

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2026

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on January 5, 2026 in the conference room at the high school at 6:00PM. 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 & Ikraan Mohamed

Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Emily Evenson, Cary Haugrud, PJ Breen, Brady Ballard, Angie Barry, Sarah Lindberg, and Kim Nelson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Acting Chair, Jon Karger.

Acting Board Chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board chair. Molly Welch nominated Jon Karger as chair. Due to no further nominations, acting board chair Jon Karger, declared Jon Karger as elected 2026 board chair by acclamation.

Board chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board vice-chair. Jon Karger nominated Molly Welch as vice-chair. Due to no further nominations, board chair Jon Karger, declared Molly Welch as elected 2026 vice-chair by acclamation.

Board chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board clerk. Staci Allmaras nominated Brenda Olson as clerk. Due to no further nominations, board chair Jon Karger, declared Brenda Olson as elected 2026 clerk by acclamation.

Board chair, Jon Karger, called for nominations for board treasurer. Molly Welch nominated Staci Allmaras as treasurer. Due to no further nominations, board chair Jon Karger, declared Staci Allmaras as elected 2026 treasurer by acclamation.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: Jon Karger, Staci Allmaras, Andrew Sorum

Policy Committee: Molly Welch, Brenda Olson, New Appointee

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

Food Shelf and Studentbody for raising funds and food items

School Board Appreciation Month

Mr. Greg Larson - Your willingness to serve, time and support of ISD 548 is valued and appreciated. Thank you!

Administrative Reports

A. Finance Director

Mr. Rudy Martinez

B. Superintendent

Mr. Brian Korf

Greg Larson moved to approve the consent items consisting of the following items:

A. Approve board minutes - December 15, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting

B. Financial claims - December bills

C. Treasurer's report

D. Personnel

Approve the hire of John Eidsness as Assistant Boys Golf Coach

Approve the hire of Lucas VerDorn as Special Education Paraprofessional for JH Basketball

Approve the hire of the following for Skating Rink Attendant:

Hunter Hanson, Hayden Haugrud, Dylan Hoadley, Easton Munick, Jadon Peterson, Leigha Pixley,

Tyler Porto, Ayden Rotz

E. Acknowledge the resignation of Greg Larson as a School Board Member effective 1/6/2026

The motion was seconded by Staci Allmaras and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Andrew Sorum 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)
ra Klimek	\$80	Student Accounts
Laura Klimek	\$80	Viking Butikk
VFW Post 5252 Auxiliary	\$160	Viking Butikk
Faith Lutheran Church	\$420	Viking Butikk
Pass It On Ministries	\$1425	Viking Butikk
Clinton & Mary Meadows	\$150	FFA in Memory of Patricia Neu-Svare

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

The following voted against: None

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Jon Karger introduced the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE**

WHEREAS, if the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, if there has been a reduction in student enrollment and,

WHEREAS, if the reduction in expenditures and decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of program, and

WHEREAS, if a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. #548 as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

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 passed and adopted.

Staci Allmaras made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Board Chair

Board Clerk