

**CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL**  
**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 23, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called by Clerk Walberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Corey Petterson, Ryan Solee, Scott Abel, Kayla Walberg, & Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: Robbie Pond & Vern Wittenberg. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

3 **Community Comments** – The public was given the opportunity to make comments. No comments were made.

4 **Spotlight on Education** – Mr. Bettin gave highlights on events since the beginning of school.

5 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

6 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve minutes as presented. MCU

6.1 1/26/26 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson discussed the following items A) **Resolution from Indian Education Advisory Committee** – Mr. Tharaldson discussed the recent meeting of the AIPAC, and the resolution that will be discussed in item 10.12. B) **READ Act Trainings** – Phase II for the Science of Reading Training for Secondary Teachers as required through the READ Act will begin next week. Our Paraprofessionals have completed 3 of the 4 modules for their training, with the final module scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. Each module is 2 hours long. C) **Open Enrollment** – Current caps & enrollment numbers were presented.

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: **1) Personnel** – A) **Open Positions** – Custodian (2), Asst Softball Coach, and JH Baseball Coach. B) **Counselor Position** – Jill Neustal is now filling the school counselor positions as a long-term substitute. C) **Activities Director** – Leah Watne is taking this position for the remainder of the school year. The district will continue to work on a long-term candidate for next school year. Shout out to Tiffany for taking on extra duties, and Leah Watne for taking on these duties. **2) Educational** – A) **P/T Conferences** – Were held on 2/12 & 2/19. B) **Spring Sports** – Will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of March. C) **ACT Testing for Juniors** – Will take place on 3/10/26. **3) Legislative** – A) **Day at the Capitol** - I will be attending this on 3/10/26. This is an opportunity for us to speak to Legislators about school funding & needs within our district. **4) Financial** – A) **Energy Tax Credit** – There is a potential tax credit available to the district as part of the IAQ project. This potential energy credit is part of the Big Beautiful Bill that was signed into law. B) **Budget** – We will be working on a revised FY 26 budget to bring to the board in March or April. **5) Building/Grounds** – A) **IAQ Update** – We are waiting for Naylor's to install the air discharge grates in both the commons and the gym. The snorkel tubes have been installed on the roof top units as requested. Virgil also received the required training from Naylor's. B) **Gym Sound System Update** – Quotes for this were in your packet.

7.3 **Committee Reports** –

7.3.1 **Ed-MN Negotiations** – Negotiations are complete & ED MN has approved the contract. This will be coming up later in the meeting for board approval.

7.4 **Enrollment Report** – Enrollment as of 2/19/26 for grades Pre K-12 is 499. On 1/20/26 the number was 500.

8 **Consent Calendar** – MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

74644-74723/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

All Payroll was Direct Deposit

February Bills

Voucher Numbers: 75690-75716

Check Numbers: 74724-74744

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$819,229.08

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 **Old Business**

10 **New Business**

10.1 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Laura Dahl as Junior High Volleyball Coach** – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to accept. MCU  
Mr. Grow & the Board thanked Laura for her service to the program.

10.2 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Brian Bakke as Custodian** – MMS Abel/Bodensteiner to accept. MCU.  
Mr. Grow & the Board thanked Brian for his service to the district.

10.3 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Scott Schaffer from School Counselor, Activities Director and Head Girls Basketball Coach** – MMS Walberg/Petterson to accept. MCU  
Mr. Grow and the Board thanked Scott for his service to the district.

10.4 **Consider Hiring Tate Maesse as Head Girls Basketball Coach** – MMS Abel/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU

10.5 **Consider Hiring Roxanne Dahlke as Interim Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the Remainder of the 2025-2026 Season** – MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve. MCU

10.6 **Consider Hiring Leah Watne as Interim Activities Director for the Remainder of the 2025-2026 Season** – MMS Walberg/Abel to approve. MCU

10.7 **Consider Hiring Peyton Dingman as Assistant Track & Field Coach for the 2025-2026 School Year** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve. MCU

- 10.8 **Consider Approving an Extended MN Paid Family Medical Leave for Julie Brossart** – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve. Roll Call Vote – Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Sollee – Yes, Walberg – Yes. MCU.
- 10.9 **Consider Approving an Overnight Trip to Deep Portage** – Mr. Grow presented the plan for and purpose of this trip for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. MMS Abel/Walberg to approve. MCU.
- 10.10 **Consider Approving an MOU with Ed-MN Clearbrook-Gonvick and ISD 2311 in Regard to the READ Act** – MMS Petterson/Abel to approve. MCU.
- 10.11 **Consider Approving the Master Agreement with Ed-MN Clearbrook-Gonvick and ISD 2311 for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027** – Mr. Grow reviewed changes to the contract. MMS Walberg/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU.
- 10.12 **Consider Approving the American Indian Parent Advisory Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence** – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve. MCU.
- 10.13 **Consider Approving the Pay Equity Compliance Report** – MMS Walberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.
- 10.14 **Consider Approving Updates & Revisions to MSBA Model Policies** – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve. MCU.
- 11 **Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items** – The public was given the opportunity to ask questions relating to agenda items. There were no public questions.
- 12 **Future Meetings**
- 12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 **Adjournment** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. MCU