

August 20, 2025

The School Board of District 261 met in regular session on August 20 2025 in the Media Center. Chair B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM with members Anderson, Hovland, Johnson, Olson, Rylander, and Wing present. Absent: Stevens. Also present were Superintendent/HS Principal Moore, Ele/MS Principal Megan Peterson, Renee Melby, Marisa Baune, and Josey Koefod.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Anderson/Hovland MCU)

Recognition of visitors.

Motion to approve the following consent agenda (Rylander/Wing MCU):

- Approval of July 14, 2025 and July 16, 2025 minutes
- Financial Reports for July 2025
- Approval of bills: July Handpayables: \$9,379.98, July Wire Payments: \$201,365.82 and August bills: \$120,806.67
- Personnel Changes: hiring of Amanda Cook as a paraprofessional, hiring of Charles Taylor as Bus Driver, hiring of Nolan Weisz Music Teacher
- Accept donations: Coots Unlimited \$2,500 to Trap Club; Ashby Lions Club \$500 to Nursing Assistance Program; Johnson Nelson Masonry \$400, Second Chance Thrift \$250, Rylander Insurance \$100 to Summer Rec; Ashby Legion \$1,500 to ABE Golf; Sons of American Legion \$1,500 to ABE Golf; Western Prairie \$1,000 for mini refrigerator in Staff Lounge

Board Reports

Wing reported on Lakes Country Service Coop

Anderson reported on Region 1

Ele/MS Principal's Report

Mrs. Peterson reported on the following:

- Welcome baskets for new staff
- Introduction of Renaissance to all Staff
- Grant County Collaborative Training
- Creation of a Student sensory space
- Park Region Grant Awarded to Ashby School
- READ Act training for new staff
- Para training
- Science Curriculum training
- Window Signage installed on outdoor office windows
- DAC Testing schedule set

Superintendent/HS Principal Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following:

- Fergus Falls Area Special Ed Coop
- Start of 2025-26 School Year preparations
- Principals on the Roof Fundraiser
- Grant County Collaborative
- Staff Development for all Staff on August 19th focusing on climate and culture
- Dyslexia testing
- Social Media communication to families and community members
- Fueling station

- Goal Posts installation
- Fencing project
- Scoreboard
- Track maintenance and long term planning
- Paging System
- New food vendor SYSCO
- Transportation
- Sports pairing with West Central Area bills for Football and Wrestling
- Synergy training
- Collaboration with Grant County Schools

Marisa Baune reported on Middle School Math and Math Masters.

Josey Koefod reported on 2nd Grade and Staff Development Conference.

Discussion Items

Activities discussion with Battle Lake and other neighboring Districts reflecting on the future.

Scoreboards and five to ten year plan for outdoor facilities.

Staff incentives for meeting metrics.

Action Items

Motion for approval of 2025-2026 Student Handbook, 2025-2026 Staff Handbook, 2025-2026 Coaches Handbook, 2025-2026 Activities Handbook, 2025-2026 Youth Activities Handbook (Anderson/Olson MCU).

Consider Approving the School District Policy for the Electronic Transfer of Funds, authorizing Renee Melby and Jon Moore to electronically transfer funds as allowed by MS471.38 (Wing/Rylander MCU).

Motion Approving Authorized Signers for the District Checking Account at Viking Bank of Ashby as follows: Suzanne Wing (Vice Chair), Leslie Anderson (Clerk), Dallas Rylander (Treasurer) (Hovland/Olson MCU).

Motion approving with a pairing agreement for ESports and Robotics with Battle Lake (Rylander/Wing MCU).

Motion to adjourn (Hovland/Anderson MCU). Johnson called the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Leslie Anderson, Clerk