

ELLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL MINUTES. AUGUST 12 & 31, 2026

EPS Board Minutes, 8-12-26

The Ellendale Public School Board met on August 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members present: Michele Thorpe, Kristi Gilbert, Kaitlyn Kinzler, Val Wagner and Cresta Miller. Others present were Jeff Ringstad, Lana Norton, Cindy Rall, and Allison Radermacher.

Mrs. Thorpe called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed visitors Pam Cook and Mackenzie Gunn. A letter was shared from NDSBA regarding the Student First Governance Program. New Business g. Approval of Additional August Expenditure was added to the agenda.

Mackenzie Gunn thanked the school for their support for her Honor Choir USA trip to Hawaii.

The consent agenda included the minutes, financial reports and bills as presented. Wagner reviewed the bills and the following bills were presented for payment:

July Payroll DD 423-424, 431-433,
7800-7825, 7866-7877 Ck#16271-
16272, 16275-16280 \$195,530.46
28045 281 Repair LLC 4,464.16 DOT
Inspection/Repairs
28046 Axiom Learning 3,198.00 PD
28047 Baymont Inn 198.00 Lodging
28048 Blumhardt Chevrolet 263.98 Oil
Changes
28049 CDW Government 3,594.50
GoGuardian Subscription
28050 Cenex Fleetcard 323.88 Gas/
Diesel
28051 Central Business Systems
429.39 Managed Print Services
28052 Cole Papers 5,650.09 Custodial
Sup./Copy Paper
28053 DPCU 8,482.49 Cust. Supp./S.
Landscaping

28054 Dickey County Leader 615.00
Publishing
28055 DRN 1,565.04 Telephone/Man-
aged Services
28056 DRN 175,937.85 1:1 Devices

28057 Discount School Supply 162.76
Supplies
28058 Edu Tech 60.00 Training Fee
28059 Ellendale City of 1,645.99 Utili-
ties
28060 Ellendale True Value 958.71
Custodial Supplies
28061 EPS Activity Fund 40.00 Back-
ground Check
28062 Farmers Union Service Assn
14,481.00 Liability/Auto Ins.
28063 Flinn Scientific 26.57 Supplies
28064 Gruvy Education 4,000.00 AI
Training
28065 Innovative Office Solutions
737.83 Scales/Detergent
28066 Istate Truck Center 198,000.00
2-Mini Buses
28067 Jamf 1,122.00 Subscription
28068 Johnson Fitness 26,169.92 Fit-
ness Room Flooring
28069 LEAF 448.00 Copier/Printer
Lease
28070 McGraw-Hill 206.43 Shipping
Fees
28071 Mertz Lumber 57.32 Lumber
28072 Colette Middlestead 3,194.95
Summer Tuition/Books
28073 Mission Mechanical 2,216.66
Preventative Main.
28074 Nasco 339.33 Supplies
28075 NDCEL 1,915.00 Dues/Registra-
tions
28076 ND Attorney General 40.00
Background Check
28077 NDSC 1,617.75 Membership/
Alive @ 25
28078 Olson's Pest Technicians 175.00
Monthly Service
28079 Plan Book 630.00 Subscription

28080 Powerschool Group 3,920.39
Schoolology
28081 Quadiant Finance 200.00 Post-
age
28082 Allison Radermacher 50.00
Drilldown Registration
28083 Jeff Ringstad 1,522.13 Reimb.-
Rock/Seed/Furniture
28084 School Specialty 1,691.02 Sup-
plies

28085 SDI Innovations 908.23 Agendas
28086 SHI International 2,625.00 26-27
Renewal
28087 Taylor Music 180.00 Repairs
28088 Teacher Synergy 107.99 Pow-
erpoints
28089 Carrin Thorpe 540.00 Mowing
28090 Mike Thorpe 150.00 DOT Reim-
bursement
28091 Workforce Safety 6,992.05 26-
27 Assessment
28092 Farmers Union Oil 269.90 Gas/
LP Tank Replacement
28093 Istate Truck Center 20,000.00
Balance Due Mini-Bus Trade
2026080 Zabel Landscaping 10,000.00
Balance Due S. Landscaping
20260803 TMS 53.55 Monthly Fee
20260804 MDU 4,797.07 Electricity
Total \$516,974.93

