably aren't aware of one of the items under the consent agenda. We have many individuals and businesses that contribute financially to the success of many groups within the school. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their support. Many of these programs are very expensive to run and without their help, funding would fall short to provide the success that these programs have enjoyed. We are very grateful for all of the support from our community members whether it's financial or by attending many of the events that are held daily. I truly believe the community support for our students is one of the reasons that our programs are so successful. Thank you for all you do for our students.

Jerry Frederick

Esko High School Performs at One Act Play State Festival - See story on page 3

Registration Starts

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH AT NOON

STEPPING STONES
Must be age 3 by Sept. 1st, 2023
Class runs on Wednesdays and Fridays
from 8:45 - 11:15am

SCHOOL READINESS
Must be age 4 by Sept. 1st, 2023
Class runs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
AM Class 8:30 - 11:00am
PM Class 12:30 - 3:00pm

SCHOOL READINESS DISCOVERY
Must be age 4 by Sept. 1st, 2023
Class runs on Wednesdays and Fridays
from 8:30 - 11:00am

We will start accepting out of district students starting on Thursday, March 16th

Esko Stepping Stones and School Readiness classes help children prepare for kindergarten and become enthusiastic learners. Our program also helps children learn to build relationships with similar aged peers; and learn to follow routines and rules in a classroom setting. They will gain experience with science, math, art and music. Our students will also get much exposure to literacy through books and writing lessons.

Esko School Readiness Discovery is a new addition to our programming this coming Fall. This class will be a bit more of an exploratory class, focusing on STEM skills. This class will involve extra field trips throughout the school year. This can be a class to take in addition to the School Readiness class or just taken on it's own.

Contact Shannon with any questions: smatzdorf@esko.k12.mn.us

Register online : esko.ce.eleyo.com
Class rates can be found on our home page:
https://www.esko.k12.mn.us/academics/elementary

Registration for Cool Kids/Cool Cubs school year 23-24 will begin at 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 13th.

Families must register each year.

Cool Kids provides school age care for students in pre-k 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.

We've simplified our pricing for school age care this year. To make billing and your budgeting easier, payment for the 23-24 school year will be at a flat rate of $50 per week (38 weeks). Payment for Pre-K wrap around care will be a flat rate of $125 per week (38 weeks).

Fall Cool Kids registration will stay open until the program fills. Families that are currently enrolled have priority registration, but we will start to accept new contracts beginning on Wednesday, March 15th. Please register your child as soon as possible as the program fills fast.

Pre-k wrap around registration will be priority to School Readiness, then Discovery, then Stepping Stones students if spots are still available.

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, which will be available at 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 13th. If you have any questions please email coolkids@esko.12.mn.us or call 218-879-4038.

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Community News

Esko's Inaugural Winterfest Celebration

Esko Community Education, in conjunction with Esko Community Partnership put on the first Winterfest event on February 18th. The celebration included a business expo comprised of Esko based businesses, a children's carnival supporting different school groups, STEM and sensory experiences for our littlest students and consessions from Mike's Cafe and Pizzeria.

Left, The Esko Leads group had a big hand in coordinating the carnival portion of the event.

They also ran some of their own activities to raise money for Duluth's Animal Allies!

Above, students go ice fishing for prizes at the Northern Outdoors Club booth.

Below, Esko Cub Scouts ran a sucker pull game and an obstacle course.

Andrea King and Leslie Zigich served up pizza, sloppy joes and soup courtesy of Mike's Cafe and Pizzeria.

Above Left, Emily Krueger offered her artistic talents at the face painting booth.

Above, people visit the Esko businesses that lined the school hallways. From board games, to event planning, clothing and food there was something for everyone.

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Congratulations to Esko High School's One Act Play Cast

After placing second at the Subsection and first at the Section competitions, nineteen Esko High School students, along with two directors, participated in the One Act Play State Festival on Friday, February 10, at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium on the campus of St. Catherine University in St. Paul. Eight schools representing each of the competition sections in the state of Minnesota presented high quality plays. The Minnesota State High School League One Act Play Festival does not involve direct competition. Judges rate the plays according to specific criteria including pace, blocking, costuming, and projection of the play's meaning. Each production is limited to 10 minutes of stage preparation/set up and 35 minutes of actual performance. After watching and individually critiquing the eight dramatic productions, the panel of judges rated four of them "starred performances". Esko High School was one of the recipients, with our performance of The Inexplicable Chaos Factor of Mia Gregory, written by Emily Hageman and produced by special arrangement with Stage Partners. Starred performance ratings are determined by private balloting of the judges. This was the first "starred" rating in three state appearances for Esko's One Act Play program.

Congratulations on a fantastic and very successful One Act Play Season! Bravo!!

Front row from L to R: Emma Cekalla, Emily Hacker, Sophia Juntunen, Kate Staples Middle Row from L to R: Aliyah Davis, Trevor Leach, Dylan Putke, Aviana Bergstrand, Kaija Thompson, Claire Fontaine, Madison Hurst Back Row from L to R: Annika Halvorson, Aidric Mock, Matthew Norstrom, Ashley Aker, Drew Erickson, Ben Meysembourg, Nicole Wietman, Ethan Putzke

THANK YOU, ESKO

From Maggie Sunnarborg,

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone that voted for me. I am humbled and grateful .

Our school is the heart of this community and I am proud to be a part of it.

I am looking forward to working on our 10 year plan where I see us getting better and stronger.

Thanks again for the support. It was much appreciated.

My apologies for missing this in the last issue of Esko's Corner. Maggie sent it to me right away, and I missed printing it.

~Michele Carlson

Esko's Corner Update

I want to thank you for reading Esko's Corner. We are working on transitioning the paper to an online format with a limited number of printed copies available at all of the school offices, the Community Education office and Mike's Cafe & Pizzeria. We are also working on developing an email list to send out the paper electronically to anyone wanting the paper in their inbox. We appreciate your patronage of the paper over the years and thank you for your understanding of this publishing change. With increased costs of printing the paper and postage, continuing with the current model of distribution is simply not financially feasible to the community education program.

~Michele Carlson

Concert Choir Dates

February 27th
@ 7pm EHS

May 11th @ 7pm EHS

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ESKO SPRING RUMMAGE SALES 2023

The annual Esko area rummage sales, a community service project of the Eager Eskomos Home Study Group, will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday May 18, 19 & 20.
To have your address listed on the map, please fill out the registration form and mail by Friday, May 12. It is important for us all to support this community effort by listing your sale on the map and by mailing this form early.
If you have questions call Pauline at 218-879-4878 or Cass at 218-269-2638.
This community sale will be advertised in area papers including the Duluth News Tribune, Pine Journal and Pine Knot. Profits from registration will be donated to local service projects.
FREE MAPS will be available at 8:00 AM Thursday 18th, Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th at the Esko Minit Mart ONLY.
THERE WILL BE NO MAPS, TABLES OR LUNCH AT THE TOWN HALL THIS YEAR.

Name_____
Address_____
Telephone Number_____

$5.00 for address on map
Please circle one: Thursday only Friday only Saturday only All days
Total enclosed_____ (No refunds)
Make checks payable to Eager Eskomos Home Study Group and mail it with the registration form by Friday May 12 to: Eager Eskomos, 35 Martha Rd, Esko, MN 55733

Happy Rummaging!!

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ESKO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF) Board of Directors welcomes its newest member, Leslie Zigich, during its January 2023 meeting. Leslie (EHS Class of 2000) resides in Esko with her husband, Ben, and their two children, Elliot and Allison. They spend their free time downhill skiing in the winter and mountain biking in the spring, summer, and autumn. Both Leslie and Ben coached their children in Esko sports and enjoy attending their school events. The Zigich family is grateful to have their extended family who also reside in the Esko area, too.

The Esko Educational Foundation (EEF), organized in 1993, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and is governed by a volunteer community board of directors whose mission is "to award post secondary educational scholarships to graduating Lincoln High School seniors in Esko, MN." The EEF also sponsors and hosts the annual Kristin Burkholder 5K each summer during Esko Fun Days as a fundraiser for the Kristin Burkholder Memorial Scholarship. Since 1994, the EEF has awarded >40 unique scholarships to nearly 700 EHS graduating seniors for more than $1.2 million scholarship funds.

COMMUNITY GARDEN RENTERS

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS
A COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER RUN GARDEN

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS REPAIR, PLEASE FIX IT.
IF THE GRASS NEEDS MOWING, PLEASE MOW IT.
IF THE WATER CONTAINERS ARE EMPTY, PLEASE FILL THEM.

IF ADDITIONAL TOOLS ARE NEEDED,
PLEASE PURCHASE THEM AND BRING RECEIPTS TO THE
TOWN OFFICE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

TOWN OFFICE STAFF HAVE NO INVOLVEMENT
WITH THE GARDEN.

Carlton County Extension class announcement

Poultry for beginners

Considering raising poultry for the first time? Carlton County Extension Educator, Mercedes Moffett will present on the basic requirements for poultry production. Topics to include a brief introduction to different breeds, nutrition, housing, light considerations, disease, and biosecurity. This class will be focused on layer production, but will briefly touch on broilers and ornamental species.

Local educator Mercedes Moffett has been raising poultry the majority of her life. Come and hear about some of her first-hand experiences. Mercedes has a passion for animal health and production. She has a bachelors in animals science production and management, and will be taking her boards in April to become a Certified Veterinary Technician. At NDSU while obtaining her bachelors, Mercedes also took multiple courses related to poultry production and health.

Monday, March 6, 2023 6:00-7:30 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building, 1630 County Rd. 61, Carlton

This is a free event. Each participant will receive a Widdes coupon good for $5 off of poultry feed.

To register: Please email rustx048@umn.edu or call 218-384-8684.

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NORTH COUNTRY RIDE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

North Country RIDE has many volunteer opportunities!
Do you like horses? Want to help people?
We need you!

Check us out at www.NCRIDE.org

Join us for Volunteer Orientation
April 22nd
9am - 12pm
180 Hatinen Road, Esko
(218)879-7608

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Fitness

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: $48.00
Sessions: 4
Instructor: Kati Ruhnke
4/19/2023 5:30 PM-6:30 PM
Esko School Cafeteria
4/26/2023
5/3/2023
5/10/2023
Pilates One Time Try Pass
Register for a one time Try Pass to test it out first. $14.00

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:8
Cost:$56.00
Instructor:Naomi Christiansen
4/3/2023 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
4/10/2023
4/17/2023
4/24/2023
5/1/2023
5/8/2023
5/15/2023
5/22/2023
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Zumba Punch Card

5 class punch card to use throughout the 22-23 school year $45

Zumba One Time Try Pass

Try out Zumba for one class $10.00

Pound Fitness

POUND is a cardio jam-session designed to release the rockstar within us all while promoting total-body fitness. Instead of listening to the music, you become the music in this full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movement.

Bring to class a yoga mat and water bottle, instructor will provide rip sticks
Cost: One Free trial class
Instructor: Tricia Lough
Cafeteria
Monday, March 13
6:30PM-7:30PM

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Bring to class a yoga mat and water bottle, instructor will provide rip sticks
Sessions: 4 week
Cost: $40
Instructor: Tricia Lough
Mondays in the Cafeteria
4/3/2023 6:30PM-7:30PM
4/10/2023
4/17/2023
4/24/2023

Succulent Class

Paint a glass mason jar to plant your own succulent in! Limited class to 8 people grab a friend and sign up.

Cost: $25.00
Instructor: Sam Dammer
Room S 100
Tuesday, April 11
5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Mom and Me Class

Just in time for Mother's Day! Express your creativity with your mini-me and create this two canvas abstract heart! Each project will come with 2 canvases for you each to decorate to your heart's content.

Cost: $12.00
Room S 101
Instructor: Emily Davey
Thursday, May 11
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Thrivent Financial Education Workshops

5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly:

In this workshop, we will explore 5 key retirement strategies to consider for a successful retirement in today's world. We will address the pitfalls that can derail a retirement plan if left unchecked.

Cost: Free
Wednesday, April 5
Wednesday, May 10

YOUTH

Driver Education

Driver's Ed.

This class provides students with a basic understanding of MN Traffic Safety laws, and the complexities of driving. It also gives participants information necessary for acquiring a MN Learners permit upon successful completion of the written exam. Students who were not born in Carlton County should begin to acquire their Certified Birth Certificate which is essential for taking the permit exam. Students should reach their 15th birthday by April 15, 2023 . Priority will be given to current 15 year olds who attend Esko Public Schools. Students must attend all 30 hours of training (a make-up day will be available).

Students are required to Log 50 hours driving time and this must be turned in to the DMV prior to the road skills test. Attendance at the optional Parent Program can reduce the numbers of logged hours to 40.

We need 12 students to be able to run this class. Cancellation fee of $15.00 will be charged for any cancellations out of this class.

Age Req:15 years by April 15, 2023
Will open to 14.5 year olds 3 weeks prior to class
Will open to 14 year olds 1 week prior to class
Sessions:10
Cost:$125.00
3:30PM - 6:30PM
4/3/2023
4/4/2023
4/5/2023
4/6/2023
4/10/2023
4/11/2023
4/12/2023
4/13/2023
4/14/2023
4/17/2023
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After School Clubs

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.

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.

Lego Robotics Grades 3&4 (Reg. opens February 23rd)

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

Age Req: Grades 3 & 4
Cost: $25
Instructor: Steve Krueger
Thursdays, 3/2/23-3/23/23
3:15-4:30
Room E372

Savannah's Pottery - Bunny Gnome

Gnomes are all the rage! Come decorate this little Spring gnome with bunny ears!

