

Minutes of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 630. Red Lake Falls, MN. The Board of Education held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in the high school media center.

Members present: Mike Swendra, Andy Knott, Linda Schultz, Lacey Konickson, Josiah Hoefer, Beth Keller, Chris Cardinal and ex officio Superintendent Guetter. Members absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Brad Kennett, Chris Bjerklie as well as the following visitors; Danny Payment, Julie Beyer Buse and union representative Marshall Mickelson. The meeting was called to order 5:59 p.m

Board Reorganization for 2022: Mike Swendra-Chairperson, Andy Knott- Vice-Chair, Josiah Hoefer-Treasurer, Linda Schultz- Clerk, Lacey Konickson, Chris Cardinal and Beth Keller - Directors. Representative Assignments: MSHSL- Andy Knott, MSBA- Mike Swendra, Continuing Education: Josiah Hoefer, Pine to Prairie- Mike Swendra. Standing Committees: Negotiations- Mike Swendra, Josiah Hoefer, and Chris Cardinal. Meet and Confer- Lacey Konickson, Andy Knott and Beth Keller.

Keller moved, Knott seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to name the Red Lake Falls Gazette as official newspaper for 2022. MC

Cardinal moved, Keller seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to name the Unity Bank North and the Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund as the official depositories for school funds for 2022. MC

Schultz moved, Konickson seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to set the board rates as follows: \$175 per regular meeting, \$200 per regular meeting for Chair, \$50 per special meeting attended, and \$25 per committee meeting attended in the year 2022. MC

Schultz moved, Keller seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021 regular meeting as presented. MC

Konickson moved, Knott seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the money transfers, the total Payroll and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$678,761.02, the Treasurer's Report \$3,195,553.11, the Student Activity Account \$121,711.83 and approve the payment of checks 72341-72476 in the amount of \$815,275.63 for claims submitted and properly approved by the board. MC

Committee Reports: The gym committee gave a floor quote of \$110,000 being the lowest bid and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quote was \$145,000.

Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore.

\*WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

\*\*WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this (reduction in expenditure\*) and (decrease in student enrollment\*\*) must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 630, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions (to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures\*) and, (as a result of a reduction in enrollment\*\*), make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Josiah Hoefer and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Josiah Hoefer, Chris Cardinal, Linda Schultz, Beth Keller, Mike Swendra, Andy Knott and Lacey Konickson. MC

Cardinal moved, Konickson seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Brook Rufsvold as a special education teacher at Lafayette High School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 teacher contract and thank her for years working with our special ed students. MC

Knott moved, Cardinal seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Jessie Forness as payroll clerk for the Red Lake Falls School District Effective at the end of February, 2022 and thank her for her time with the district. MC

Keller moved, Schultz seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Heather Wallace as a paraprofessional at J.A. Hughes Elementary effective as of January 14, 2022 and thank her for her years working with the district's students. MC

Knott moved, Cardinal seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to grant the request for retirement from Lynn Vathauer, a teacher at Lafayette High School effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year as requested and thank her for her dedication to our school district.

Principals Reports: Principal Kennett's report was on mental health staff development on January 17, 2022, TAMP/Tutor position not filled, special education position posted, Lynn Vathauer's resignation being posted, online college having 30 students taking 36 classes, U of M Crookston giving 12,000 a year scholarship for students in Red Lake Falls. Principal Bjerklie's report was on ice skating for elementary students for 4 weeks and roller skating. Using gym during cold weather, donation from Adam and Carly Reese to J.A. Hughes for technology from Monsanto for \$5,000.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Guetter gave his report on what the music teachers need in the elementary, \$10,628 loss from the state for learning time, KRJB end of the year wrap up, tax abatement proceeding, girls basketball number and possible cooperative, CDC covid updates and MDH covid updates.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

---

---

Mike Swendra, Chairman

Linda Schultz, Clerk