REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2025

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on November 17, 2025 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 (via MicrosoftTeams).
Board Members Absent: None
Student Representatives present: None
Student Representatives absent: Ikraan Mohamed & Maclain Hovland
Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Emily Evenson, Derrick Nelson, Laura Januszewski, Cary Haugrud, Becky Wontor, Davis Kosen, Jill Roisum, Whitney Gravalin, Brittany Dokken, PJ Breen, and Courtney Richman (via MicrosoftTeams).

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 Greg Larson and carried upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Andrew Sorum, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Staci Allmaras, Molly Welch, and Greg Larson. The following voted against: None.

Acknowledgements
- Fall Advisors/Coaches & Athletes/Participants
- All-State Fall Student Athletes
  - Boys Soccer All-State: Sidiiq Farah
  - Girls Soccer All-State: Ellie Carlson
  - Boys Cross Country Team All-State Academic Gold Award
  - Girls Cross Country Team All-State Academic Silver Award
  - Varsity Volleyball Team All-State Academic Gold Award
  - All-State Academic Awards: Morgan Korf
  - Varsity Football Team All-State Academic Gold Award
  - All-State Academic Awards: Maclain Hovland - Honorable Mention

Presentations

A.	2024-25 Audit Presentation	Representative from EideBailly (via MicrosoftTeams)
B.	Community Education	Mrs. Becky Wontor

Administrative Reports

A.	Elementary Principal	Mr. Derrick Nelson
B.	Dean of Students / AD	Mr. Davis Kosen
C.	High School Principal	Mrs. Laura Januszewski
D.	Finance Director	Mr. Rudy Martinez
E.	Superintendent	Mr. Brian Korf

Andrew Sorum moved to approve the consent items consisting of the following items:
- A. Approve board minutes - October 27, 2025 Special School Board Meeting
- B. Financial claims - October bills
- C. Treasurer's report
- D. Personnel
  - Acknowledge the resignation of Lisa Cape as Special Education Paraprofessional at VES
  - Acknowledge the resignation of Charis Guillermo as ELL Paraprofessional at PRHS
  - Approve the hire of Emily Evenson as Special Education Paraprofessional at VES
  - Approve the hire of Stefanie Urbano as ELL Paraprofessional at PRHS
  - Approve the hire of Lucas VerDorn as Special Education Paraprofessional at VES
  - Approve the hire of Jan-Erik Lindberg as Junior High Girls Basketball Coach at PRHS
  - Approve the hire of Sarah Lindberg as Celebration of Cultures Advisor at PRHS

The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried upon a vote being taken the following voting in favor: Andrew Sorum, Brenda Olson, Staci Allmaras, Jon Karger, Molly Welch, and Greg Larson. The following voted against: None.

Brenda Olson 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
Joanne Bjur	$20	Samtastic Scholarship
Grove Lake Lutheran Church	$150	Viking Butikk
Dunn Township Dunvilla Lions	$680	Student Accounts
Jeanne & Jim Hovland	$50	Prom
G & P Beech	$20	FFA in Memory of Rick Evenson
Multiple Donors	$115	PRHS Scholarship Fund in Memory of Rick Evenson
Faith Lutheran Church WELCA	$200	Viking Butikk

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

Greg Larson introduced the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School LEague Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Pelican Rapids Public Schools ISD 548 recognizes the value of a student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools in recognizing, promoting, and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletics and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Pelican Rapids Public Schools ISD 548 supports the schools application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a Form A grant to offset student activity fees.

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

Andrew Sorum made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 EAP Contract with Lakeland Mental Health Center. The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and carried, upon a vote being taken. The following voted in favor: Greg Larson, Molly Welch, Jon Karger, Staci Allmaras, Brenda Olson, and Andrew Sorum. The following voted against: None.

Jon Karger made a motion to approve and accept the 2024-2025 Audit. The motion was seconded by Andrew Sorum and carried upon a vote being taken. The following voted in favor: Andrew Sorum, Brenda Olson, Staci Allmaras, Jon Karger, Molly Welch, and Greg Larson. The following voted again: None.

Andrew Sorum made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried upon a vote being taken. The following voted in favor: Greg Larson, Molly Welch, Jon Karger, Staci Allmaras, Brenda Olson, and Andrew Sorum. The following voted against: None.

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Board Chair Board Clerk