

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Vern Wittenberg, Robbie Pond, Scott Abel, Corey Petterson, Kayla Walberg, Randy Bodensteiner (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Ryan Solee (arrived at 7:15 p.m.) Absent: 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 last meeting.

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

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

6.1 3/16/26 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson discussed the following items A) **MCA Testing** – We’re entering the 2nd week of testing. Most testing should be wrapped up before Friday, 5/1/26. Make-up testing for any student who needs it will take place during the following week. B) **State FFA Competition** – Several of our students qualified for State Competition, which takes place 4/20-4/21/26. Students attending will include Peyton Berg, Eric Larson, Ellyse Berg, Dylan Larson, Sarah Imle, Natasha Chandler, Joely Hinrichs Olson, Alexa Anderson, Kendra Klein & Amelia Machlitt. Good luck to these students & advisor, Mrs. Johnson. C) **Math Masters** – Mrs. Dahl will be taking 5th grade students to the Math Masters competition in Bemidji on 4/24/26. Students competing are Porter Long, Elsa Larson, Talia Nelson, Lydia Baird and Dienna Brandt. D) **Upcoming Concerts/Field Trips** – The high school music concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. on 5/5/26, and the elementary music concert will be held at 2:00 p.m. on 5/7/26. Numerous field trips are planned between now and the end of the 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** – PT Cook, JH Volleyball Coach, and Varsity Assistant GBB coach. B) **Activities Director Position** – A handout for next year with cost breakdown examples was shared. C) **Stellher Human Services** - They have a candidate they would like to interview next week. **2) Educational** – A) **MCA Testing** – We are in the 2nd week of testing. B) **Prom** – Was held on Saturday 4/18/26. Everything except the dinner was done at the school. Thanks to Ms. Larson & Mrs. Ek for planning and organizing the prom, and to the volunteers for providing a fun and safe after-prom experience. C-G) **Upcoming Activities** – A list of upcoming activities was given. **3) Legislative** – A) **Legislative Updates** – None currently. B) **Topics I Am Following** – Compensatory Revenue & SPED Aid are two of the biggest topics. **4) Financial** – A) **Budget** – The revised 25-26 budget will be presented later in the agenda. It is our starting point to help develop the 2026-2027 budget. B) **Superior Transportation** – Has reached out and would like to meet with the board about continuing the transportation contract. As part of the conversation, Joe Schieffert would also be interested in purchasing the district owned buses if the district is interested in selling them. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Glass Estimate** – Two companies have looked at the job to replace our front entrance windows. We are waiting for estimates to come back. B) **Garage** – Mr. Rue & his building trades class have started to remove shingles from the garage. They will be applying a steel roof. The students are also working on constructing a ticket booth that will be used for football games. C) **Kloster Park** – Some fields are still too wet to use for baseball/softball, but a couple of them are starting to shape up, and we have been able to have outdoor practices.

7.3 **Enrollment Report** – Enrollment as of 4/14/26 for grades Pre K-12 is 499. On 3/13/26 the number was 498.

7.4 **Negotiations** – Some contracted staff negotiations are completed & more will be done this week.

8 **Consent Calendar** – MMS Wittenberg/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:	74822-74849/Wires
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit	All Payroll was Direct Deposit
April Bills	Voucher Numbers: 75975-76114
	Check Numbers: 74850-74927

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$1,021,916.93

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** - None

10 **New Business**

10.1 **Consider Accepting the Retirement of Pamela Bagaason** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept. MCU
Mr. Grow and the board thanked Pamela for her many years of service.

10.2 **Consider Accepting the Retirement of Darlene Bergman** – MMS Pond/Solee to accept. MCU
Mr. Grow and the board thanked Darlene for her many years of service.

10.3 **Consider Hiring Derrick Adams as Custodian** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve hire. MCU

10.4 **Consider Hiring Phillip Johnson as Custodian** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve hire. MCU

10.5 **Consider Hiring Jill Neustel as School Counselor** – MMS Abel/Pond to approve hire. MCU

10.6 **Consider Approving Tenure to Erica Erickson** – MMS Solee/Abel to approve. MCU.

10.7 **Consider Approving Tenure to Abigail Ek** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve. MCU.

- 10.8 **Consider Approving Tenure to Tate Maesse** – MMS Walberg/Pond to approve. MCU.
- 10.9 **Consider Approving Tenure to Jared Sewell** – MMS Solee/Abel to approve. MCU.
- 10.10 **Consider Approving Tenure to Julie Aas** – MMS Wittenberg/Solee to approve. MCU.
- 10.11 **Consider Approving Tenure to Doug Liebl** – MMS Abel/Petterson to approve. MCU.
- 10.12 **Consider the Non-Renewal of Debbi Olson** – MMS Bodensteiner/Solee to non-renew. Roll Call Vote – Abel – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Pond – Abstain, Solee – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. Motion Carries.
- 10.13 **Consider Ratifying the Notice of Desire to Negotiate with MSEA** – MMS Solee/Walberg to ratify. MCU.
- 10.14 **Consider Approving an Overnight Trip for FFA** – MMS Wittenberg/Solee to approve. MCU.
- 10.15 **Consider Approving the 2026-2027 School Calendar** – The school calendar was presented. Supt Grow thanked the calendar committee for their work on the 26-27 calendar. MMS Pond/Abel to approve. MCU.
- 10.16 **Consider the Second Reading of MSBA Model Policy 625** – MMS Wittenberg/Solee to consider second reading of policy. MCU.
- 10.17 **Consider Approving a Revised Budget for the 2025-2026 School Year** – MMS Solee/Wittenberg to approve. MCU.
- 10.18 **Consider a Resolution of the School Board to Issue General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds** – MMS Walberg/Solee to approve. Roll Call Vote – Abel – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Pond – Yes, Solee – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. 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 May 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- 13 **Closed Meeting Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(a)** – MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to close meeting at 7:54 p.m. MCU. MMS Solee/Pond to reopen meeting at 9:13 p.m.
- 14 **Adjournment** – MMS Wittenberg/Solee to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. MCU