

Approved Minutes
Grygla School Board Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Grygla School Staff Room

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Board Members Jim Verbout, Andrew Oslund, Alisha Anderson, Carson Saurdiff, Tonia Haack, Superintendent Derek Gieseke, Teacher Gene Lunsetter, Business Manager Amy Holte, and Students Allie Sundberg and Addi Severts

Absent: Tera Nordby

1. Motion by Andrew Oslund, second by Carson Saurdiff, to approve the agenda as amended. Passed 5-0.
2. Reorganization of the Board: Guidelines for officer selection-Acting chairperson calls for nominations for chair (3 times) or until all nominations are made. Acting chairperson states nominations are closed and declares a new chair if there is only one nomination, or calls for a vote if there are two or more nominations, and declares the chair when a nominee receives a majority vote. If no majority, revote until there is a majority. Same procedure is used for selection of vice chair, clerk, and treasurer. Motions and seconds are not needed in this process.

Election of Chairperson: (2024 Chairperson-Jeremy Rychlock)

Acting Board Chairperson Jim Verbout calls for nomination for Chairperson 3 times:
James Verbout was nominated and declared chair.

Election of Vice Chairperson: (2024 Vice Chairperson-James Verbout)

Board Chairperson calls for nomination for Vice Chairperson 3 times:
Alisha Anderson was nominated and declared vice chair.

Election of Clerk: (2024 Chairperson-Tera Nordby)

Board Chairperson calls for nomination for Clerk 3 times:
Tera Nordby was nominated and declared clerk.

Election of Treasurer: (2024 Treasurer-Gretchen Smeby)

Board Chairperson calls for nomination for Treasurer 3 times:
Tonia Haack was nominated and declared treasurer.

Committee Assignments	2024	2025
MSHSL	James	James
Paired Sports	James	Alisha

Legislative Action	James	James
NWRIC	Tera/ Gretchen	Tera/Tonia
Certified Negotiations	Tera/Andrew	Andrew/Carson
Classified Negotiations	Andrew/Luke	Andrew/Carson
Essential Negotiations	Tera/Gretchen	Tera/Tonia
Administrative Negotiations	Jeremy/James	James/Alisha
Superintendent Evaluation	Jeremy/ James	James/Alisha
Safety	Jeremy	Carson
Staff Development	Tera/James	James/Alisha
Policy Review	Tera/James	James/Carson
Community Education	Gretchen	Tonia
Buildings/Grounds	Andrew/Luke	Andrew/Carson
Transportation	James/ Andrew	James/Andrew
Marshall County Collaborative	Tera Nordby	Tera

3. Minutes of the 12/19/2024 regular school board meeting are approved as printed.
4. Approve payment of bills:
Motion by James, second by Alisha to approve payment of the bills check #40416 through check #40874, p-card payments and wire payments. Passed 5-0.
5. Student Report:
The Peer Helper Christmas Day was held in December and was a success. Intramural basketball started recently for 4-6th graders on Friday afternoons. The knowledge bowl team has started their season with the first competition held recently. Krystal N (8th grade) and Summer R (7th grade) won first and second places yesterday at the school spelling bee. Student Council hosted a blood drive last month.
6. Senior Class Trip Proposal
Senior advisors Brady Olson and Christina Kucera will be taking the seniors on their class trip this spring. They are proposing to rent a house in Wisconsin, and most of their daily activities will be in Minnesota in the Duluth area. Allie and Addi presented their budget and itinerary for the trip. Next month they will sell butter braids, and they will work concessions a few more times to make sure they have enough funds for the trip

and the remaining senior expenses. The board was agreeable to the proposal and gave the go-ahead to book the house.

7. Finance Report: (See Page 4)

8. Teacher Report

Gene Lunsetter reported that the resolution written for the READ Act requirements has been written and is ready to go. Tausha Severts will have the last day of 8th grade art with semester 1 ending this Friday; senior high art students have their latest project displayed in the lunchroom. Mrs. Severts has applied for a couple of grants—including one to have Betsy Saurdiff teach some senior high pottery and 6th grade ceramics. Abby Sundberg and the fourth graders will soon be publishing a book called *My Imaginary Pet*. Gene Lunsetter took five students (Landon N, Brianna S, Krystal N, Izabel H, and Emma S.) who were selected to participate in the Honor Band in Fergus Falls last week.

