REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2026

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on May 18, 2026 in the conference room at the high school at 6:00PM. Board members present: Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Andrew Sorum, Kris Lindberg, Staci Allmaras, and Molly Welch.
Board Members Absent: None
Student Representatives present: Maclain Hovland
Student Representatives absent: None
Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Becky Wontor, PJ Breen, Sherri Larson, Cary Haugrud, Derrick Nelson, Laura Januszewski, Ann Hovland, Torrey Hovland.

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

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

Acknowledgements

Special Education Transportation Staff
Pelican Bus Company & Bus Drivers
Advisors & Spring Coaches
Teachers & Support Staff
Maclain Hovland - Thank you for 2 years of service as a Student School Board Representative as well as being involved in multiple groups/activities and for being an outstanding leader at Pelican Rapids Schools.

Administrative Reports

A.	Elementary Principal	Mr. Derrick Nelson
B.	High School Principal	Mrs. Laura Januszewski
C.	Student School Board Representative	Mr. Maclain Hovland
D.	Finance Director	Mr. Rudy Martinez
E.	Superintendent	Mr. Brian Korf

Staci Allmaras moved to approve the consent items consisting of the following items:

A. Approve board minutes - April 20, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting
B. Financial claims - April bills
C. Treasurer's report
D. Personnel

Acknowledge the resignation of Heidi Moe as Special Education Teacher at VES
Acknowledge the resignation of Andria Hart as Special Education Paraprofessional at PRHS
Approve the hire of Alexander Diaz as Spanish & ELL Teacher at PRHS
Approve the hire of Alexander Diaz as Head Boys Soccer Coach at PRHS
Approve the hire of Alexander Diaz as Assistant Wrestling Coach at PRHS
Approve the hire of Emily Diaz as Special Education Teacher at PRHS
Approve the hire of Julie Jones as Full-time Evening Custodian at PRHS
Approve the hire of Erin Tollerud as Long-term Elementary Teacher Substitute at VES
Approve the hire of Beau Kirkwood as Head Girls' Basketball Coach at PRHS
Approve the summer workers:

Club Vikes: Ean Bakken, Chelsey Blakeway, Emily B. Evenson, Kamryn Kirkwood, Alexa Reyes Poblano, Madison Thompson
Custodial: Eli Beachy, Ben Honrud, Andy Rarick, Arturo Saavedra
Weight Room: Logan Knorr
Summer Rec: Zaylyn Arrow, Rachel Breen, Annika Checco de Sousa, Ryan King, Richelle Richardson, Noor Rufai, Ibrahim Saric, Zayne Schulte, Lyla Seifert, Finn Stewart
Summer School: Spencer Okke

The motion was seconded by Andrew Sorum 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)**
Laura Klimek	$80	Student Accounts
Laura Klimek	$80	Viking Butikk
Pelican Dental-Daniel Ditch	$1500	PRHS Scholarships
Central Evangelical Lutheran Church WELCA	$100	Celebration of Cultures
Brent Frazier	$400	Music Scholarships

The motion was seconded by Kris Lindberg and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Andrew Sorum, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Molly Welch, Kris Lindberg, and Staci Allmaras.
The following voted against: None
Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Jon Karger made a motion to approve the 2026-28 Bus Contract with Pelican Bus Company. The motion was seconded by Staci Allmaras and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Staci Allmaras, Kris Lindberg, Molly Welch, Jon Karger, Brenda Olson, and Andrew Sorum. The motion was carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Brenda Olson made a motion to approve the 2026 Pelican Rapids High School Graduation List. The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Andrew Sorum made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present members voting in favor.

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Board Chair Board Clerk