

# Prairie Newsletter



A Lynd Community  
Newsletter

March 25, 2025

Dear Lynd Residents,

We are patiently waiting for spring to arrive. I have already seen and heard the robins so I know it won't be long.

The kids have been busy learning and exploring new things. As the flowers bloom and the weather gets warmer, it's the perfect time to get out and explore the world around us. Lets make the most of this season by staying curios and ready to discover something new every-day.

There are a few events coming up this month so look inside for details. Stay tuned for upcoming events and celebrations.

If you have anything you would like to add to next month's Prairie Newsletter, please feel free to bring it to the school or call Angie at 507-865-4404.

Angie  
Hettling



## **Lynd Community Meetings**

### **Lynd School Board Meetings**

**Monday, April 14, 2025**

**at: 6:00**

### **Lynd City Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**At: 6:00 p.m.**

## **Dates to Remember:**

April 12— Spring Family Fun event  
9:00-11:00 a.m.

April 15— Easter Dinner

April 17— 12:10 Dismissal

April 18-21— Easter Break

April 22— School Resumes

May 8— K-8 Spring Concert @ 6:30

May 14— Last Day of 4 year PreK

May 15— Last Day of 3 year PreK

May 23— Last day of School K-8

# Little Panther PRESCHOOL



**Lynd School is accepting  
registrations for  
Little Panther Pre-K for the  
2025-26 school year!**

**We don't want you to miss out!**

Registration forms are available on our school website, by mail, or stopping by the school to pick one up .  
**507-865-4404**

## **Attention Parents:**

We have reserved four parking spots on the western edge of the parking lot for student pick up / drop off. If you are getting out of your vehicle for drop off or pick up, please use a parking space. If you are waiting longer than a minute for pick up please use a parking space.

Thank you!



**EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION**

Please join us at Lynd Public School from 5:30-7:00 on the dates listed below. Birth to PreK ages and friends are welcome! It will be held in Mrs. Williams room.

## **ECFE DATES FOR 2024-2025!**

\*Thursday, April 24, 2025...Park/Picnic

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the Marshall Lyons for their extra time and use of their spot vision machine.

We appreciate you!

## **City of Lynd Notice:**

City of Lynd is taking applications for a part time summer maintenance position. This position will be for mowing and possibly other miscellaneous duties from mid May through mid September. The position will vary in hours each week with weather permitting. Applicants need to be at least 16 years old with a valid MN Driver's License. Interested individuals can pick up an application at the city office at 111 W. Railroad St., Lynd, MN, Mon – Thurs 9 am – 4 pm. or print it from the city website at [www.cityoflynd.com](http://www.cityoflynd.com) . You may bring your completed application to the city office or email it to [cityoflynd@outlook.com](mailto:cityoflynd@outlook.com) . Applications will be taken until 3 pm Monday, April 14, 2025.



**SCHOOL DISTRICT #415**  
**REORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Education of Independent School District #415 met for a Reorganizational session on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:04 p.m. in the Lynd Media Center.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Crystal Pochardt, to approve the agenda/addendum, with no addendum items. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Crystal Pochardt to nominate Suzie Rauch as Chairperson. No other nominations were made. With a roll call vote all members voted yes – motion carried.

Motion by Suzie Rauch, seconded by Dennis Guza to nominate Ryan Rathman as Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were made. With a roll call vote all members voted yes – motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Dennis Guza, to continue to combine the Clerk and Treasurer positions. All members approved – motion carried.

Crystal Pochardt was nominated for Clerk/Treasurer. No other nominations were made. With a roll call vote all members voted yes – motion carried.

Motion by Suzie Rauch, seconded by Dennis Guza, to nominate Crystal Pochardt as Clerk/Treasurer. No other nominations were made. With a roll call vote all members voted yes – motion carried.

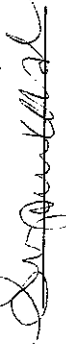
Motion by Dennis Guza, seconded by Ryan Rathman, to approve the school board dates as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. except for October, which will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion by Crystal Pochardt, seconded by Dennis Guza, to approve the committee assignments and dates for 2025 as presented, with the adjustments to committee spots as discussed at the meeting. A complete committees list is on file in the district office. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Crystal Pochardt, to approve increasing the other required meetings rate to \$12.00 per hour. All other compensation will remain the same. Mileage is based on the IRS Rate. A full compensation list is on file in the district office. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Crystal Pochardt, to approve the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons, therefore. All members approved – motion carried.

Ryan Rathman/Crystal Pochardt to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. – all in favor.