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

Northern Outdoors Club - Firemaster & Ice

First, learn about the elements needed to create fire. Then, learn and practice the many methods and skills from an olden to modern day to create your own fire! Last, compare real MN snow to "magic snow" with some fun, hands-on experiments.

Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: $17
Instructor: Cassie Janke
3/7/23 3:15-4:30
Playground

Esko Trails - Northern Lights Bear

Paint this Northern Lights inspired bear with Esko Trails. Projects come home with you that day.

Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $20
Instructor: Amy Feely
3/7/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Lego Robotics Grades 5 & 6 (Reg. opens February 23rd)

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

Age Req: Grades 5 & 6
Cost: $25
Instructor: Steve Krueger
Tuesdays, 3/7/23, 3/14/23, 3/21/23
Monday 3/13/23
3:15-4:30
Room E372

Awesome Art - Van Gogh Sunflowers

Using thick paper, we will draw a bold bouquet of flowers inspired by

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Vincent Van Gogh. We will then use oil pastels and paint to bring bright colors to the drawing.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $14
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
3/9/23 3:15-4:30
Room E367

Savannah's Pottery - Kids Choice
Choose from a variety of pottery pieces to decorate this week!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $15
Instructor: Michelle Line
3/14/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Esko Trails - Eskomo Sign
Show your school spirit and paint this Esko Eskimos sign! Project will come home that day.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $20
Instructor: Amy Feely
3/16/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Savannah's Pottery - Tweety Bird Dish
Decorate this sweet little bird dish to hold any spring trinkets!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $16
Instructor: Michelle Line
3/20/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Northern Outdoors Club - Birch Bark Art
We are going back way before the time of chalk to create some art on chunks of birch bark. We will use multiple techniques including charcoal, ash, scraping and even some wood burning! Some historic templates will be provided, or feel free to freestyle your art piece!
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $15
Instructor: Cassie Janke
3/21/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Awesome Art - Colorful Self Portrait
Students will follow step by step directions to draw a self portrait with pencil. After drawing, we will outline our art with a sharpie and use watercolors to add an array of beautiful and bold colors to make our self portraits pop!
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $14
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
3/21/23 3:15-4:30
Room E367

Lego Robotics Grades 3 & 4 (Reg. opens March 23rd)
Hang out with Mr. Krueger for the afternoon to build and control LEGO Robots!
Age Req: Grades 3 & 4
Cost: $25
Instructor: Steve Krueger
Tuesdays, 4/4/23 - 4/25/23
3:15-4:30
Room E372

Intro to French
In this intro club, students will explore French culture through simple language, food, music and entertainment!
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: $25
Instructor: Thomas Ritter
Tuesdays, 4/4/23-4/25/23
3:15-4:30
Room S100

Savannah's Pottery - Kids Choice
This week, students will choose from a variety of pottery pieces to decorate!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $15
Instructor: Michelle Line
4/4/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Esko Trails - Bunny Sign
Welcome guests with this cute bunny sign!
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $20
Instructor: Amy Feely
4/6/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Northern Outdoors Club - Nature's Candy
Learn and practice the methods involved in tapping trees for syrup sap. Identify which trees are needed to make syrup, learn where sap comes from, the process it goes through to become syrup, and compare store bought syrups to syrup made right here in the Northland!
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $16
Instructor: Cassie Janke
4/6/23 3:15-4:30
Playground

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Thursdays, 4/6/23 - 4/27/23
3:15-4:30
Room E372

Great Lakes Aquarium - Stories in Stone
If you know what to listen and look for, rocks can tell all kinds of stories. What are they made of and how did they form? How can you tell them apart? Students learn to identify local rock samples from the shores of Lake Superior and rock out in our geo-theater.
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: $13
Instructor: GLA Staff
4/11/23 3:15-4:30
Cafeteria

Awesome Art - Abstract Circles
Using crayons and watercolors, we will decorate cardstock with random designs and colors. Once our paper is prepared, we will cut different sized circles and glue them down for a fun, abstract art piece.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $14
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
4/18/23 3:15-4:30
Room E367

Savannah's Pottery - Mom Life Cup
Show mom some love and decorate this sweet "mom life" mug for her morning coffee!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $16
Instructor: Michelle Line
4/20/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Savannah's Pottery - Seahorse Soap Dish
Make a cool seahorse dish to hold your bathroom soap!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $15
Instructor: Michelle Line
4/24/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Northern Outdoors Club - Here Fishy Fishy!
First, test your fish ID skills! Then, get ready for the MN 2023 fishing season with some new tackle box gear. Pick and customize your own lure with multiple patterns and colors to catch some whoppers. Also, create more fish-catching mechanisms from other materials you might find on the river bank.
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: $18
Instructor: Cassie Janke
4/27/23 3:15-4:30
Playground
Room S100

Northern Outdoors Club - Archery
Do you love archery? Have no experience at all, but want to try an awesome new sport? This is the club for you! You will learn all about bows and how to confidently shoot them while being safe. Extra activities include: archery games, candy/free shootouts, tournaments, 3D targets and more.
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: $60
Instructor: Cassie Janke
Mondays, 5/1/23-5/22/23
3:15-4:30
Cafeteria Stage
Playground

Lego Robotics Grades 5 & 6 (Reg. opens April 25th)
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Age Req: Grades 5 & 6
Cost: $25
Instructor: Steve Krueger
Tuesdays, 5/2/23-5/23/23
3:15-4:30
Room E372

Savannah's Pottery - Father's Day Keychain Holder
Help dad keep his keys organized and decorate this cute keychain holder!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $17
Instructor: Michelle Line
5/2/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Awesome Art - Paper Mobile
These paper mobiles will be made with decorative paper, string and ribbon to create a wonderfully whimsical mobile.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $14
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
5/4/23 3:15-4:30
Room E367

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Room E372

Duluth Children's Museum - Fossils
Do you know what a paleontologist is and what they do? Become one and learn about fossils in this hands-on program where we will dig up real fossils and build a dinosaur!
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: $14
Instructor: DCM Staff
5/9/23 3:15-4:30
Cafeteria

Finger Knitting 101
Join Miss Grace and learn how to knit only using your fingers! Stu-

dents will choose between making a snake or a spring flower to take home at the end of class! This would make a great Mother's Day gift!
Age Req: Grades 3-6
Cost: $11
Instructor: Grace Liupakka
5/11/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Savannah's Pottery - Father's Day Frame
Share a sweet photo moment with Dad and put it in this rustic picture frame!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $18
Instructor: Michelle Line
5/16/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Awesome Art - Cardboard Weaving
Using cardboard circles as the base, we will weave different yearns and string around and around in a pattern to make fun and colorful handwoven textile art.
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $14
Instructor: Dawn Hallsten
5/18/23 3:15-4:30
Room E367

Savannah's Pottery - 4th of July Bowl
Hold your parade candy in this cute little star dish!
Age Req: Grades 1-6
Cost: $16
Instructor: Michelle Line
5/25/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Esko Trails - Summer Design
Age Req: Grades 2-6
Cost: $20
Instructor: Amy Feely
5/30/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

Northern Outdoors Club - Cooking with Dandelions
Recipes TBD. Please check back on our Eleyo site for more information! www.esko.ce.eleyo.com
Instructor: Cassie Janke
6/1/23 3:15-4:30
Room S100

Savannah's Pottery - Project TBD
Please check back on our Eleyo site for more information! www. esko.ce.eleyo.com.
Instructor: Michelle Line
6/1/23 3:15-4:30
Room S101

ECFE Fall 2023 Sneak Peek

Classes to watch for in the Fall!
Registration will open May 1, 2023

Leap – N – Learn
Ages: 3 to 5 years (Must be age 3 by October 1, 2023)
Classes will run Monday and Thursday mornings. Monday is a parent/child day, and Thursday is a drop off day. Must be potty trained to attend Thursdays drop off day.
Mondays from 8:45 – 10:15am
Thursdays from 8:45- 10:45am

Morning Adventures
Ages: birth – 5 years
Tuesdays from 8:45 – 10:00am

Early Evening Adventures
Ages: birth – 5 years
Tuesdays from 4:15 – 5:30pm

Evening Adventures
Ages: birth – 5 years
Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:15pm

***Families will never be turned away due to inability to pay fees. If you find yourself in either a financial hardship, or if the fees are too high for your income level, please make sure to connect with Shannon Matzdorf at smatzdorf@esko.k12.mn.us, or Michele Carlson at mcarlson@esko.k12.mn.us. We will set up a payment that meets your family's needs.**

Esko Community Education would like to give Shannon Matzdorf a heartfelt thank you for her many years of service wearing many hats in our programs. Shannon will be continuing her role as a parent educator, but will be leaving her other roles of Stepping Stones teacher, Leap N Learn teacher, School Readiness & ECFE coordinator. We are hiring to try to fill her shoes! Wish us luck! If you know someone who may be a good fit for this position, send them to the school website to check out the posting.

School News

By Brian Harker

Important Dates

- Monday, March 6: PIE Meeting – 6:00- Board Room
- Tuesday, March 21: Kindergarten Round Up- Parent Night- 5:30- Theater
- Friday, March 24: Kindergarten Round Up- Incoming Students Visit- During the day
- Friday, March 24: End of 3rd Quarter
- Monday, March 27–March 31 – Spring Break
- Monday, April 3: PIE Meeting- 6:00- Board Room
- Friday, April 7- No School
- Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26- MCA Reading Test
- Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3- MCA Math Test
- Tuesday, May 9- MCA Science Test (5th grade only)

Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 8. We enjoy conferences as a time to meet, share and grow together as a school community. Our relationships with our families help us create an environment that is student centered and focused on meeting the needs of each child here. Thank you for your attendance at your child's conference. It's a big deal!

MCA Testing

The MCA testing season is among us for grades 3-6. Our students in grades 3-6 will take the MCA Reading Test on April 25 and 26. The MCA Math Test will be administered on May 2 and 3. The MCA Science Test will be on May 9 for 5th graders only.

It is very important that the students get a good night's sleep each night and that they eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. Please help ensure that your child is rested and prepared for each and every school day. Also avoid appointments or family trips on these testing dates. It's imperative that the students are here on these days.

Elementary Teacher Requests

We will follow the same process as we have done in the past for Teacher Requests. There is a Teacher Request Form that will need to be filled out if you wish to request a teacher for your child for next year. This form can be picked up in the elementary office starting Monday, April 3. One form will need to be completed for each teacher request (one per student). This form must be completed in full and turned into the office by Friday, April 28. There may be some cases in which a teacher request cannot be accommodated. Requests made after April 28 will not be granted.

Future Kindergarteners and Parents

It is time to get ready for school!

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2018, please join us on Tuesday, March 21. Kindergarten Round-up will take place in the Theater at 5:30 pm. Please join us and meet the elementary staff and learn about the wonderful learning opportunities offered at Winterquist Elementary School. Children do not need to attend this meeting. It is purely informational for the parents. If you know of any out of district families that may be interested in attending kindergarten in Esko, please let them know they are welcome to join us. Interested families can reach us at 879-3361.

Weather Closing

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 cancellations 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 are able to check throughout the day. If you have any questions about the instant messaging system please contact Amber Fisher at 879-4673 ext. 625.

There is always the 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.

Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 5:30-6:30 PM

Esko School Theater

This evening is for parents to learn more about our kindergarten program at Winterquist Elementary.

Children do not need to attend this meeting and we ask that they stay home. Students will have an opportunity to visit the classrooms on

Friday, March 24, 2023

Please email Sam with any questions:
sengen@esko.k12.mn.us

Esko Kindergarten Round Up

Please join us for Kindergarten Round up! During this time, your child will see the classroom, meet the teachers, and experience a kindergarten day. Parents will be able to have questions answered by Mr. Harker, our principal, and tour the school.

Winterquist Elementary School

Friday, March 24, 2023

Session 1: 8:30-9:30 AM

Session 2: 10:00-11:00 AM

Session 3: 1:00-2:00 PM

(Please only sign up for *one* session.)

To sign up for a Kindergarten Round Up session, please contact Sam at:
sengen@esko.k12.mn.us or 218-879-3361

*Non-resident families are welcome to join.

Winterquist P.I.E. Meeting Minutes

Winterquist PIE Meeting Minutes for 11/14/22

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy Jacobs, Marie Anderson, Erin Lowinski, Vanessa Seppanen

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Treasurer Report: October

General Fund

Starting Balance (10/01/2022): $14,117.05
Deposits (total): $14,878.00
Checks (total): ($199.40)
Interest: $0.08
Ending Balance (10/31/2022): $28,795.73

Teacher Requests

Starting Balance: $5,236.10
Overage Covered: $0.00
Paid Requests: $0.00
Unpaid Requests: $(313.56)
Total Remaining: $4,922.54

Food Requests

Starting Balance: $250.00
Food Requests: $0.00
Unpaid Requests: $0.00
Total Remaining: $250.00

Teacher Requests

- ELC Wolf Ridge transportation-5th Grade-Approved
  Estimate $690.50

Meeting Dates for the Rest of the Year

- Meeting to be moved to the first Monday of the month starting in February. Time will stay at 6. Motion approved.