9. Dean of Students Report

Mr. Gieseke reported for Mr. Mumm that the basketball seasons are well underway, and the teams are seeing improvement.

10. Superintendent Report

The NW Regional Development Commission is seeking nominations for school board representation; let Mr. Gieseke know if you're interested. The staff who are part of phase 1 of the READ Act training have had their names submitted to MDE the first week of January. Isaak Kvasager had previously been doing the MCA testing for us in the spring, so Mr. Gieseke will meet with him next week to learn the ropes. There have been a couple of complaints recently about fans' behavior at Charger basketball games. There was a meeting this week about the trap shooting team joining with the Goodridge team since we do not currently have a coach. Part of the agreement of joining together would be for Grygla to promote the team; Tonia suggested having a member of the school staff at the Fourn-town-Grygla Sportsmans Club firearm safety courses.

11. Motion by Tonia, second by Carson, to designate the American State Bank and the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund as official depositories. Passed 5-0.

12. Motion by Andrew, second by Alisha, to designate the Grygla Eagle as the legal newspaper. Passed 5-0.

13. Motion by Carson, second by Alisha, to approve the health insurance correction plan that involved four retirees' and the superintendent's health insurance. Passed 5-0.

14. Motion by Andrew, second by James, to approve the hire of Kassandra Nordby as a Part-Time Paraprofessional. Passed 5-0.

Finance Report: December 2024

Current Month

Revenue for December 2024:

State Aid	\$201,333.71
County Taxes	\$6,411.83
State/Federal Food Service	\$14,042.36
Title	\$0.00
REAP	\$0.00
Con-Con	\$0.00
U of Kansas teacher study	\$10,000.00
	\$0.00
All other revenue	\$25,347.82
Total	\$257,135.72

Expenses for December 2024:

Salaries	\$173,082.66
Benefits	\$43,124.98
All other expenses	\$33,295.23
Total	\$249,502.87

Prior Months

Monthly Totals: current year

		Revenue	Expense
2024	July	\$55,092.03	\$343,814.83
	August	\$674,514.19	\$356,822.28
	September	\$277,478.27	\$244,066.73
	October	\$251,790.78	\$330,483.40
	November	\$225,488.68	\$316,265.39
	December	\$257,135.72	\$249,502.87
2025	January		
	February		
	March		
	April		
	May		
	June		

Monthly Totals: prior year

		Revenue	Expense
2023	July	\$92,871.44	\$122,514.02
	August	\$479,008.77	\$143,455.73
	September	\$359,099.10	\$620,763.40
	October	\$242,784.90	\$443,607.44
	November	\$174,038.87	\$323,990.97
	December	\$306,310.81	\$293,210.05
2024	January	\$327,325.25	\$442,324.33
	February	\$331,056.54	\$321,976.26
	March	\$347,463.67	\$336,685.18
	April	\$319,496.39	\$330,868.18
	May	\$286,408.43	\$292,724.48
	June	\$503,599.60	\$194,817.98

Bank Balance: current year

2024	July	\$547,600.57
	August	\$1,007,933.05
	September	\$929,145.79
	October	\$844,699.77
	November	\$792,985.51
	December	\$759,326.07
2025	January	
	February	
	March	
	April	
	May	
	June	

Bank Balance: prior year

2023	July	\$1,079,212.15
	August	\$1,299,200.42
	September	\$1,029,668.75
	October	\$867,970.53
	November	\$668,148.14
	December	\$672,215.35
2024	January	\$572,860.84
	February	\$568,326.20
	March	\$592,945.37
	April	\$562,863.80
	May	\$557,186.06
	June	\$862,792.23

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15. Motion by Tonia, second by Carson, to approve the following donations: Passed 5-0.

Grygla Sports Boosters	\$8,335	Track Program 2025
DigiKey	\$500.	Music Program
Polaris	\$1,200	Robotics 2024-25
St. Cloud Tech & Comm College	\$1,000	Robotics 2024-25
Ben Kucera	\$20	Shop Donation

16. Trustee Reports

The school lunch program was discussed, and it was decided that the three new school board members would meet with administration and food service staff to learn more and discuss.

17. Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Next Meeting is 2/13/25, 6:00 p.m.