

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Robbie Pond, Vern Wittenberg, Corey Petterson, Kayla Walberg, & Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: Ryan Solee. 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 of events since the last board meeting.

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

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

6.1 2/23/26 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson discussed the following items A) **MCA Tests** – Students in Grades 3-8 &10 will be taking MCA tests beginning in April. B) **ACT & Accuplacer Test** – All juniors took their ACT test on March 10th. Thanks to Mrs. Neustul for taking the lead & helping organize/facilitate the testing. Results will be available in 5-8 weeks. All 10th grade students took their Accuplacer test today (March 16th). This test helps us determine which courses they are eligible to take (OCHS, CIHS English, etc.) C) **Preschool Screening** – Screening was held on 3/10 & 3/11. Thank you to Stacie Petterson, Chelsey Juberian, Tiffany Kroulik, Katie Johnson, BRIC and Nursing Services staff for doing this very important task for our district! D) **Prom** – Ms. Larson & Mrs. Ek have been working hard all year preparing for Prom, which is 4/18. All events for Prom will be held onsite at Clearbrook-Gonvick this year. E) **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), PT Cook, and School Counselor (2026-27 school year). B) **Activities Director Position** – I would like to incorporate this topic as part of a work session. 2) **Educational** – A) **Spring Sports** – Are in full swing & participation numbers look strong. B) **No School** – As noted on the school calendar, we have no school on Friday (3/20) & Monday (3/23). C) **Parent-Teacher Conferences for High School** – Will take place on 4/9/26. D) **READ Act** – Phase II staff has started training & will be finished in the fall. 3) **Legislative** – A) **Day at the Capitol** - I attended on 3/10/26. Even though it is not a budget year, we voiced our concerns on topics like unfunded mandates, compensatory aid, ADSIS, PSEO and other issues. I provided a handout to everyone I met with about the impact ADSIS has on our district and how cutting that aid as part of the \$250 million special ed cross subsidy would negatively impact our students. 4) **Financial** – A) **Basic Formula Adjustment** – For 2027, there is a \$202 (2.69%) increase, making the FY 27 allowance \$7,683. Currently, the basic formula allowance is \$7,481. B) **Budget** – We will be working on a revised FY 26 budget and will have that for the April board meeting. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Core Samples of the Roof** – Were taken on 3/3/26 by Thelen Roofing. B) **ADSIS Hallway** – Has some moisture issues deriving from a cracked pipe fitting and improper vent drainage from the roof. We have tested for mold and no mitigation is needed. However, we will fix the pipe fitting & the leaking vent and replace a nearby toilet that is leaking as well. C) **Garage Roof** – Mr. Rue & his building trades class is open to putting on new shingles or steel over the existing shingles of the garage. I will move forward with whichever option the board prefers. D) **Shot Put & Discuss Slabs** – Both need to be replaced as they are cracked & causing safety concerns for throwers. Leah, Kyle & I plan to relocate them over by the concession building. We also need to give the long jump/triple jump pit a facelift.

7.3 **Enrollment Report** – Enrollment as of 3/9/26 for grades Pre K-12 is 498. On 2/9/26 the number was 499.

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

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

March Bills

74745-74776/Wires

All Payroll was Direct Deposit

Voucher Numbers: 75803-75877

Check Numbers: 74777-74821

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$636,797.42

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

8.4 Approval of Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 **Old Business**

9.1 **Roof Replacement Project Update** – An update of the project was given. Discussion was held. Questions were asked & answered.

10 **New Business**

10.1 **Consider Hiring Haley Vant Hul as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach** – MMS Walberg/Pond to approve. MCU

10.2 **Consider Hiring Daniel TeHennepe as Junior High Baseball Coach** – MMS Pond/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

10.3 **Consider Approving a MN Paid Family Medical Leave for Debbi Olson** – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve. Roll Call Vote – Petterson – Yes, Able – Yes, Pond – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, and Wittenberg - Yes. MCU

10.4 **Consider Setting Enrollment Caps for Specific Grades for the 2026-2027 School Year** – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve the following caps for next school year – 7th Grade – 40, 8th Grade – 50, 9th Grade – 50, 10th Grade - 50. MCU

10.5 **Consider the First Reading of MSBA Model Policy 625** – This is a new policy and should have 3 readings. The policy was presented. Discussion was held. MMS Walberg/Pond to consider this the first of 3 readings of the policy. 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. Questions were asked & answered.
- 12 **Future Meetings**
 - 12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday April 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 **Adjournment** – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. MCU