Apparel fundraiser-Needs approval from school board

- Dates- Mittens will arrive by mid-January. Finding out if can mix and match sizes or if all 100 pair will be same size. Discussed what size to order if can only order one size.
- If want stuff to arrive by Christmas, has to close by November 29.
- They are building the website right now. Will share link as soon as it's approved.
- Delivered to classroom, pick up at shop, or shipped direct.

McDonald's Fundraiser

- McDonald's stickers going home on kids tomorrow
- Teacher with highest participation gets a free frozen lemonade party-delivered to the classroom
  - Need to track teacher and student-Tally one for each kid under teacher name
  - Sign at window of drive through or to order
  - Marie will print off sign in to bring at 4
- Cookie sales are 100% profit
- Give giant check at the end

Conference Meals: February 1st and 8th

- Talked about contacting companies for donations for Feb 8-Parent Volunteer
- Feb 1-taco bar sign up. Parent to make sign up for it

Fall Fundraiser Wrap Up: $14,713

- Order more prizes: ran out of water bottles at the end, will need more for next year.
- Prewrite messages
- Next year, platform to see how much has been submitted yet-may be an investment

School Board Forum Wrap Up

- Look into live streaming

Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas

- School earns $10 an hour if a person volunteers at the DECC-Erin will look into it more
- School supply boxes and school earns some money. Depends on company. Teacher builds the lists.
  - Price point, logistics, brands of supplies
- Science family night-organizations come in a do something science related
  - Serve root beer floats
  - Guest speakers for each grade to get them to come that night
- Esko Night at Adventure Zone

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Winterquist PIE Meeting Minutes for 1/9/23

Board Members in Attendance: Kacy Jacobs, Marie Anderson, Erin Lowinski, Vanessa Seppanen

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Treasurer Report: November and December

November:

General Fund

Starting Balance (11/01/2022): $28,795.73
Deposits (total): $342.54
Checks (total): ($998.64)
Interest: $0.11
Ending Balance (11/30/2022): $28,139.74

Teacher Requests

Starting Balance: $4,922.54
Paid Requests: $0.00
Unpaid Requests: $0.00
Total Remaining: $4,922.54

Food Requests

Starting Balance: $250.00
Food Requests: $0.00
Unpaid Requests: $0.00
Total Remaining: $250.00

December:

General Fund

Starting Balance (12/01/2022): $28,139.74
Deposits (total): $1,317.00
Checks (total): ($77.26)
Interest: $0.13
Ending Balance (12/31/2022): $29,379.61

Teacher Requests

Starting Balance: $4,922.54
Paid Requests: $0.00
Unpaid Requests: $0.00
Total Remaining: $4,922.54

Food Requests

Starting Balance: $250.00
Food Requests: $0.00
Unpaid Requests: $0.00
Total Remaining: $250.00

Teacher Requests

- Donuts for Military Kids Club Donut Friday in January- Mrs. Ringat- $25- Approved
- MN Bus Driver's Appreciation Day-Mrs. Uecker- $190.00 ($20.00 and $10 gift card for each driver = $170)- Approved
  - $10 gift card for each driver to local coffee shop
  - Fresh fruit and donuts
- Goods and Services Day- Mrs. Uecker- $75.00- Approved
  - For food expenses. This day is culminating activity for our social studies economics unit.

Conference Meals: February 1st and 8th

- Feb 1- Taco bar sign up. Will be posted on Wednesday.
- Feb 8- Will check with parent volunteer

Science Night

- Will follow up with Parent

Apparel Fundraiser Follow up

- Need smaller sizes for preschool (4T, etc)
- Paper copies for ordering
- Work with the clothing maker in September, mock ups in October to review at the meeting
- Need to pay for Esko logo use at Advantage

McDonald's Fundraiser Follow up

- Money raised: $1317
- $263 from cookie sales
- Staff enjoyed participating
- Plan to do again next year

Board Positions

- Secretary's 2 year term is up at the end of this year
- Will also elect either new co-chair or chair

Open Thoughts/Questions/Ideas

- First Witness-Safe and Strong Child program- K, 2nd, 4th grade
  - Presentations at end of March
  - Will have Parent presentation night.
  - More information to come with parent information letter and opt out if wanted.
- Looking for donations for Teacher Appreciation week from companies

Reminder: Meetings now on first Monday of the month at 6 starting in February Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Sports News

Fall Sports Letter Winners

Volleyball

All-Conference 1st Team: Gabby Martenson, Kaitlin Lattner, Hanna Nooyen, Kyra Johnson

All-Conference 2nd Team: Kallie Sinnott

League MVP: Gabby Martenson

Letter winners: Chiara Houser, Lizzie Hartlieb, Hanna Nooyen, Raegen Olson, Hannah Swanson, Kaitlin Lattner, Emerson Harker, Bailey Plante, Kyra Johnson, Cassie Stark, Alayna Peterson, Kaelyn Foxx, Kallie Sinnott, Gabby Martenson, Sydney Kazel

Football

District Coach of the Year- George Perich

District Defensive Player of the Year – Makoi Perich

All Conference: Makoi Perich, Nolan Witt, Alec Peterson, Ty Christensen, Thomas Pyrlik, Wyatt Hudspith, Javontae Gregory, Joey Antonutti, Carter Zezulka

All Area- Makoi Perich

All Star Game – Nolan Witt

Letter winners: Ty Christensen, Javontae Gregory, Owen Wilson, Caden Grayson, Carter Zezulka, Cal Haugen, Nolan Witt, Dominick Lee, Dylan Klatte, Matt Peterson, Wyatt Hudspith, Thomas Pyrlik, Alec Peterson, Jackson Schmitz, Alex Kazel, Makoi Perich, Isaak Sertich, Ryan Sturm, Joey Antonutti, Jace Stewart, Gino Bertogliat, Ethan Kilichowski, Cruize Liimatainen, Dylan Marciulionis, Aiden South, Nicholas Borden, Rylee Raymond, Talon Mattson, Aiden Lewis, Bryce Hipp, Damien Iverson, Cole Sauter, Jacob Randa, Jacion Owens, Sam Haugen, Bobby Thornton, Nolan Pfister, Jack Graddy, Jack Bergstedt, Leo Luense, Mason Klatte, Jackson Peterson, Brock Montminy

Swimming

Letter winners:

Megan chopskie

Rylee Demers

Rilee Durovec

Jessica Pagelkopf

Amelia Warden

Lizzy Wells

Megan Chopskie - all section team, 200 Freestyle Relay

Gold standard Team GPA, highest GPA in the section with 3.88 average for the team.

ATTENTION SPRING SPORT ATHLETES

If you haven't already done so, please make sure to turn in all of your eligibility paperwork, as well as register online through the school website for the sport you wish to participate in. The following are athletic activities that are available for student athletes in the 2020 Season. If you have any questions, please contact the coach or the Activities Director, Chad Stoskopf, at 879-1909 or via email cstoskopf@esko.k12.mn.us

Baseball: Head Coach – Ben Haugen
Email: bhaugen@esko.k12.mn.us
Cell: 218-428-0249
9-12 practice:
Arm Care Week is March 13-17

First day of official practice is March 20
First day for 8th grade practice is April 3.

Times are TBD and will be communicated to parents via email. Please register your son ASAP so the coaches know who will be on the roster.

There is no school 7th grade team. 7th graders will play little league. Look for information from the Esko Youth Baseball Association (EYBA) about registration and start times.

Softball: Head Coach – Jeff Emanuel
Email: emanueljems@gmail.com
Cell: 218-393-1599

Practice start date for grades 7th – 12th
March 13th- times TBD

Track and Field: Girls Head Coach – Matt Peterson
Boys Head Coach – Gary Beaudot

Email: mpeterson@esko.k12.mn.us Cell: 218-393-4171
Email: gbeaudot@esko.k12.mn.us Cell: 218-391-1994

Track and Field athletes grades 7-12.

Register online! You will not be allowed to practice until your registration is completed!

Informational meeting for Parents / Athletes on Monday, March 6th, 6pm in the HS Theater. Practice Begins Monday 3/13/23 for ALL athletes grades 7-12

Clay Target: Head Coach – Josh Mattson
Email: JMATTSON@usg.com
Cell: (218)-348-1264

*Prior to practice all athletes need to have the following completed-

1) Online Sports Registration
2) Current Sports Physical signed by Physician (good for 3 years). If unsure contact Tanya Pagelkopf at tpagelkopf@esko.k12.mn.us and she can let you know if your child is in need of a current physical.
3) Pay Activity Fee

ESKO SOCCER

2023 Fall Recreational Soccer Registration Opens April 1st

Registration will be open to ages 4-13
(Birth Years 2010-2019)

For more information & to register visit
WWW.ESKOSOCCER.ORG

ONLINE Through COMMUNITY ED

REGISTRATION CLOSES 3/22. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

ESKO SOFTBALL

SUMMER YOUTH SOFTBALL 2023 REGISTRATION

*ENDING 3/22/22.

BEGINS MARCH 1st

Levels / Price

8U $75 MON. GAMES	**10U $110** WED. GAMES	**12U $120** TUES. GAMES
U14 $135 WED. OR THURS. GAMES	**U16 $150** MON. & TUES. GAMES	**U18 $155** MON. & TUES. GAMES

U14, U16, AND U18 GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE AT WADE OR WHEELER FIELD

During registration, you will be shown what level your child falls under based on their birthday.

You will also find additional information through the registration about a fundraiser, coaching, and uniforms.

REGISTER ONLINE!
www.esko.ce.eleyo.com
Questions? Email: eskoyouthsoftball@gmail.com

FOLLOW US:
@EskoYouthSoftballAssociation

***ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER 3/22**

Quarter 2 Honor Roll

Bella Abrahamson
Emma Adkins
Ashley Aker
Parker Anderson
Dominic Androsky
Santiago Anich
Joseph Antonutti
Joshua Antonutti
Lucye Backstrom
Ellahna Barnes
Ellynor Barta
Joel Barta
Lucy Barta
Alena Beare
Harper Benedix
Aspen Berg
Cadence Berger
Cairin Berger
Cuinn Berger
Gino Bertogliat
Genevieve Bohlman
Nickolas Borden
Ahna Brekke
Cadence Brissett
Braeden Caple
Priya Carey
Joseph Cekalla
Emma Cekalla
Samuel Cheslak
Jordan Chopskie
Ayden Chopskie
Megan Chopskie
Ty Christensen
Stefan Ciuca
Liberty Clifford
Aoife Cook
David Cornell
Paul Cornell
Logan Dahlman
Abrina Dammann
Ava Daveau
Kendra East
Garrett East
Marie Eng
Mason Eng
Anabelle Engen
Drew Erickson
Eliana Erspamer
Evan Erspamer
Marisa Ferkul
Elise Finc
Claire Fontaine
Paige Fontaine
Max Foster
Kali Foxx
Millie Frederick
Finn Furcht
Zander Gabel
Logan Gamache
Aubrey Gerard
Brennan Gerard
Kadence Ghann
Taylor Gilbertson
Caden Grayson
Raegan Grayson
Macie Greiner
Ella Grell
Allan Haapala

Max Haapala
Elizabeth Haapanen
Tuula Hallsten
Jamis Halverson
Alyssa Hansen
Sharla Hansen
Lilee Hanson
Macy Hanson
Whitney Hanson
Emerson Harker
Easton Harker
Eagan Harker
Elizabeth Hartlieb
Samuel Haugen
Cale Haugen
Stella Haugen
Arabelle Hawkinson
Nolan Hendrickson
Braden Herman
Kaiden High
Gabriella Hilinski
Bryce Hipp
Sawyer Hipp
Chiara Houser
Wyatt Hudspith
Bella Huffman
Ava Ion
Erik Johnson
Maya Johnson
Dominic Johnson
Jayce Johnson
Elise Johnson
Hunter Johnson
Jacob Johnson
Kyra Johnson
Jayla Jones
Nels Jouppi
Aina Jouppi
Ari Juntunen
William Karjala
Brandon Kauma
Alex Kazel
Sydney Kazel
Ethan Kilichowski
Alex King
Kamryn Korkala
Britta Koski
Carson Kronlund
Avery Kuklinski
Reese Kuklinski
Kamryn Kulas
Kennedy Kurhajetz
Samantha LaGraves
Kennadie Lammi
Kaitlin Lattner
Amber Lawry
Carley Lawry
Keira Leach
Thurston Lick
Amara Liljegren
Brody Lillo
Aleah Lindgren
Hailey Lough
Savanna Lourey
Leo Luense
Gianna Madill
Joelle Majerle
Braxdyn Male

Braedyn Male
Dylan Marciulionis
Kiya Marino
August Marline
Ava Marline
Avery Martineau
Andrew Mattinen
Thomas Mattonen
Talon Mattson
Solveig Mattson
Kaitlyn McConnell
Abigail McConnell
Grace McIlvain
Ava McKibbon
Brooklyn McKibbon
Ella McLeod
Maxwell McWilliams
Harper Mears
Brayley Merrier
Benjamin Meysembourg
Adelynn Michaud
Aubrey Micken
Ella Miles
Grace Miles
Addison Miller
Aidric Mock
Tagan Mock
Aislynn Mock
Abigail Naud
Ellie Naud
Sophia Naud
Allysa Nelson
Alexander Nelson
Blake Nesseth
Leah Niven
Hanna Nooyen
Matthew Norstrom
Evan O'Leary
Max Olson
Trenton Ondrus
Andrew Osborne
Leeanna Osborne
Jacion Owens
Jessica Pagelkopf
Samuel Panger
Aubrey Pearce
Ava Pederson
Donovan Perfetti
Makoi Perich
Harlow Perlinger
Matthew Peterson
Alec Peterson
Alayna Peterson
Titus Piepho
Drew Piontek
Paiton Plante
Bailey Plante
Witten Powers
Mallorie Prouty
Levi Raisanen
Ainsley Rauner
James Rautell
Hailey Reed
Emelia Regas
Piper Rice
Hannah Roemer
Isaac Rud
Liana Rust