It was motioned by Wagner, seconded by Miller to approve the items on the consent agenda. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

EPS Spotlight:

- Thank you to Mrs. Rall, Mr. Hack and Mrs. Reis for their hard work preparing for the Infinite Campus transition.
- Mrs. Rall applied for and the district was awarded a Zero Hour PE Grant.

Ringstad reported that two new mini-buses were acquired through the trade-in of buses #3 and #5. He provided a staffing update and In-Service/Training details. Open Ed enrollment has been

extended through the end of August. He asked for board input on legislative priorities for the upcoming session. The Vosika fence and parking lot projects are both progressing and are expected to be completed soon.

Radermacher reported on enrollment, staffing and minor schedule changes. MRC will implement new curriculum and adjust classroom schedules to better meet students' varying instructional levels.

Rall reported on high school staffing and enrollment; schedule changes include dedicated intervention time and

daily PE for 6th and 7th grades. Technology updates include Infinite Campus, security cameras, intercom/bell systems, and student devices, all progressing toward the start of school. Discussion was held on a proposed student expectation update.

Ringstad provided an update on construction progress.

Norton provided information regarding NDSBA Services as well as the upcoming ND School Board Annual Convention.

Norton presented information on the 26-27 revenue and expenditure budgets. Discussion was held.

The board reviewed the 2026-27 School Board Committee Assignments.

The Board noted the annual review requirement for policies BAC – Board Member Internet & Social Media Pledge, DEAA – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace, FFA – Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse, FCC – Restraint or Seclusion, KAB – Parental Involvement, and KACA – Patron Complaints. Board members will review and acknowledge the policies through the online portal.

It was motioned by Miller, seconded by Kinzler to set September 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM as the Public Input Tax Meeting. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The 2025-2026 District Financial Report was presented by Norton. It was motioned by Wagner, seconded by Kinzler to approve the reports as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Miller, seconded

by Wagner to approve the City Bus Stops for 2026-27 School Year as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the tuition waivers. It was motioned by Wagner, seconded by Miller to approve the 34 tuition waivers as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Wagner motioned, Kinzler seconded to approve the three open enrollment applications from the Frederick Area School District; one with transportation and the two without. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Wagner moved, seconded by Kinzler, to approve payment of invoices from Co-op Architecture for \$8,588.00 from the building fund as well as the Olaf Anderson Construction invoice for \$185,458.50 using loan proceeds. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Miller motioned, seconded by Wagner to approve the additional expenditure in the amount of \$20,000 to Istate Truck Center for the change in trade-in values. The check information is listed above in the consent agenda items. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Public Input Tax Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Next Regular School Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Lana Norton, Business Manager Formally Approved by the Board

EPS Board Minutes, 8-31-26

The Ellendale Public School Board met in special session on August 31, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. with the following board members present: Kristi Gilbert, Cresta Miller, Kaitlyn Kinzler and Michele Thorpe. Absent was Val Wagner. Others present were Jeff Ringstad, Lana Norton, Cindy Rall, and Allison Radermacher.

Mrs. Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no communications or visitors.

Kinzler motioned, seconded by Miller to approve the additional town bus stop as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Miller, seconded by Gilbert to approve the 6 tuition waivers as presented. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Kinzler motioned, seconded by Gilbert to approve RFP #25 for roof water disbursement. On a roll call vote, Kinzler-yes, Gilbert-yes, Miller-no and Thorpe-yes. Motion carried.

Miller motioned, seconded by Gilbert to approve RFP #26 for south façade metal panel. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Since there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 a.m.

Lana Norton, Business Manager Formally Approved by the Board

(October 8, 2026)