CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Vern Wittenberg, Robbie Pond, Ryan Solee, Kayla Walberg, Corey Petterson, and Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

3 **Community Comments** – The public was given the opportunity to make comments.

4 **Spotlight on Education** – Mr. Bettin presented activities that have happened since the start of the school year.

5 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Petterson/Abel to approve agenda as amended, delete item 13, Closed Meeting. MCU.

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

6.1 8/17/26 – Regular Meeting

7 **Informational Items**

7.1 **Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson presented the following items A) **Back to School Events & First Week of School** – Elementary & HS Open House, as well as Elementary Conferences went well, and we received positive feedback from families & staff. Thanks to all the staff for their patience & flexibility during the first few weeks of school with the front door/roof project! B) **FastBridge Screening –** Elementary & 7-10th grade teachers screened their classes last week to get baseline data. C) **Open Enrollment** – 26-27 caps were presented.

7.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: Supt Grow noted this is School Board Appreciation Month & thanked the board for their work with the District. **1) Personnel** – A) **Open Positions** – Technology Specialist, Head Varsity & Assistant Varsity Baseball coach. **2) Educational** – A) **MN Permanent Fund Transfer –** Information was presented. B) **Parent-Teacher Conferences –** HS Conferences will take place on 10/1/26. C) **Homecoming Week** – Homecoming Week takes place this week. Thank you to Mr. Bettin & Tiffany Kroulik for their work & planning the different activities and functions for this week. **3) Legislative –** A) **Platforms** – Education organizations are working on finalizing their platforms in preparation for the start of the 2027 session. **4) Financial** – A) **Enrollment** – PreK-12 enrollment is currently 473. This is a difference of roughly 26 students from last spring. This enrollment change will have a financial impact & we will monitor that throughout the year. B) **Audit** – Preliminary audit numbers will be available by the end of the month. Our auditors will give their presentation at the October 19th board meeting. C) **Levy** – MDE has been having difficulties populating the correct data for debt service levies on the levy limitation & certification reports. This is why I recommend the board approve the maximum levy allowance & not a specific dollar amount. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Roof Replacement Project Update –** The contractor has most of the elementary and high school wings completed. They are working in the commons area now and will be moving west over the gym & shop wings. B) **Main Entrance** – Work has been started and is on-going with window replacement.

7.3 Enrollment numbers as of 9/26/26 were 473 students enrolled.

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:	75249-75278/Wires
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit	All Payroll was Direct Deposit
September Bills	Voucher Numbers: 76984-77140
	Check Numbers: 75279-75359

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: $616,503.70

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**

10 **New Business**

10.1 **Consider Accepting the Resignation of Cheyenne Burman as Paraeducator** – MMS Petterson/Pond to accept resignation. MCU
Mr. Grow and the board thanked Cheyenne for her time with the District.

10.2 **Consider Hiring Abigail Torgeson as Part-Time Cook** – MMS Pond/Walberg to approve hire. MCU

10.3 **Consider Hiring Keisha Dunbar as Paraeducator –** MMS Wittenberg/Abel to approve hire. MCU

10.4 **Consider Hiring Alex Narveson as Paraeducator –** MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve hire. MCU

10.5 **Consider Approving a Salary Lane Advancement for Abigail Ek –** MMS Solee/Walberg to approve. MCU

10.6 **Consider Approving the Contract between Clearwater County Public Health & Clearbrook-Gonvick School –** MMS Walberg/Petterson to approve. MCU

10.7 **Consider Approving the Contract between Stellher Human Services & Clearbrook-Gonvick School –** MMS Pond/Walberg to approve. MCU

10.8 **Consider Certifying the Preliminary Levy 2026, Payable 2027 –** Supt Grow presented the preliminary levy and recommended to approve levy at maximum allowed**.** MMS Walberg/Petterson to approve the levy at the maximum amount. MCU

10.9 **Consider Setting the Truth in Taxation Meeting for the December Regular School Board Meeting Date –** MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU

11 **Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items –** The public was given the opportunity to ask questions of the board relating to agenda items. Questions were asked & answered.

12 **Future Meetings**

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday October 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

12.2 Strategic Planning - TBD

~~13~~ ~~Closed Meeting Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(a)~~ – Removed from Agenda

12 **Adjournment –** MMS Solee/Bodensteiner to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. MCU