Tyler Salmela
Logan Salo
Bryn Sathre
Mari Sathre
Ava Savage
Ariel Schmitz
Hope Schmitz
Annastasia Schmitz
Bridget Schoepflin
Benjamyn Schramm
Katie Schultz
Ashley Schultz
Ella Seboe
Peyton Selin
Isaak Sertich
Grace Shannon
Attlei Sheldon
Sophia Sheridan
Ava Sheridan
Araya Shovein
Addison Sielaff
Kallahan Sinnott
Lucy Skifstad
Alan Skowlund
Madison Slygh
Aubrey Snaza
Charley Sonneman
Jaiden Soukkala
Aiden South
Vivian Spicer
Kate Staples
Cassie Stark
Jace Stewart
Brooklyn Stewart
Jordan Stodola
Tanner Stokes
Eilee Straub
Maya Stuermer
Ryan Sturm
Declan Sullivan
Conor Sullivan
Annabelle Sunnarborg
Hannah Swanson
Jayden Symiczek
Luke Tester
Jack Tester
Evan Thompson
Kaija Thompson
Abram Thwaits
Nolan Thwaits
Kaylee Tipple
Logan Waldo
Chase Walz
Henry Warden
Amelia Warden
Evan Watsick
Wyatt Weber
Noah Wells
Nicole Wietman
Payten Williams
Kaden Willis
Isaac Wisted
Charlie Wolter
Shelby Zahn
Carter Zezulka
Elliot Zigich
Lliam Zimny
Ava Zywicki

Quarter 2 Merit Roll

Cooper Abbett
Will Abrahamson
Kaylor Adkins
Cale Anderson
Simone Anderson
Ava Anderson
Nicholas Ash
Ali Autio
Therese Barousse
Lourdes Barousse
Blake Behrendt
Jaxon Benedix
Cal Berglund
Ava Bergstedt
Wyatt Bergstedt
Maiya Bergstedt-Bloss
Aviana Bergstrand
Wyatt Blotti
Emmeline Bohlman
Leah Borden
Emma Breed
Liam Brissett
Addison Bucsko
Alli Campanario
Tyler Campanario
Lucky Carlson
Jordyn Carpenter
Brynn Christensen
Talon Clifford
Avah Clow
Keaira Coleman
James Cornell
Camron Courteau
Micheal Couture
Braelyn Crotteau
Ethan Dallager
Hunter Dallager
Adam Dallmann
Connor Dallmann
Alora Dammann
MyKenzie Dammer
Kennadi DeBondt
Rylee Demers
Colton Dewey
Rilee Durovec
Michael Dusek
Gabriel Dusek
Neil Elsmore
Anika Elsmore
Benjamin Foster
Erik Fowler
Kaelyn Foxx
Philip Furcht
Melanie Gamache
Ethan Gamache
Kaden Gariepy-Langdon
Owen Genereau
Haley Glendenning
Elijah Gonzalez

Alyssa Gonzalez
Jack Graddy
Javontae Gregory
Isabelle Haapala
Emily Hacker
Jack Hakala
Gabriel Hansen
Paige Hanson
Greta Harden
Chloe Hart
Graham Hartlieb
Madilyn Hawkinson
Liliana Helberg
Briley Hendrickson
Madeline Hipp
Spencer Hipp
Madison Hurst
Jayce Johnson
Meghan Johnson
Ilee Johnson
Ethan Johnson
Joseph Jukich
Eero Juntunen
Sophia Juntunen
Lucas Jurmu
Madek Kayser
Jayden Keppeler
Tallon Kiminski
Dylan Klatte
Maija Klingelhofer
Caitlin Kluenenberg
Ethan Kluenenberg
Ava Korby
Abigail Krech
Aubrey Kulas
Kaydence Lammi
Logan Lanthier
Evelyn LeBlanc
Blake Leslie
Cruize Liimatainen
Hewitt Liimatainen
Ethan Lindgren
Presten Lindgren
Cole Luense
Ariya Marino
Broderick Marsh
Gabrielle Martenson
Hannah Maunu
Bridger McCorison
Eden Mendez
Oliver Michaud
Belle Miller
Gavin Moderson
Trevor Mrozik
Finn Muchow
Kylie Mudrak
Greta Munthe
Sofia Munthe
Laila Nagorski

Ryan Napper
Alivia Nelson
Sovay Nick
Kenleigh Nikunen
Derek Nooyen
Owen OConnor
Raegen Olson
Sophia Panger
Landen Parask
Connor Pearce
Ainslie Perlinger
Wyatt Perrault
Evelyn Peterson
Margaret Peterson
Jackson Peterson
Erin Pettyjohn
Nolan Pfister
Dylan Prachar
Drew Prachar
Ethan Putzke
Dylan Putzke
Lauren Radovich
Jacob Randa
Rylee Raymond
Sophia Reeves
Liam Reeves
Kellie Renne
Trevor Robinson
Erica Rudeck
Adam Rudnicki
Lauryn Salmela
Elsa Sathre
Adaline Savage
Aiden Sawyer
Robert Schilling
Benjamin Schmitz
Gabriella Schroeder
Tucker Selin
Dalton Spindler
Brooklyn Streu
Embry Sundquist
Clara Swanson
Taylon Sweere
Tenley Taivaloja
Mason Taylor
Robert Thornton
Aiden Tingum
Xai Vang
Catrina Vigliaturo
Jayden Walz
Makenzie Warner
Elizabeth Wells
Layla Whiting
Adeline Wickenheiser
Matthew Wiermaa
Owen Wilson
Nolan Witt
Izaac Zimmer

From Our School Board

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Members present: Todd Rengo, Jerry Frederick, Leona Johnson, Steve McConnell, Margaret Sunnarborg, Jeff Salo 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 Jeff Salo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried by unanimous vote

- Approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
9/16/22	93329-93390	$202,629.51
9/21/22	93391-93416	$32,827.30
9/22/22	93389 voided	($300.00)
9/28/22	93417-93459	$51,187.82
10/6/22	93460-93507	$257,411.51
10/12/22	93508-93569	$38,186.83
10/17/22	93570-93595	$61,141.21
10/25/22	93596-93653	$72,728.94
11/2/22	93654-93709	$76,960.36
11/9/22	93710-93750	$90,979.34

- Fundraiser Request.
  - Elementary P.I.E. Group – McDonald's Teacher Night on November 15, 2022.
  - Elementary P.I.E. Group – Online sales of Esko apparel and swag.
  - Esko Girls Basketball – Hustle & Heart Youth Girls Clinic on Sunday, December 4, 2022.
  - Esko Leads – Coins for Christmas coin drive and Food Drive for the Cloquet Salvation Army.
  - Esko Music Boosters – Sell candy bars at music concerts.
  - Esko Choir – Cloquet Dairy Queen will donate 15% of receipts to the Esko Choir between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on December 13th.
  - Esko Boys Basketball – Shoot-a-thon.
- Donations.
  - Kristin Burkholder 5K in the amount of $20.00 for Girls Softball.
  - Kristin Burkholder 5K in the amount of $40.00 for Cross Country.
  - Kristin Burkholder 5K in the amount of $10.00 for Football.
  - Irving Community Association in the amount of $5,000.00 for Robotics.
  - Ashley and Matthew Hagelin in the amount of $100.00 for Robotics.
- Personnel.
  - Increase in hours for Jeff Emanuel, paraprofessional, from 6.75 hours to 7 hours per day effective September 6, 2022.
- Treasurer's Report.
  - September 2022.

Month Ending September 30, 2022

Date of Report: 10/5/2022

FUND	BALANCE 8/31/2022	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 9/30/2022
01 General	4,415,950.02	1,195,371.50	(593,498.29)	(800,186.14)	19,096.57	4,434,735.06
02 Food Service	365,541.19	42,629.89	(18,657.58)	(11,413.23)	206.94	398,607.17
03 Transportation	250,028.58	0.00	(21,432.34)	(18,513.45)	1,042.66	221,125.43
04 Community Service	400,947.78	56,331.75	(17,637.86)	(19,380.64)	216.23	420,374.21
05 Capital Expenditure	216,259.20	1,436.39	(161,324.34)	0.00	0.00	56,371.25
06 Building Construction	165,986.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.12	166,301.54
07 Debt Service	568,144.35	60,767.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	628,912.34
11 Student Activity	27,368.55	2,319.00	(1,866.32)	0.00	7,815.01	35,636.24
18 Custodial	3,675.87	3,675.87	(7,351.74)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	6,441,921.94	1,363,032.30	(813,766.47)	(849,096.46)	28,592.55	6,370,083.86
45 OPEB Trust	1,072,548.06	13,358.82	(14,151.71)	0.00	(24,900.19)	1,048,854.68
TOTAL District Cash	7,514,470.00	1,376,390.82	(827,918.18)	(849,096.46)	3,692.36	7,418,938.54

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	275,062.63
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	6,086,622.29
OPEB Trust	1,056,253.62
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	7,416,938.54

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

Electronic Transfer Report

September-22

Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount
09/15/22	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce	$375,000.00
09/20/22	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce	$200,000.00
09/28/22	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce	$450,000.00

Payrolls

September-22

Date	Payroll Type	Check's				Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
09/15/22	regular	#	108938-108948	For	$5,386.84	216,948.52	384,700.33	$609,034.89
09/30/22	regular	#	108949-108956	For	$3,297.49	224,980.00	244,083.72	$472,361.21

Approve Winter Coaches Pending Return of Clear Background Checks

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve winter coaches pending return of clear background checks. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Superintendent Fischer reported on a positive audit and solid, competent work by Business Manager, Teresa Hart, her first fiscal year in Esko. Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the Annual Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Revised 2022-2023 Budget

Superintendent Fischer explained budget revisions based on increased student enrollment generating additional revenue. Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the revised 2022-2023 budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Resolution Canvassing the Returns of Votes of School District Election

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Leona Johnson to approve a resolution canvassing the returns of votes of the School District School Board Election. (Copy of resolution on file in the office of the Superintendent.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform other Election Related Duties

Move by Jeff Salo, second by Leona Johnson to approve a resolution authorizing issuance of certificates of election and directing school district clerk to perform other election related duties. (Copy of resolution on file in the office of the Superintendent.) Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Melissa Salmela as a High School Office Assistant for 4 Hours Per Day and Reducing Her Paraprofessional Hours to 3.5 Per Day

Superintendent Fischer recommends this hire contingent on the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding related to this employment. Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the hire of Melissa Salmela as a high school office assistant for 4 hours per day at a rate of $17.67 per hour and reducing her paraprofessional hours to 3.5 hours per day effective November 28, 2022, if Memorandum of Understanding is on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Elissa Heins as a Paraprofessional

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the hire of Elissa Heins as a paraprofessional at $19.08 per hour for 6.75 hours per day effective November 28, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of the Following Community Education Staff Effective November 15, 2022

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Leona Johnson to approve the following Community Education staff effective November 15, 2022.

- Stephanie Helland, ECFE Program Assistant, for approximately 3 hours per week at $15.69 per hour, clear background check on file.
- Nichole Reed, ECFE Teacher, for approximately 5 hours per week at $26.67 per hour, clear background check on file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Jillian McCullough as a Cool Kids Program Assistant

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Jeff Salo to approve the hire of Jillian McCullough as a Cool Kids program assistant for approximately 10 hours per week at $15.69 per hour effective November 15, 2022, clear background check on file. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept a Letter of Resignation by Retirement from Dan Beasley, Maintenance, Effective February 1, 2023

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to accept a letter of resignation by retirement from Dan Beasley, Maintenance, effective February 1, 2023, with permission to post the position. The Board thanks him for his years of service to the district. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

First Reading of New/Revised Policies

A first reading of the following new/revised policies was heard: 208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies, 209 Code of Ethics, 210 Conflict of Interest – School Board Members, 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing, 417 Chemical Use and Abuse, 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School, 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, 603 Curriculum Development, 604 Instructional Curriculum, 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students, 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy, 722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Great Parent/Teacher Conferences
- School Forest Week was a success
- Bus safety is completed

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Fall activities have all wrapped up
- Congratulations to the fall play directors, cast and crew of Our Town
- Fall Fest Learning Days Report: Once per quarter to help create well-rounded learners with activities that focus on experiential, environmental, college career oriented, service learning volunteerism and community based elements.