Suzie Rauch, Chairperson



Crystal Pochardt, Clerk

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #415**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**  
**6:24 P.M.**

The Board of Education of Independent School District #415 met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:24 p.m. in the Lynd Media Center. Chairperson Suzie Rauch called the meeting to order with members Ryan Rathman, Crystal Pochardt, Dennis Guza, and Jon Beebout present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Jerry Rasmussen, Principal Mr. Jason Swenson, and Joann Condelli. Absent: Matthew Hoekstra.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Dennis Guza, to approve the agenda/addendum, with no addendum items. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Guza, seconded by Ryan Rathman, to approve the minutes for December 9, 2024, Truth-In-Taxation Meeting and Regular School Board Meeting. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Jon Beebout, to approve the January 2025 bills. All members approved – motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Rathman, seconded by Dennis Guza, to approve the Treasurer's Reports for December 2024. All members approved – motion carried.

Board Chair Rauch reviewed guidelines for board members' communications as individual board members.

Ryan Rathman/Jon Beebout to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. – all in favor.



Suzie Rauch, Chairperson



Crystal Pochardt, Clerk

Public Input:

- None

Classroom Happenings:

- None

Superintendent's Report:

- With a new law taking effect Jan. 1, all job posting have to list a pay / salary range in the posting.
- Board FYI – if staff requests unemployment during the school year for any scheduled days off in the school calendar, such as winter break, the law specifically states those scheduled days of no school are not eligible for unemployment benefits. The Minn. School Board Association has advised all schools to deny any claims employees might submit for scheduled breaks on the school calendar.
- As part of our technology services with the SWWC coop, we continue to have trainings sent to our staff on internet security. All of us continue to get different contacts that are well disguised as ways to attempt to hack into information.
- Operating Referendum – Our existing referendum will be expiring this summer. Legislation was passed that allows the school board to renew a referendum at the same amount one time. I'll share more information at the board meeting.

Principal Report:

- Happy New Year
- Connie Demers/Kathy Orthaus Update
- Winter Benchmark Assessments
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Special Education Students/Additional Staffing
- February-I Love to Read Month
- Enrollment Update

School Board Report:

- None

**SUPPORT THE ANNUAL**

**LYND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Fish Fry**



**Where: LYND PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**WHEN: April 18<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**TIME: 5:00PM TO 8:00PM**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

Or until we run out!

Free Will Donation

**FISH, BAKED POTATO, COLESLAW, BUNS, JUICE/POP**

*Proceeds benefit the Lynd Fire Relief Association for use in the Fire Department.  
Your donations assist us with repairs, equipment and training. Thank you for  
your continued support and generosity!*

## **Minutes – Lynd City Council Meeting February 18, 2025**

Mayor Justin Guggisberg called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm to review city clerk-treasurer applications. Five applications were chosen to call for interviews. Interviews were scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 pm.

Candidates for Interviews:

Joel Hammer  
Contessa Baartman  
Michael Sumerfelt  
Jennifer DeRuyter  
Marie Schuelke

Mayor Justin Guggisberg called the regular meeting of the Lynd City Council to order at 6:15 P.M. Justin Guggisberg, Jerry Sodemann, David Reaves, Josh Bruley and Shantel Williams present.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **Minutes**

January 21, 2025, Council Minutes – Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes, Josh seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Additions/Deletions to agenda – Additions. Public Work Report-jury duty, Clerk's Report-city auditor. Shantel made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, David seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Open Forum**

#### **Council Member Input**

Mayor Justin Guggisberg:

Councilman Jerry Sodemann:

Councilman David Reaves:

Councilman Josh Bruley: Duininck Inc Quote for Lynd Public School parking lot reconstruct \$155,998.00 and Lynd St. 2" mill/overlay plus full replacement areas \$105,387.00. Discussion. Josh will contact the school if they still want to do their parking lot. If not, Josh will get a new quote from Duininck without the school parking lot.

Councilwoman Shantel Williams:

#### **Fire Report**

Fire Chief, Dillon Schultz – One fire call. Josh Johnson gave Lynd Fire and Rescue 5- and 10-year plan. Dillon stated we have a new firefighter, Lincoln Graven. Lincoln is in a probationary period for 6 months. Shantel moved to approve Lincoln Graven on Lynd Fire and Rescue, Jerry seconded, and all voted in favor. David made a motion to approve the fire report, Shantel seconded, and all voted in favor.

#### **Law Enforcement Report**

Sergeant Adam Connor– Presented January 2025 incident analysis report. January was uneventful. Jerry made a motion to approve the sheriff's report, Josh seconded, and all voted in favor.

