

Minutes of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 630 Red Lake Falls, Minnesota

The Board of Education held a regular board meeting in the high school media center on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Members Present: Mike Swendra, Linda Schultz, Andy Knott, Lacey Konickson, Josiah Hoefler, Beth Keller, Chris Cardinal, and ex officio Superintendent Guetter.

Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Principal Chris Bjerklie, Aubrey Knott, Kayler Knott, Chris Swendra, Stacey McCullum, and Amanda – Brady Martz Representative.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Actions and Motions

Hoefler moved, Keller seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the agenda for Wednesday, October 16, 2024 as presented. MC

Cardinal moved, Knott seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the regular September 18, 2024 board minutes and Special October 3, 2024 board minutes as presented. MC

Knott moved, Konickson seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the money transfers, the total Payroll and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$428,340.55, the Treasurer's Report \$2,516,349.06, Student Activity Account \$148,581.76, and approve the payment of checks 76293-76428 in the amount of \$133,890.96 for claims submitted and properly approved by the board. MC

Committee Reports

Update on Girls Basketball.

Knott moved, Keller seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the FY24 audit as presented. MC

Cardinal moved, Hoefler seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to give authority to the Area Special Education Cooperative (A.S.E.C.) to apply and spend certain special education funds for the district for the 2024-2025 school year. MC

Konickson moved, Keller seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. MC

Hoefer moved, Cardinal seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to set the date of Tuesday, November 12, 2024 to canvass votes from the 2024 school board election. MC

Hoefer moved, Keller seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation/retirement request from James Guetter as Superintendent of the Red Lake Falls School District effective June 30, 2025 and thank him for his years of service. MC

Cardinal moved, Knott seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation/retirement request from Pam Page effective April 30, 2025 and thank her for her years of service with the district. MC

Keller moved, Konickson seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the donation from Ottetail Power Company in the amount of \$5,000 for the softball complex. MC

Konickson moved, Knott seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the donation of \$806 from Thoeles Photography for pictures. MC

Keller moved, Konickson seconded

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the donation of \$134 from the VFW Auxiliary for students. MC

Principal Reports

Principal Bjerklie Report: Principal Bjerklie gave his report on VPK using 24/25 slots, ELSA and being able to collect \$14,000/\$15,000, parent/teacher conferences being well attended, Fall RLC Track Meet going well, and the November 19, 2024 Elementary Band and Choir performance.

Principal Kennett Report: Principal Kennett reported that parent/teacher conferences were slightly up from the last two years of fall conferences. He discussed the 10th grade field trip to the Northern Valley Career Expo at the Alerus Center on Wednesday, October 23, and the exposure it provides students to multiple job fields and career options. He also discussed the Veterans Day Program at the high school on Monday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m., with Honor Society serving refreshments in the cafeteria afterward for veterans and community members. Fall sports playoffs were scheduled to begin the week of October 21 with a pep fest in the gym at 2:15.

Superintendent Guetter Report: Superintendent Guetter gave his report on basketball coach additions, City of Red Lake Falls street vacation discussions, READ Act training and MOU, McNeil Environmental exploring other options, decrease in the levy, and the city fields lease.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.