Board Committee Reports:

- Jerry Frederick: Facilities Meeting, Focus Groups, MSBA Focus Groups, Candidate Forum Steve McConnell: Curriculum Advisory Committee, Policy Committee, Hoops Club Meeting, Candidate Forum
- Margaret Sunnarborg: Policy Committee, Candidate Forum
- Leona Johnson: Curriculum Advisory Committee, Candidate Forum
- Todd Rengo: Policy Committee, Candidate Forum
- Jeff Salo: Policy Meeting, Facility Meeting for Fitness Center, Candidate Forum

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

- Enrollment Update: Class sizes are holding steady
- Fitness Center plans are moving forward. The architect is working on updated drawings • Update on the Solar Power Project
- MSBA Conference in January

Congratulations and Commendations

Thank you and Congratulations to the following:

- Fall Sports Coaches and Teams for their successful seasons
- Fall Play Directors, Cast and Crew for the performance of Our Town
- Business Manager, Teresa Hart, for a successful fiscal audit
- P.I.E. Group for hosting the Candidate Forum

Communications

- Thank you card from the Family of Julian Bertogliat

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to adjourn at 7:35 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, December 12th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Jerry Frederick called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Maggie Sunnarborg to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Moved items 5 & 6, Presentation by ICS and Approval of Fitness Center plans to the January 9th, 2023 meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Todd Rengo second by Jeff Salo to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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From Our School Board

- Approve the minutes of the November 14th 2022, regular School Board meeting.
- Checks.

Date	Check #s	Total
11/17/22	93751-93790	$174,183.40
11/30/22	93791-93838	$72,417.60

- Fundraiser Request.
  - Elementary PE Dept – Dazzling Dave YoYo sales – December 1st-9th.
  - Cheerleaders – Cheer Clinic – January 23rd-27th.
  - Esko Baseball – WeFund4U – January – February.
  - Esko Baseball – DECC Concession Stand - TBD
  - Esko Baseball – SuperOne Grocery bagging – February 11th& 12th
  - Esko Baseball – Calendar Sponsorship – December 15th – February 1st
- Treasurer's Report.
  - October 2022.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99
ESKO, MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending October 31, 2022

Date of Report: 11/4/22

UND	BALANCE 9/30/22	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 10/31/22
1 General	4,427,703.40	1,280,489.72	(608,718.06)	(485,938.65)	(12,308.10)	4,601,228.29
2 Food Service	398,607.17	51,388.72	(36,341.41)	(8,520.32)	9,071.56	414,205.72
3 Transportation	221,125.45	900.00	(28,571.84)	(20,550.84)	2,910.56	175,813.53
4 Community Service	420,374.21	41,972.87	(18,084.40)	(23,286.45)	(1,951.75)	419,044.48
5 Capital Expenditure	76,371.93	393.61	(12,073.52)	0.00	0.00	64,692.02
6 Building Contruction	198,301.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	198,301.54
7 Debt Service	626,912.34	52,516.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	679,429.25
1 Student Activity	35,461.18	24,792.50	(1,556.75)	0.00	2,400.30	61,097.23
8 Custodial	0.00	3,675.87	(3,675.87)	0.00	0.00	0.00
otal Cash for reg. oper.	6,372,857.22	1,456,130.20	(709,001.87)	(538,296.06)	122.57	6,581,812.06
5 OPEB Trust	1,046,854.68	0.00	(4,103.39)	0.00	409.90	1,043,161.19
TOTAL District Cash	7,419,711.90	1,456,130.20	(713,105.26)	(538,296.06)	532.47	7,624,973.25

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	406,465.68
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	6,172,393.35
OPEB Trust	1,046,114.22
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	7,624,973.25

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	7,419,711.90	1,456,130.20	(713,105.26)	(538,296.06)	532.47	7,624,973.25
						0.00
						0.00

Electronic Transfer Report
October

Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount	conf.#
10/12/22	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce	[illegible]	[illegible]

Payrolls
October

Date	Payroll Type	Check's		Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
10/15/22	regular	# 108957-108967 For	$7,896.49	226,328.51	254,848.07	$489,323.07
10/31/22	regular	# 108968-108981 For	$9,875.67	234,032.83	249,363.34	$493,291.84

Presentation by ICS regarding the Fitness Center moved to the January 9th 2023 meeting.

Approve the purchase of a new bus, not to exceed $130,000.

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the purchase of a new bus. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2023-24 School Readiness Proposal

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Maggie Sunnarborg to approve the 2023-24 School Readiness Proposal as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2023-24 School Readiness and ECFE Rates

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Todd Rengo to approve the 2023-24 School Readiness and ECFE rates as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve World's Best Workforce & Summary 2022-23

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the World's Best Workforce & Summary 2022-23 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of Nick Swanson as the third JH boys' basketball coach due to increased numbers.

Moved by Leona Johnson. Motion failed for lack of second vote.

Approve the addition of a Student Success and Family Liasion position, 20 hours per week, $20.00 per hour.

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve and post for the addition of the Student Success and Family Liaison position as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the addition of Quinn Fischer as a volunteer boys basketball coach.

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Jeff Salo to approve the addition of Quinn Fischer as a volunteer boys basketball coach, effective immediately, pending a clear background check. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve to post the position of Elementary Art Teacher.

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Steve McConnell to approve the posting of an Elementary Art Teacher, as soon as possible. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Accept the resignation of Rachel Amirealut, Cool Kids, effective December 14th, 2022.

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to accept a letter of resignation from Rachel Amirealut, effective December 14th, 2022 with permission to post. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Final Levy Certification 2022 payable 2023.

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve the final levy certification 2022 payable 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts & designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day of the statewide elections.

Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to approve the resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Second Reading of New/Revised Policies

A first reading of the following new/revised policies was heard: 208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies, 209 Code of Ethics, 210 Conflict of Interest – School Board Members, 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing, 417 Chemical Use and Abuse, 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School, 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, 603 Curriculum Development,

604 Instructional Curriculum, 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students, 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy, 722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- Crew 2026, Freshman Forum – received a compliment regarding their mall volunteer hours and wrapping gifts.
- New Deputy assigned to Esko – Casey Renquist

Elementary School: Mr. Harker – no report, he was attending the Elementary Christmas Concert

Board Committee Reports:

- Jerry Frederick: Non Certified
- Steve McConnell: Non Certified
- Margaret Sunnarborg: Town Board, Community Education and Non Certified
- Leona Johnson: Community Education
- Todd Rengo: N/A
- Jeff Salo: N/A

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

- Essentia/St. Luke's – they are ready to communicate plans regarding the fitness center.

Congratulations and Commendations

Thank you and Congratulations to the following:

- Last meeting for Jeff Salo. Thank you for all that you have done and your contributions. • Custodial Staff are very accommodating.
- Supt Aaron Fischer, Bridget Peterson and Angie Orvedahl-Jalonen regarding the ECF funding.
- Teresa Hart, Emily Johnson and Angie Orvedahl-Jalonen for stepping up while Julie is absent.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to adjourn at 7:22 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, January 9th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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

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. Moved item 16 to 17, Presentation by ICS.

Seat newly elected Board Members/Oaths of Office

• Rob Johnson

Election of Officers

Acting Chairperson Jerry Frederick called for nominations for Board officers

- Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Todd Rengo nominated Jerry Frederick for the position of Board Chair. There were no other nominations and Jerry Frederick was elected Chairperson by acclamation.

- Call for nominations for Vice Chair.

Leona Johnson nominated Todd Rengo for the position of Vice-Chairperson. There were no other nominations and Todd Rengo was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

- Call for nomination for Treasurer.

Jerry Frederick nominated Maggie Sunnarborg for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nomination and Maggie Sunnarborg was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

- Call for nominations for Clerk.

Leona Johnson nominated Steve McConnell for the position of Clerk. There were no other nominations and Steve McConnell was elected Clerk by acclamation.

Approve the update of the signature plate for checks.

No changes

Approve Designation of Authorized Personnel and Statement Recipient

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve Aaron Fischer, Superintendent, Teresa Hart, Business Manager and Julie Pelletier, Administrative Assistant as Authorized Personnel and Teresa Hart as the Statement Recipient. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Act on Setting Salary of School Board Members

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Steve McConnell to keep the current per meeting rate at $60 for each meeting with a six-month cap of $1,680 per six-month period.

BE IT RESOLVED that all members of the Board of Education of Esko, Independent School District No 99, are compensated at a rate of $60 for each meeting and/or workshop attended with a cap of $1,680 per six-month period. Members shall be paid semi-annually in June and December 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Set 2023 School Board Meeting Dates

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to set 2023 School Board Meeting dates as follows; 2nd Monday of each month starting at 6:30pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Newspaper for Legal Publication for 2023

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Todd Rengo to approve The Pine Knot newspaper for legal publication for 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Depositories for School District Funds for 2023

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to approve depositories for district funds for 2023 as follows: US Bank, Northwoods Credit Union, PMA/MN Trust/ Associated Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Members Cooperative Credit Union. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye votes by Todd Rengo, Margaret Sunnarborg, Leona Johnson, Jerry Frederick and Rob Johnson with Steve McConnell abstaining from the vote and no nay votes.

Approve Rupp Anderson Squires and Rudy Associates as the attorneys of record for 2023

From Our School Board

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve Rupp Anderson Squires and Rudy Associates as the attorneys for record for 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Board Committee assignments for 2023

Finance	Committee of the whole
Certified Negotiators	T Rengo, L Johnson, S McConnell
Non-certified Negotiators	J Frederick, M Sunnarborg, R Johnson
Community Education	L Johnson, R Johnson, M Sunnarborg/Alternate
Special Education	T Rengo, A Fischer/Alternate
MSHSL Governing Board	T Rengo, S McConnell/Alternate
Town Board Liaison	J Frederick/M Sunnarborg/Alternate
Township Recreation Board	S McConnell, J Frederick/Alternate
Staff Development	L Johnson, R Johnson/Alternate
Safety	J Frederick, T Rengo
Technology	J Frederick, S McConnell
Facilities	T Rengo, J Frederick, S McConnell
Policy	M Sunnarborg, R Johnson S McConnell/Alternate
Wellness	L Johnson, M Sunnarborg
Curriculum Advisory	R Johnson, L Johnson
Health Insurance Committee	T Rengo, L Johnson
Meet & Confer	J Frederick (Chair), T Rengo (Vice-Chair)

Approve Authorization to Perform EFT

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Leona Johnson to authorize the Business Manager and the District Administrative Assistant to perform Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Steve McConnell, second by Leona Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda with thank you for support from these businesses and individuals.. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Approve the minutes of the January 9th, 2023, School Board Meeting.
- Checks

Date	Check #s	Total
12/13/22	Void #89424	$6.35
12/13/22	Void #90577	$60.00
12/13/22	Void #90678	$60.00
12/13/22	Void #90718	$60.00
12/8/22	93839-93882	$115,708.02
12/16/22	93883-93925	$214,311.33
1/4/23	93926-94008	$1,307,301.94

- Donations
  - Hannau Rautell in the amount of $100.00 for lunch account donation
  - Harbor Pointe Credit Union in the amount of $500.00 for Robotics.
  - Cloquet Chapter 256 – Women of Moose in the amount of $50.00 for Robotics.
  - GEO Steele Co in the amount of $150.00 for Robotics
  - National Bank of Commerce in the amount of $100.00
  - Members Cooperative Credit Union in the amount of $100.00 for Robotics.
  - IPS Cranes in the amount of $100.00 for Robotics.
  - Community Memorial Hospital in the amount of $100.00 for Robotics.
  - NorthShore Bank in the amount of $100.00 for Robotics.
  - Buffalo Valley in the amount of $300.00 for Robotics.
  - Northwest Outlet in the amount of $50.00 for Robotics.
  - Sarah Johnson in the amount of $2,004.00 for lunch account donation.
- Fundraiser Request.
  - School Forest – Steve Krueger/Saara Hipp – ongoing
  - Esko Baseball – After school childcare – early release conference days – February
- Personnel
  - Petition for Salary Lane Change from MA15 to MA30 from Jeremy Zywicki Sem II FY23.
- Treasurer's Report.
  - December 2022

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 99
ESKO, MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Month Ending December 31, 2022

Date of Report: 1/5/23

FUND	BALANCE 11/30/22	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PAYROLL	SUNDRY JOURNAL	BALANCE 12/31/22
01 General	4,777,263.26	1,129,699.13	(558,283.14)	(468,440.75)	(2,039.95)	4,878,411.55
02 Food Service	431,498.88	51,988.69	(36,946.45)	(8,885.13)	29.93	437,685.90
03 Transportation	137,834.10	0.00	(21,094.72)	(18,674.96)	2,015.35	100,079.74
04 Community Service	404,652.55	40,992.90	(17,999.65)	(20,693.26)	(39.72)	407,253.79
05 Capital Expenditure	57,672.28	0.00	(66,471.99)	0.00	0.00	(8,598.71)
06 Building Construction	139,853.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	549.96	140,403.29
07 Debt Service	731,785.47	50,284.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	782,069.94
11 Student Activity	63,560.77	5,213.00	(1,380.10)	0.00	0.00	67,393.67
18 Custodial	0.00	7,351.74	(7,351.74)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash for reg. oper.	6,744,340.82	1,290,529.93	(708,996.79)	(521,691.17)	515.57	6,804,698.16
45 OPEB Trust	1,042,919.24	4,943.88	(4,103.39)	0.00	1,153.80	1,044,913.53
TOTAL District Cash	7,787,259.86	1,295,473.81	(713,100.18)	(521,691.17)	1,669.37	7,849,611.69

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

BANKS	AMOUNT
National Bank of Commerce	18,888.80
Other Banks (CD's & MN Trust)	6,781,092.53
OPEB Trust	1,049,630.36
TOTAL OF BANK BAL.	7,849,611.69

Electronic Transfer Report
December

Date	Account Transferred From	Account Transferred Into	Amount
12/08/22	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce	$500,000.00
12/16/22	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce	$250,000.00
12/29/22	PMA/Trust Account	National Bank of Commerce	$220,000.00

Payrolls
December

Date	Payroll Type	Check's			Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
12/15/22	regular	# 109033-109048	For	$9,386.76	226,911.74	246,882.99	$483,181.49
12/30/22	regular	# 109049-109067	For	$10,035.97	224,277.50	243,847.27	$478,160.74

Presentation by Chad Stoskopf, Athletics Director – School Culture/Sportsmanship Initiative

The progress so far has been very good. The school has offered leadership opportunities for coaches and athletes. We are seeing a definite improvement from last year. The captains of each sport are receiving separate training also.