#### **Public Works Report**

Dillon reported:

1. Infinity Hills pump 2 – Electric Pump Quotes-Pump rebuild \$18,622.00, New pump \$28,684.00. Current pump is rated for 208 service, it is a 240 service to the pump. Rebuilding the current pump, it would still have electrical issues. Electric pump brought a spare pump from Sacred Heart with a 240 service they installed for now. Discussion. Will discuss at March meeting.
2. Silver Smith GIS update – tablet and marking device were delivered. Dillon will take it to the Mn Rural Water Conference and get firsthand training.
3. AMI Blade on Payloader -- RDO has the parts for the payloader.
4. Dillon was called for jury duty starting April 1<sup>st</sup> for 4 months.

Josh made a motion to approve the Public Works Report, Jerry seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Accounts Payable**

Sue presented the February 2025 Accounts Payable. Jerry made a motion to approve the bills, David seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Financial Report**

Sue presented the financial reports for January 2025. Discussion on negative balance in Fire Dept Fund. Shantel made a motion to approve the financial report, Josh seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **City Clerk's Report**

Sue reported:

1. Water Loss Ratio for January 2025 was 9%. The city billed residents for 637,098 gallons. LPRW billed the city for 703,000 gallons.
2. City Auditor Sara Oberloh will be here February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to do fieldwork for the 2024 audit.

Josh made a motion to approve the clerk's report, Shantel seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Legal Issues**

Attorney John Engels – no pending legal issues.

### **Old Business**

Safe Routes to School Boost Grant – Discussion on items we can purchase for bike rodeo. Discussed having an air pump in Lynd. Sue will check with Kelly Corbin what can be purchased for the bike rodeo.

### **New Business**

Bremer Certificate of Deposit for \$25,990.21 matures 3/30/2025. Sue will get new rates before March meeting from the banks.

Change the city office phone to cell phone due to dual verification process on various websites. Discussion. Justin stopped at Verizon to get information on creating a business account for the city. Currently Dillon's city cell phone is on his account. That would be moved to the city account.

301W Railroad St property scheduled to go on Lyon County forfeited land sale in April 2025. Bid would start at \$8,523.67. Discussion on city purchasing the property. Attorney Engels stated the city would be restricted to resell it. Someone else could buy the property and resell it to the city. Lyon County Board of Commissioners is meeting on April 16, 2025, forfeited properties will be on the agenda.

City Pond Project – Discussion on future pond project.

Approve 2025 Budgets Fund 205, 206, 207, 210, 225, 230, 601, 602, 603, 604. Justin made a motion to approve the budgets, Shantel seconded, and all voted in favor.

Committee Reports: Roads – Josh and Shantel  
EDA – Justin and David

### **Adjourn**

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shantel seconded, and all voted in favor.

  
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Mayor Justin Guggisberg

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Sue Paradis

**DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDITION  
TO YOUR FAMILY,  
OR ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?  
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT  
HAS MOVED TO THE LYND SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

**IF SO, PLEASE CALL THE LYND SCHOOL  
AT 865-4404,  
AND GIVE US YOUR INFORMATION  
OR MAIL ANY NEW  
INFORMATION TO THE LYND SCHOOL AT:**

**LYND SCHOOL  
106 ST. ALBANS ST. PO BOX 68  
LYND, MN 56157**

**CHECK OUT THE  
LYND SCHOOL'S  
WEBSITE AT:**

**[www.lyndschool.org](http://www.lyndschool.org)**

**WE WILL BE ADDING  
INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE 2024-25 SCHOOL  
YEAR THROUGHOUT THE  
YEAR. KEEP  
CHECKING THE WEBSITE  
FOR UPDATED  
INFORMATION!**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL  
SCHOOL YEAR!**

### **Gift Cards**

Lynd School would like to encourage you to take advantage of our gift card program. These gift cards are an easy and painless way for us to raise funds for various projects at the school. We offer gift cards for Hy-Vee.

It won't cost you any extra money and the school receives 5% of the purchases. Gift cards can be purchased at the school office during normal business hours.

**Make your dollars go further by using these gift cards. THANK YOU!**



## **HELP EARN CASH FOR THE LYND SCHOOL!!**



**2 EASY STEPS!!!**

**COLLECT THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW**

**& BRING THEM TO THE LYND SCHOOL!**

**\*EMPTY NAME BRAND INKJET, FAX, COPIER, LASER CARTRIDGES\***

**\* Used CELL Phones and Old regular Phones**

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## Lynd School District #415

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### **Board of Education**

Jon Beebout  
Dennis Guza  
Matthew Hoekstra  
Crystal Pochardt  
Ryan Rathman  
Suzie Rauch

“Lynd Public School...Family Atmosphere  
-Quality Education-Students First!!!”