

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 17, 2025

The Pelican Rapids Board of Education held a regular meeting on September 17, 2025 in the conference room at the high school at 6:00PM. Board members present: Molly Welch, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Andrew Sorum, and Greg Larson.

Board Members Absent: Staci Allmaras

Student Representatives present: Maclain Hovland and Ikraan Mohamed

Student Representatives absent: None

Others Present: Brian Korf, Rudy Martinez, Emily Evenson, Derrick Nelson, Laura Januszewski, Cary Haugrud, PJ Breen, Jan Erik Lindberg, and Becky Wontor.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Chair, Jon Karger.

Greg Larson moved to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Andrew Sorum and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Acknowledgements

School Foundation - Thank you for all the work to help raise money for teachers and programs at our school.

Technology Staff - IT Appreciation Day - September 16, 2025

School Board Members - School Board Appreciation Month

Presentations

A. Marketing

Mrs. Becky Wontor

Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Principal

Mr. Derrick Nelson

B. High School Principal

Mrs. Laura Januszewski

C. Student School Board Representatives

Mr. Maclain Hovland and Ms. Ikraan Mohamed

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 - August 20, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting &
August 28, 2025 Special School Board Meeting Minutes

B. Financial claims - August bills

C. Treasurer's report

D. Personnel

Acknowledge the resignation of Kraig Archambeau as Special Education Paraprofessional at VES

Approve the hire of Taylor Berndt as Junior High Volleyball Coach at PRHS

Approve the hire of Rebecca Hoeper as Special Education Paraprofessional at VES

The motion was seconded by Brenda Olson and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Andrew Sorum 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	\$100	Student Accounts
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Class of '72	\$25	PRHS Scholarship Fund in Memory of Renee (Ishaug) Solmon

The motion was seconded by Brenda Olson and upon a vote being taken the following voted in favor: Andrew Sorum, Brenda Olson, Jon Karger, Molly Welch, and Greg Larson

The following voted against: None

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Brenda Olson made a motion to approve the Truth in Taxation public meeting date as December 15, 2025 at 6:00pm. The motion was seconded by Greg Larson and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Greg Larson made a motion to approve the first and second reading of the following policies:

Policy 503: Student Attendance

Policy 506: Student Discipline

Policy 507: Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint

Policy 509: Enrollment of NonResident Students

Policy 512: School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities

Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition Policy

Policy 603: Curriculum Development

Policy 606.5 Library Materials

Policy 613: Graduation Requirements

Policy 620: Credit for Learning

Policy 624: Online Instruction

Policy 722: Public Data Requests and Form

Policy 806: Crisis Management and Form

The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Jon Karger made a motion to approve the proposed Tax Levy for the 2025-26 tax year at the maximum amount. The motion was seconded by Molly Welch and carried with all present board members voting in favor.

Andrew Sorum made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Molly WEIch and carried with all present members voting in favor.

Board Chair

Board Clerk