Presentation by ICS – Fitness Center

We will be in a holding pattern for a few weeks as ICS is meeting with the state about building occupancy. ICS presented an alternative plan. An additional board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30th at 5:00pm to discuss the plan.

Approve the eLearning Plan

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Rob Johnson to approve the eLearning plan as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the hire of Matt Norstrom, Cool Kids,

$13.66 per hour, up to 10 hours, effective immediately. Moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to hire Matt Norstrom to the position of Cool Kids. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports:

Principals' Reports:

High School: Mr. Hexum reported on the following:

- 1/16/23 – Gathering of Great Minds with 9 other school districts
- 9th grade students finished CPR/AED training. The para will be trained next.

Elementary School: Mr. Harker reported on the following:

- Change the holiday program – 1st – 3rd in the winter and 4th-6th in the spring.
- The current 5th grade students will attend ELC in November 2023 as 6th graders. • Looking at dates for kindergarten round up.
- Winter Parent Teacher conference are the first part of February.

Board Committee Reports:

- Imagine It Day coming up
- Jerry Frederick: Safety Committee
- Steve McConnell: N/A
- Margaret Sunnarborg: N/A
- Leona Johnson: N/A
- Todd Rengo: N/A

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer:

- Enrollment Update, 1260 students
- Tennis Court Update – possible funding to entertain a proposal to the school board. •

Congratulations and Commendations

Thank you and Congratulations to the following:

- Bus Drivers are adjusting scheduled to work through shortages. They are going above and beyond. • Jason Wefel, volunteer coach, lost his home to a fire over Christmas Break. We are thinking of him and his family.

Open Forum

- Ruth Janke, Township Board, sold all but two lots in the Business Park. Essentia Distribution Center has made a purchase.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Leona Johnson, second by Steve McConnell to adjourn at 8:22p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Steve McConnell
Clerk

DOGS AND CATS

Thomson Township has a leash - running at large ordinance. This applies to all areas of the Township. All animals must be under their owner's control at all times and not on neighboring properties.

And as a reminder: Please pick up after your pet. Your neighbors appreciate it. There's also a link to a video on the Town website: thomson.govoffice.com with more information on the effects of animal waste on the local waterways.

CURFEW FOR MINORS

Just a reminder that there is a curfew ordinance for minors in Thomson Township.

"Curfew hours" are 11:00 p.m. on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 12:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, until 6:00 a.m. the following day.

A minor for the purpose of this ordinance means any person under 18 years of age.

You can view a copy of the entire ordinance on our website thomson.govoffice.com or at the Town Office.

RECYCLING SHED HOURS

The recycling center is located at the Town Hall at 25 E. Harney Road.

Year-round hours of operation are:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The staffed facility in Esko is for residential recycling only.

A list of items that are accepted can be found at: www.co.carlton.mn.us/254/Recycling-in-Carlton-County

With the increase in on-line shopping there has been an increase in cardboard being recycled. If you have a large amount of cardboard, please bring it directly to the Carlton County Transfer station at 1950 Highway 210, Carlton. All boxes must be broken down before putting them in the dumpster.

Please do not leave items at the facility when it is unattended.

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Thomson Board of Supervisors holds their regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road. Meetings are currently being held with an option to attend virtually via Microsoft Teams. Check the Town website: thomson.govoffice.com for details for each meeting.

THOMSON TOWN OFFICE

The Thomson Town Office is located at 25 E. Harney Road.

The regular office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

TOWN OF THOMSON NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The Town of Thomson Annual Meeting
will be held on Tuesday, March 14 2023
at Thomson Town Hall, 25 East Harney Road,
Esko, MN

The meeting will be convened at 7:00 p.m.

Residents attending this meeting will vote on
the 2024 tax levy
to be certified on the 2024 property taxes.

Incase of inclement weather,
the Annual Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson
879-9719

Around Town

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Absent: Terry Hill
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Jonathan Bouvine, Joe Jurewicz, Kyle Gustafson, Randy Roberts

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Compo. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of $ 210,906.03 (Check #'s 47863-47915) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of $ 8,932.62. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Deputy Randy Roberts was present with his report for October. There are 92 calls for service. He responded to 50 of them with other deputies responding to the other 42. Burglaries are increasing, especially the theft of copper wire. This will be the final Town meeting for Deputy Roberts. He will be retiring this month and a new deputy will be assigned. He was thanked for the service he has provided to the Town.

Pykkonen, provided an update on her research of permitting and utility billing software. After discussion, a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to approve Pykkonen's recommendation to contract with Tyler Technologies for utility and public works billing software and Cloudpermit for permitting software, pending review of the contracts by legal counsel. Motion carried. Upfront costs for Tyler Technologies are $ 60,528. Cloudpermit upfront costs are $ 17,000. These costs will be paid for with fees collected from sewer charges and building permit and zoning permit fees.

The Town recently purchased a 2023 Chev Silverado 3500 pickup truck. The truck will be delivered within the week. Compo is waiting for a quote from Widdes for a plow to be installed. Other quotes will be obtained for the next meeting. Bouvine will look into having safety lights installed. Graphic Technologies is also working on updating the Town logo. This will also go on the truck.

A letter was received from MNDOT regarding their plans to clear trees in the right-of-way along I-35 between Mahtowa and Proctor.

One quote was received for a tri-pod to enter sewer manholes. Bouvine was given approval to make the purchase of this budgeted item.

One quote was received to replace the flooring in the town hall entry and bathrooms. Janke will get another quote.

Gustafson reported on fire department activity. They are nearing 300 calls for service for the year. They recently responded to the apartment fire in Carlton and a structure fire in Wrenshall.

The E. Riverside Road and Serenity Way paving improvement hearing will be November 10 at 6:30.

Randall Avenue and Flynn St. sewer televising is still being set up. Letters will go out to residents in the near future to set up inspection appointments with ABCO.

Gustafson and others met with two vendors for the new fire tanker truck. They hope to advertise for bids soon.

Jurewicz and Bouvine will be meeting with a contractor in the business park to do hydrant testing to determine the current flow rates.

Gerard reported on the recent Carlton County Association of Town Officers meeting he attended. The new justice center, broadband, and noxious weeds and invasive species were the topics.

Janke reported that she attended an EDA meeting.

Compo provided an update on quotes for the snowplow for the new pickup. He is waiting for the second update.

Peleski continues to work on the election preparations.

Pritchett updated the Board on vacating portion of Progress Drive. This is required in the purchase agreement that was recently signed. Since a 4/5's vote is needed, it will be included on the next meeting agenda. The closing date has been extended to Dec. 19.

At 7:00 a motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to close the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried.

At 7: 24 p.m. a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to reopen the regular meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:24 p.m.by Gerard with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

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

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Jonathan Bouvine, Josh Ritchie, Kyle Gustafson,

Prior to the regular meeting, three candidates for the vacant Town Board position were interviewed in a panel interview setting. The candidates interviewed were Gary Bonneville, Eric Rish and Dave Sunnarborg. This concluded at 6:12 p.m.

Discussion was then held on how the new Board member would be selected. It was decided that each voting member would rank the three candidates and bring their rankings to the next meeting.

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Janke corrected a statement that she made to a local newspaper regarding the closed portion of the November 3 meeting. She misspoke and said it had been closed to discuss a real estate transaction. It had actually been closed to discuss a personnel issue. Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Compo. Motion carried with Hill abstaining.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of $ 90,338.28 (Check #'s 47916-47974) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of $ 8,089.83. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

October receipts in the amount of $ 68,858.97 and October fund balances were provided for review.

A letter was received from John Bergman regarding the selection process for filling the Town Board vacancy.

A letter was received from County Auditor Kevin DeVriendt regarding filling the vacancy on the WLSSD Board of Directors. Ruth Janke has been the Carlton County representative and recently submitted her resignation.

Bouvine and Ritchie were present with quotes for a plow on the new Town pickup truck. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve the quote from Bear's Port Town Tire in the amount of $ 9,131.01. . Motion carried.

Financial statements were received from Esko Baseball for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the 2021 disbursement in the amount of $1,300. Motion carried. Since in 2020 most activities were suspended because of COVID, no other groups received money for that year. The 2022 disbursement will be approved in 2023.

Pykkonen provided the list of delinquent sewer accounts. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the list in the amount of $ 7,441.00 for certification to Carlton County for collection with the 2023 property taxes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-11, which sets a date and time for a hearing for the vacation of a portion of Progress Drive in the Business Park, was presented. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to schedule the hearing for December 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. This is a condition of the recently signed purchase agreement.

Bouvine asked the Board to consider what they'd like to do with the blue Ford pickup. Compo suggested putting it up for online bidding. Bouvine will arrange this. The brush mower is still not back from Ziegler. He's been told it should be ready by Christmas.

Gustafson has been getting prices for replacing the 30-year-old tanker. All prices so far have come in higher than expected but he's hoping he can get something back in line with what was budgeted. Today was Deputy Randy

Roberts' last day of patrolling. Gustafson had the dispatcher give a special thank you from the fire department and Thomson Township for the service Roberts has provided.

The ambulance study being completed by OakPoint should've been completed by the end of October. Carlton received their preliminary study and had some changes made. The Town's report should be received within a couple of weeks.

Gustafson has been looking for a replacement for the aerial ladder truck. A 2016 used truck from Missouri will be available in 12-18 months. This will be looked at again in the future since the current truck is scheduled for replacement in 2028.

Stangle gave his monthly report. He continues to work with residents on property splits and zoning questions as well as on nuisance complaints. There continues to be problems with the Town's Originating Agency Identifier. Because of a software issue, the Court Administrator is not able to enter the citations that have been written. This is being worked on by the Carlton County Sherriff's Office, Court system and BCA.

Pykkonen has been compiling information for the new permitting and utility billing software. The contracts with both vendors are still being reviewed by legal. She also has been working with VC3 to order a new computer for the fire department.

Gerard received the tree inventory that was put together by River Bennet from Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District. The study is quite extensive.

Hill and Peleski met with Chief Deputy Dan Danielson and Deputy Casey Rennquist to begin the transition to Deputy Rennquist's new duties in Thomson Township. His start date will be Dec. 5.

The Personnel Committee conducted interviews for the position of Truck Drive/Utility Worker. A recommendation will be made soon.

Janke reported on the recent Community Education meeting she attended.

Maggie Sunnarborg from the Esko School Board reported on school activities. Todd Rengo along with Sunnarborg were reelected to the school board. Robert Johnson will be a new member. The enrollment is steady at about 1,260 students.

Peleski reported that 2,134 residents voted in person at the Nov 8 election. There were about 600 people that voted early at the Carlton County Auditor's office.

Carlton County Engineer JinYeene Neuman was present to begin the discussion on turning some of the frontage roads along County Road 61 back to the township. It would be about 1.5 miles. Improvements would be made before they were turned back. The County would consider taking back other roads as County roads in a trade. Funding has not been received for the reconstruction of County Road 61.

At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to recess the regular meeting and open the Board of Canvass meeting. Motion carried.

After reviewing the results of the November 8, 2022 Town Election, a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to accept the results as reported.

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR POSITION A

TERRY HILL	1,549
AMNA HANSON	766
WRITE-IN	8

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR POSITION B

RUTH JANKE	1,810
PARRISH SILBERNAGEL	482
WRITE-IN	12

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR POSITION E

TONY COMPO	2,078
WRITE-IN	21

Motion carried.

At 7:03 a motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to adjourn the Board of Canvass and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:03 p.m.by Hill with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

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

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchet
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Jonathan Bouvine, Joe Jurewicz (remote), Kyle Gustafson

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with one change. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve pay application # 1 from Instituform in the amount of $ 176,418.61 for the lining of sewer lines. Second by Hill. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of $ 304,347.07 (Check #'s 47975-48014) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of $ 7,575.42. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Each Board member and the Clerk completed their ranking of candidates for filling the vacant Board position. All rankings were then given to Pritchett for tabulation.

A public hearing for the sewer rate increase will be scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Two quotes were received for flooring in the town hall entrance and bathrooms. One quote included additional office space and one didn't. Peleski will contact each to update their quotes.

Pritchett announced the outcome of the voting. David Sunnarborg received three votes, Gary Bonneville received one vote, and Eric Rish received one vote.

Sunnarborg took his oath of office and was seated for the meeting. Bonneville thanked the Board for the time they spent making the selection.

The personnel committee recently interviewed applicants for the Truck Driver/Utility Worker position. They are recommending the hiring of Randy Johnson to fill that position. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the hiring of Randy Johnson. Motion carried.

The OakPoint study for ambulance coverage has been completed. Board members were given copies for their review. This will be posted on the Town website.

Bouvine reported that the plow and step package have been installed on the one-ton pickup.

Discussion was held on the snowplowing policy. Bouvine has not been given a copy of it. Peleski will see that Bouvine and Sunnarborg both have copies.

