

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 20, 2025

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on August 20, 2025 in the conference room at the high school at 7:00AM. Board members present: Molly Welch, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Andrew Sorum, Greg Larson, and Staci Allmaras.

Board Members Absent: None

Student Representatives present: None

Student Representatives absent: Maclain Hovland and Ikraan Mohamed

Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Emily Evenson, Derrick Nelson, Laura Januszewski, Cary Haugrud, PJ Breen and Connie Mackner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00AM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Chair, Jon Karger.

Greg Larson moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Andrew Sorum and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Acknowledgements

Summer Food Service Programming Staff

Summer Club Vikes Coordinator & Staff

Summer Weight Room Coaches

Summer Custodial Staff

Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Principal

Mr. Derrick Nelson

B. High School Principal

Mrs. Laura Januszewski

C. Finance Director

Mr. Rudy Martinez

D. Superintendent

Mr. Brian Korf

Andrew Sorum moved to approve the consent items consisting of the following items:

- A. Approve board minutes - July 23, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting
- B. Financial claims - July bills
- C. Treasurer's report
- D. Personnel

Acknowledge the resignation of Andrea Banton as Part-time Evening Custodian at PRHS

Acknowledge the resignation of Tammy Trosvik as Special Education Paraprofessional at PRHS

Acknowledge the resignation of Jessica Weinrich as Junior High Volleyball Coach at PRHS

Approve the hire of Sharalyn Snavelly as Part-Time Special Education Teacher

Approve the hire of Charis Guillerimo as ELL Paraprofessional at PRHS

Approve the hire of Hailey Peasley as Full-time Custodial at PRHS

Approve the hire of Bridgette Holl as Knowledge Bowl Advisor at PRHS

Approve the hire of Allison Jessen as Special Education Paraprofessional at VES

Approve the hire of Faith Banton as Special Education Paraprofessional at VES

Approve the hire of Ryan Walters as Part-time Custodian at PRHS

Approve the hire of Tianna Benson as Special Education Paraprofessional at PRHS

The motion was seconded by Brenda Olson and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Staci Allmaras introduced the Resolution Accepting Donations.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full."; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Pelican Rapids Public Schools, ISD 548, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
Laura Klimek	\$80	Student Accounts
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Cookies for a Cause	\$549	Be the Light Scholarship Fund
Harper & Beckett Peterson's Lemonade Stand	\$2316	Be the Light Scholarship Fund
Anonymous	\$40	PRHS Scholarship Fund in Memory of KKO & Margaret Lee
Anonymous	\$20	PRHS Scholarship Fund in Memory of KKO
Friends & Colleagues of KKO	\$426	KKO Scholarship Fund in Memory of KKO

The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Andrew Sorum, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Molly Welch, Staci Allmaras, and Greg Larson

The following voted against: None

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Andrew Sorum made a motion to approve the VES Student Handbook. The motion was seconded by Staci Allmaras and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Brenda Olson made a motion to approve the PRHS Student Handbook. The motion was seconded by Andrew Sorum and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

John Karger made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook. The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Greg Larson made a motion to adjourn immediately following the closed session for labor negotiations strategy, pursuant of the Minn. Stat. 13D.03 without re-opening the meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Sorum and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Board Chair

Board Clerk