Gerard reported on the recent County meeting he attended.

Hill reported that Deputy Casey Rennquist will start his new position on Monday, Dec. 5.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:52 p.m.by Hill with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

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

DECEMBER 20, 2022
RESCHDULED FROM DECEMBER 15 DUE TO WEATHER

Present: Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, Dave Pritchett
Staff also attending: Leah Pykkonen, Dan Stangle, Jon Bouvine, Kyle Gustafson, Joe Jurewicz (remote)

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.

Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 special meeting. Second by Hill. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion with a second by Hill to approve the purchase of the 2004 Sterling plow truck in the amount of $ 56,370. The truck will be paid for with ARPA funds. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of $ 143,679.28 (Check #'s 48015 – 48095, cashier's check 22-01, void 48046-48050) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of

$ 11,597.64. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

November receipts in the amount of $ 66,303.26 and November fund balances were reviewed.

A letter was received from Community Educa-

tion Director Michele Carlson asking the Board to consider increasing the amount of money earmarked for the sport court project by the school playground. The Board originally agreed to donate $ 10,000 to the project. After discussion, a motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to increase the Town's contribution to the sport court project to $20,000 to be taken from the Recreation Fund. Motion carried.

Two quotes were received to replace the flooring in the entrance of the Town Hall and bathrooms. After discussion, a motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to approve the quote received from Cloquet Flooring in the amount of $ 9,862.72. Motion carried. The flooring in the additional office will not be replaced.

Public Works Supervisor Jon Bouvine has been working on updating the snow plowing policy. He has been working with neighboring public works departments and the Esko School Transportation Director. This was tabled so the Board can review it.

The summaries of the drafts of the Private Road Ordinance and the Private Shared Driveway Ordinance were provided. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to approve for publication both summaries as written. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, January 26 at 5:00 to take public comment on the Private Road Ordinance and the Shared Private Driveway Ordinance. Motion carried.

An election has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 28 to fill the vacancy on the WLSSD Board of Directors. Jack Ezell has submitted his application to fill the vacancy to the Carlton County Auditor. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to authorize Peleski to represent Thomson Township and cast all six votes for Ezell. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-12, Accepting Donations Received in 2022, was presented for approval. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to approve Resolution 2022-12. Resolution approved.

Peleski presented a list of anticipated year-end transfers between funds. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve the year-end transfers between funds. Motion carried. It was noted that since the plow truck is being purchased with ARPA funds instead of Capital Improvement, no transfer will be needed from the General Fund to Capital Improvement.

Resolution No. 2022-13 which designates the Thomson Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road, Esko, MN as the designated polling place for all elections in 2023 was presented for approval. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to approve the resolution. Resolution approved.

Jurewicz has been working with the DNR and a property owner on Marks Road to correct drainage issues by the Midway River. A survey will need to be completed. Jurewicz received a quote from Straightline Surveying in the amount of $ 2,000. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the survey work on Marks Road. Motion carried.

Stangle gave his monthly report. He currently has four blighted properties that he's working on. He should soon be able to issue citations for prosecution. There were nine new homes built in 2022.

Gustafson reported that the fire department has responded to 348 calls for service so far in 2022. This ties the record number of runs responded to in previous years. The road crew assisted with responses during the recent snowstorm and did an excellent job. He now has the specifications for the fire truck to be ordered in 2023. This will be added to the agenda for Jan. 5. The low quote he received would require the Town to join Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing program authorized by State Statute.

Gerard reported that many of the trees he planted along the trails and other areas have been decimated by the recent storms.

Jurewicz has started working on the water study. He recently attended a meeting regarding housing issues in the area. More shared sewer lines have been found on Birch Drive.

He continues to work with CN and MNDOT on the E. Stark Road railroad crossing. Survey work will need to be done to locate culverts that go under the tracks. There is also a utility locate fee and possibly a flagging fee and an application fee. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to authorize Peleski to pay for the survey work and any necessary fees for the project. Motion carried.

Pykkonen reminded Pritchett that the contracts for the permitting software need to be signed by the end of the year.

At 5:56 p.m. a motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to discuss developments in the sale of lots in the business park. Motion carried.

At 6:39 a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to reopen the regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Compo to authorize Pritchett to negotiate the final details of the sale to protect the taxability of the property in the best interest of the Town. He will work jointly with Janke and Peleski to bring the sale to closing. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022-14 which authorizes Janke, Peleski and Pritchett to prepare and execute the purchase agreements, deed of conveyance and related documents by and between the Town and the buyer for the sale of lots in the Esko Industrial Park was presented for approval. A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the resolution. Resolution approved.

Closing is scheduled for December 21 at 12:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:43 pm by Hill with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson

Town of Thomson

JANUARY 5, 2023

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

Other Staff Present: Dan Stangle, Kyle Gustafson, Joe Jurewicz, Leah Pykkonen, Jon Bouvine

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Each Board member and the Clerk completed their ranking of candidates for filling the vacant Board position. All rankings were then given to Pritchett for tabulation.

Pritchett announced the outcome of the voting. David Sunnarborg received three votes, Gary Bonneville received one vote, and Eric Rish received one vote.

A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to appoint David Sunnarborg to the vacant Supervisor seat. Motion carried.

Sunnarborg took his oath of office and was seated for the meeting.

Nominations were requested for the position of Board Chairperson. Hill nominated Janke for the position. Second by Gerard. There being no further nominations, Janke was elected unanimously as Chairperson.

Gerard nominated Hill as Board Vice-chairperson. Second by Sunnarborg. Hill declined the nomination.

Sunnarborg nominated Gerard as Board Vice-chairperson. Second by Hill. There being no further nominations, Gerard was elected unanimously as Vice-chairperson.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Gerard to approve the following list of office appointments:

Clerk/Treasurer	Rhonda Peleski
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Leah Pykkonen
Assistant Weed Inspector	Jon Bouvine
Legal Counsel	Rudy, Gassert, Yetka, Pritchett, and Helwig, A Fryberger Law Practice Group
Engineer	Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services (AE2S)
Official Newspaper	Cloquet Pine Knot News
Insurance Agent	Arrowhead Insurance Agency Missie Waller
Depositories	National Bank of Commerce Wells Fargo North Shore Bank of Commerce
Health Officer	Carlton County Health Officer
Public Works Supervisor	Jon Bouvine
Zoning Official / Ordinance Enforcement	Daniel Stangle
Fire Chief	Kyle Gustafson

Hill requested Pritchett clarify why the Town is required to name Cloquet Pine Knot as its legal newspaper. Pritchett explained that State Statute states that if there is no newspaper with a primary office in the Town, then if any newspaper has a secondary office in the Town, we are required to name that paper as the legal newspaper. The Radosevich Law Office in the township has been designated a secondary office of the Cloquet Pine Knot News. After further discussion, it was decided not to research the issue further.

Motion carried

The list of Board liaison and committee positions was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Hill to approve

the following list of appointments:

Liaison Positions:

School Board	Ruth Janke
Community Education	Ruth Janke
Joint Sports & Recreation	Tony Compo
Parks and Trees	Bill Gerard
Town Hall	Dave Sunnarborg
Public Safety	
Carlton County Sheriff's Dept.	Terry Hill
Fire	Tony Compo
Sewer and Water	Dave Sunnarborg
Roads	Tony Compo
Planning and Zoning	Ruth Janke
Economic Development	Terry Hill / Ruth Janke
Environmental and Recycling	Bill Gerard
Personnel Committee	Rhonda Peleski
	Terry Hill
	Ruth Janke
	Department Head as needed
	Legal Counsel as needed
Bank Statement Reviewer	Tony Compo
Administrative	Ruth Janke
County Board	Bill Gerard
Duluth Urban Watershed Advisory Council	Bill Gerard

Motion carried.

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

Compo made a motion to approve the final 2022 vouchers in the amount of $ 12,702.06 (Check #'s 48096-48108, void 48101) and electronic payments in the amount of $ 7,561.84. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of $ 43,480.62 (Check #'s 48109-48146) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of $ 14,521.55. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hill with a second by Sunnarborg to reschedule the public hearing to review sewer rate increases to January 26, 2023 at 4:30. Motion carried.

Gustafson provided copies of the fire truck quote from Midwest Fire in the amount of $ 310,221. The vendor has also stated that the final price is subject to change as pricing on the chassis could possibly be adjusted. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the purchase of a new fire truck for an amount up to $ 325,000. Motion carried. A down payment of $ 10,000 is required. The balance for the chassis will be due upon delivery to Midwest Fire.

The Board received the 2023 task order for general engineering services from AE2S. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Sunnarborg to approve the task order. Motion carried.

A work session will be scheduled for Thursday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m.

A budget and tax levy work session will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Hill to approve the 2022 Recreation Fund allocation for the Esko Baseball Association in the amount of $ 1,300. Motion carried.

Jurewicz will be meeting with the sewer lining contractor to find out when they'll be finishing the lining project they started in 2022.

The fire department responded to a record of 361 calls for service in 2022.

Stangle continues to work with owners of blighted properties.

Hill reported that the Town recently closed on the sale of nine lots in the business park to Essentia Health. Essentia Health also purchased eleven additional lots.

Peleski, with the help of Bouvine, has been putting together costs associated with the snow and tree removal after the recent snow storm. Some of those expenses might be reimbursed.

Discussion was held on Cloquet Area Fire District and Carlton Fire and Ambulance. Pritchett will arrange a meeting with District personnel along with Janke and Sunnarborg.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:24 p.m. by Hill with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

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

JANUARY 19, 2023

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Dave Sunnarborg, Leah Pykkonen, Dave Pritchett (late)
Absent: Rhonda Peleksi, Jon Bouvine
Staff also attending: Joe Jurewicz, Kyle Gustafson

Chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

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

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of $213,752.99 (Check #'s 48147-48190) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of $8,418.37. Second by Gerard. Motion Carried.

December receipts in the amount of $1,436,065.71 and December fund balances were reviewed.

A letter was received from the Esko Post Grad Party Committee requesting donations. In the interest of public safety, a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to donate $ 150 to the 2023 Esko All Night Graduation Party. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from Kyle Holmes, Carlton County Assessor, reminding Town Board members of the need to take local board of appeal and equalization training. The Board of Equalization is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Hill made a motion to re-schedule the Public Hearing, Amendment to Ordinance No. 31 Setting Rates for Sewer Service and Approval of Summary for Publication to February 16, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to change the starting time for the regular Town Board meetings to 5:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month starting with the February 2, 2023, meeting. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Missie Waller, Arrowhead Insurance was present to provide a policy renewal update. Most categories will see a 5% increase this year over last. Dividend this year was $5,590.00. Despite the municipal experience mod decreasing 10% this year, there were some claims this year that will affect our rates next year. There were no changes to coverages for the upcoming year.

Discussion was held on repairing vs. replacing the 1987 loader. Consensus was to fix it ourselves and table the replacement decision for another meeting.

Jurewicz wanted to remind the Board that he will need to attend the next 2 meetings remotely. The Fire Hall ventilation project should be ready to go out for quotes in the next couple of weeks. Still working on a solution to the Sewer rehab grouting / lining project after the contractors' equipment became stuck in one portion.

Gustafson will need to attend the upcoming public hearing remotely as he will be out of town. Gustafson also recently attended an 8-hour incident command 700 course and will also be attending a 3-day class in July as well.

Deputy Casey Rennquist was present to introduce himself as our new Carlton County Deputy and to give an update. In December there 150 calls for service of which he handled 78.

Hill made a request that the township website be updated with the new Town Board meeting time of 5:00 p.m. for all regular scheduled Town Board meetings.

Janke attended the last School Board meeting.

Janke, Sunnarborg, and Pritchett recently met with members of the Cloquet Area Fire District. We are still looking for numbers that better reflect the ambulance service portion only as we already have our own Fire Department. There was good open dialogue in the informational meeting. No decisions were made. We will continue to pursue having representation with the CAFD Board.

Pykkonen reported on all software projects have now kicked off. She hopes to have most items completed in the next 3 to 4 months.

Sunnarborg reminded everyone of the Carlton Ambulance meeting on January 25, 2023.

Ole Larson voiced his dissatisfaction with the upcoming public hearing date not online yet. Pritchett explained we had posted the meeting in both local newspapers three weeks before the hearing date. Pykkonen said it would be placed on the website by Friday, January 20, 2023.

Gerard made a motion at 7:00 p.m. to close the regular meeting to discuss the sale of lots in the Business Park. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Hill made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting at 7:13 p.m. Second by Compo. Motion Carried.

Hill made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m. Second by Gerard. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Pykkonen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Ruth Janke, Chairperson
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Church News

APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
25 Church Road Esko, MN 55733
(PH: 879-3882)
Pastor Nathan Juntunen
Website: www.esko-apostolic.org
E-mail: eskoapostolic@msn.com

March 2023 Worship Schedule

Sundays (5, 12, 19, 26):
9:00-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)
11 AM - Noon Coffee & Fellowship:

Wednesdays (1, 8, 15, 22, 29):
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Service

✝ 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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April 2023 Worship Schedule

Sundays (2, 16, 23, 30):
9-9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)
11 AM - Noon Coffee & Fellowship

Wed. April 5th:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
No evening activities

Wednesdays (12, 19, 26):
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:15 - 7 PM Family Night: Adult Bible Study & activities for all ages

Lenten/Easter Schedule & Events:
April 6, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion
April 7, 6:30 PM: Good Friday Service with special music
April 9, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM: Easter Services
9:00 AM: Easter Brunch
(No Sunday School on Easter Sunday)
April 28-30: Spring Women's Retreat in Menahga, MN. Register by April 15th

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May 2023 Worship Schedule

Sundays (7 & 14):
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10:00 AM Worship Service – All Ages
*(1st & 3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

May 21st:
9-9:45 AM Last Day of SundaySchool
10:00 AM Worship Service
11 AM-Noon Coffee & Fellowship

May 28th:
9:30 AM Summer Worship Schedule begins! No Sunday School until the fall.
10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship

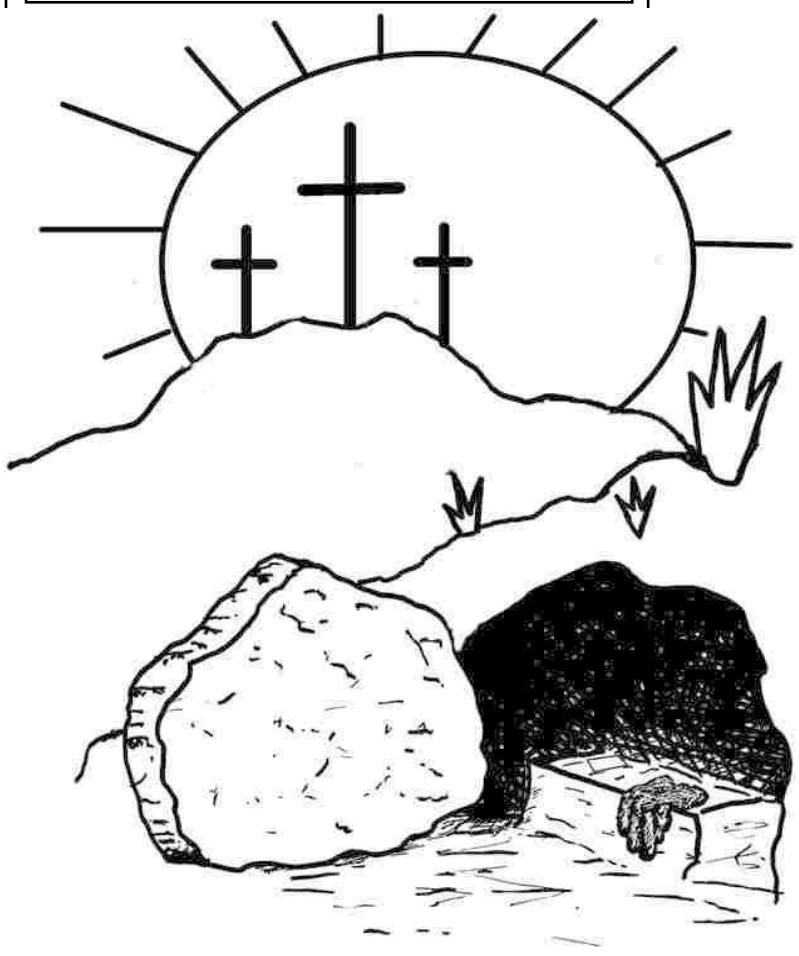
Wednesdays:

May 3rd:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Supper
6:30 PM Night of Music Fundraiser

May 10th:
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:00 PM Supper
6:00 PM All Church Cleaning (Inclement weather - alternate date May 17)

May 24th: (Last night of Wednesday activities until Fall schedule resumes)
6:00 PM Church Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
8:00 PM Esko H.S. Baccalaureate

Schedule of Upcoming Events:
May 29: Memorial Day



RUMMAGE SALE

At St. Matthews
Thursday, May 18th 9 am – 5 pm
Friday, May 19th 8 am - 4pm

I ♥ VBS

Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Matthews

June 26-30

Easter Services at St. Matthews

Wednesdays, March 1-29 - Lenten Worship 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am

Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 8 & 10:30 am

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ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH
and Little Esko Lutheran Preschool
4 Elizabeth Avenue - Esko, MN 55733
218.879.3510 - www.stmatthewsesko.org
lelpreschool@gmail.com

A family of believers grounded in, growing in and reaching out in Christ

Sundays
8 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, 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 w/the Pastor 9 am via Facebook
Wednesdays: Women's Bible Study 5:30m
Thursdays: Experience Recovery 6 pm

UPCOMING:

- Wednesdays, March 1 – 29 Lent Worship 6:30 pm (Soup Suppers at 5:30 pm)
- Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm
- Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm
- Sunday, April 9 – Easter Worship with Holy Communion 8 & 10:30 am
- Sunday, April 9 – Easter Breakfast 9-10:30 am
- Sunday, May 7 – Confirmation Sunday 10:30 am
- Church Rummage Sale - Thursday, May 18 9 am – 5 pm and Friday, May 19 8 am – 4 pm
- Vacation Bible School – June 26-30

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

BETHESDA MEATBALL SUPPER

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
SERVING 2:30-5:30 PM

SWEDISH MEATBALLS & GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, RUTABAGAS, VEGETABLES, HOMEMADE BREAD, COLESLAW/RELISH TRAY, DESSERTS, INCLUDING RICE W/FRUIT SAUCE

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ADULTS: $12.00
CHILDREN 5 TO 10: $7.00
CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE

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204 – 5TH STREET IN CARLTON, 218-384-4501
TAKEOUT AVAILABLE
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
"PRE-SALE" TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE

Praying together provides hope and strength to moms who carry heavy burdens for their children & community.

Attention: Moms, Grandmas, School Staff –

Any woman desiring to **pray** for our **Esko** schools…

Join us for a compelling and focused time of prayer for our next generation!

Prayer Gatherings
Mondays, from 7:15 – 8:15pm

Northwood United Methodist Church
62 County Rd 61, Esko

Every Monday that school is in session

Do you treasure praying for your children? Would you like to be in a small group of ladies who get together to pray for our children, their teachers and school?

Uncomfortable with group prayer?
Don't worry; the prayer sessions are very guided and we welcome silent participation!

Please check out the website: www.MomsInPrayer.org

Join our local group on **Facebook:** ***Moms In Prayer Esko, MN***

POC: Jana Clifford
218-721-7324

Moms in Prayer International **www.MomsInPrayer.org** **855.769.PRAY**

March Lunch Menu

MARCH 2023 LUNCH MENU **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Feb. 27 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit **Alt:** Ham & Cheese Sub	Feb. 28 **Breakfast:** Mini Waffles **Lunch:** Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/ Tomato, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit **Alt:** Stuffed Crust Pizza	March 1 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Crackers, Lettuce Salad, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Fruit **Alt:** Salad Bar	2 **Breakfast:** Donut, HB Egg **Lunch:** 'Lunch Brunch' Pancakes, HB Egg, Sausage Links, Tri Tater Baby Carrots, Applesauce **Alt:** Soft Shell Taco	3 **Breakfast:** Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel **Lunch:** French Bread Pizza, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Winter Vegetable Mix, Fruit **Alt:** Philly Sandwich
6 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Steamed Peas & Carrots, Fruit **Alt:** Soup/Sandwich	7 **Breakfast:** Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps **Lunch:** Chicken Patty/Bun, Waffle Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit **Alt:** Garlic Cheese Bread	8 **Breakfast**: Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch**: Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Whole Kernel Corn, Cottage Cheese, Frozen Fruit Cup **Alt:** Taco Salad Bar	9 **Breakfast**: Cinnamon Roll,HB Egg **Lunch:** Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Oven Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruited Gelatin **Alt:** Chicken Alfredo	10 **Breakfast:** Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel **Lunch:** Mexican Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Fruit **Alt:** Fish Burger
13 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Shrimp Poppers, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit **Alt:** Burger Bar	14 **Breakfast:** Mini Waffles **Lunch:** Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit **Alt:** Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	15 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Breaded Chicken Drumstick, Mac & Cheese, Biscuit, Whole Kernel Corn, Baby Carrots, Fruit **Alt:** Salad Bar	16 **Breakfast:** Donut, HB Egg **Lunch:** Taco in a Bag Chips/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato Spud Bites, Bread Stick, Fruit **Alt:** Ham & Cheese Sub	17 **Breakfast:** Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel **Lunch:** Turkey Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Pickle Spear, Fruit **Alt:** Lasagna Roll-Up
20 **Breakfast:** Muffin Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe/Bun, Cheese Slice, Whole Kernel Corn, Baked Beans, Fruit **Alt:** Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta Bake	21 **Breakfast:** Mini Pancake Wraps **Lunch:** Popcorn Chicken, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit **Alt:** Stuffed Crust Pizza	22 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Homemade Chili, Cheesy Bosco Stick, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Crackers, Fruit **Alt:** Salad Bar	23 **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg **Lunch:** Mandarin Orange Chicken, Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Bread Stick, Pineapple Tidbits, Fortune Cookie **Alt:** Turkey Sub	24 **Breakfast:** Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel **Lunch:** Cheese Pizza Crunchers, Lettuce Salad, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fruit **Alt:** Chicken Fajita
27 **NO SCHOOL** **SPRING BREAK** ***Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.***	28 **NO SCHOOL** **SPRING BREAK** ***Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.*** ***WGR cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item.***	29 **NO SCHOOL** **SPRING BREAK** ***Alternate line available for grades 7-12 daily.*** ***Ala Carte (Smart Snack) line available for grades 9-12.***	30 **NO SCHOOL** **SPRING BREAK** ***Menu subject to change.***	31 **NO SCHOOL** **SPRING BREAK**

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School Lunch/Breakfast Prices:

Lunch:
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Grades 7-12.....$2.40
Adults.....$4.95
Reduced Lunch.....$.00
Milk.....$.35

Breakfast
Student Breakfast....$1.20
Adults.....$2.25
Reduced Breakfast...$.00
Milk.....$.35

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April Lunch Menu

APRIL 2023 LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit **Alt:** Turkey Bacon Wrap	4 **Breakfast:** Mini Waffles **Lunch:** Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/ Tomato, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit **Alt:** Shrimp Poppers	5 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Bologna Sandwich, Crackers, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Carrots/ Celery Sticks, Fruit **Alt:** Salad Bar	6 **Breakfast:** Donut, HB Egg **Lunch:** "Lunch Brunch" French Toast, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrots, Applesauce **Alt:** Chicken Burger	7 **NO SCHOOL**
10 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Steamed Carrots, Fruit **Alt**: Soup/Sandwich	11 **Breakfast:** Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps **Lunch:** Chicken Patty/Bun Waffle Fries, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit **Alt:** Bosco Sticks	12 **Breakfast**: Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch**: Spaghetti in Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Whole Kernel Corn, Cottage Cheese, Frozen Fruit Cup **Alt:** Salad Bar	13 **Breakfast**: Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg **Lunch:** Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Oven Fries,, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruited Gelatin **Alt:** Taco in a Bag	14 **Breakfast:** Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel **Lunch:** Cheese Quesadilla Pizza, Lettuce Salad, California Veggie Mix, Fruit **Alternate:** Bacon Cheeseburger Tot Bake
17 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Shrimp Poppers, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit **Alt:** BBQ Meatballs	18 **Breakfast**: Mini Waffles **Lunch:** Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit **Alt:** Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich	19 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Turkey Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit, Cranberry Sauce **Alt:** Taco Salad Bar	20 **Breakfast:** Donut, HB Egg **Lunch:** Chicken Fajita Shell/Meat/Cheese, Lettuce/Tomato, Spud Bites, Bread Stick, Fruit **Alt:** Pulled Pork Sandwich	21 **Breakfast:** Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel **Lunch:** Turkey Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Pickle Spear, Fruit **Alt:** Lasagna Roll Up
24 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe/Bun, Cheese Slice, Whole Kernel Corn, Baked Beans, Fruit **Alt:** Pepperoni or Buffalo Chicken Pizza	25 **Breakfast:** Mini Pancake/ Sausage Wraps **Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit **Alt:** Turkey/Cheese Sub	26 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Chili, Cheesy Bosco Stick, Carrots/Celery Sticks, Crackers, Fruit **Alt:** Salad Bar	27 **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll, HB Egg **Lunch:** Mandarin Orange Chicken, Fluffy Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Bread Stick, Pineapple Tidbits, Fortune Cookie **Alt:** Ham & Cheese Sub	28 **Breakfast:** Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel **Lunch:** Cheese or Mexican Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fruit **Alt:** Meatball Sub
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May Lunch Menu

MAY 2023 LUNCH MENU **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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1 **Breakfast:** Muffin, Yogurt or String Cheese **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Twister Fries, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit **Alt:** Turkey/Bacon Wrap	2 **Breakfast:** Mini Waffles **Lunch:** Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce & Tomato, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit **Alt:** Cheese Pizza Crunchers	3 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Crackers, Lettuce Salad, Carrots/Celery Sticks, 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:** French Bread Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Fruit **Alt:** Meat & Potato Burrito
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29 **NO SCHOOL** **MEMORIAL DAY**	30 **Breakfast:** Mini Waffles **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets Twister Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fruit **Alt:** Turkey/Bacon Wrap	31 **Breakfast:** Sausage Breakfast Pizza **Lunch:** Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/ Tomato, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit **Alt:** Salad Bar	***Low fat or fat free milk offered daily with breakfast & lunch.*** ***Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast.*** ***WGR cereal may be substituted for main breakfast item.***	***Alternate line available for grades 7-12 daily.*** ***Ala Carte (Smart Snack) line available for grades 9-12.*** ***Menu subject to change.***

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