

Minutes of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 630

Red Lake Falls, Minnesota — Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The Board of Education held their regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in the high school media center. Members present: Mike Swendra, Andy Knott, Linda Schultz, Josiah Hoefler, Chris Cardinal, Beth Keller, Lacey Konickson, and ex officio Superintendent Guetter. Members absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Brad Kennett, Principal Chris Bjerklie, Nicole Gullingsrud, Kris Kennett, Brian Remick, Seth Schmitz, Ben Hanson, Steve Philipp, Marshall Mickelson, and Trevor Page. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Visitors Comments

A review of girls' basketball player numbers for both RLF and RLCC was shared and followed with public comments. The next step will be a meeting to discuss ideas with RLCC representatives.

Agenda Approval

Schultz moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to approve the January 18, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Board Reorganization

Knott moved and Hoefler seconded the motion to declare the following officers for the 2023 school year: Chairperson – Mike Swendra; Vice-Chair – Andy Knott; Treasurer – Josiah Hoefler; Clerk – Linda Schultz; Directors – Lacey Konickson, Beth Keller, and Chris Cardinal. Motion carried.

Representative Assignments

Konickson moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to declare the following representatives for the 2023 school year: MSHSL Representative – Andy Knott; MSBA Representative – Mike Swendra; Continuing Education Representative – Mike Swendra; Pine to Prairie Representative – Mike Swendra. Motion carried.

Standing Committees

Keller moved and Hoefler seconded the motion to declare Mike Swendra, Josiah Hoefler, and Chris Cardinal as the RLF School Board Negotiations Team for 2023. The RLF School Meet and Confer Committee members for the 2023 school year are Lacey Konickson, Andy Knott, and Beth Keller. Motion carried.

Official Newspaper

Schultz moved and Konickson seconded the motion to name the Red Lake Falls Gazette as the official newspaper for 2023. Motion carried.

Official Depositories

Cardinal moved and Keller seconded the motion to name Unity Bank North, the Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund, and PMA Financial as the official depositories for school funds for 2023. Motion carried.

Board Compensation

Schultz moved and Keller seconded the motion to leave meeting compensation for board members at the 2023 rate: \$175 regular meeting, \$200 regular meeting for the chairperson, \$50 special meeting, and \$25 committee meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Schultz moved and Knott seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Reports and Claims

Knott moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to approve the money transfers, total payroll, and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$1,088,413.46; the Treasurer's Report totaling \$2,805,994.97; the Student Activity Account totaling \$141,507.24; and payment of checks 73835–73944 in the amount of \$174,365.36 for claims submitted and properly approved by the board. Motion carried.

Old Business

A public information meeting was announced for February 6 at 5:30 p.m. at J.A. Hughes Elementary.

Resolution on Programs and Positions

Hoefer introduced a resolution directing the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance or curtailment of programs or positions and to make recommendations to the school board. The motion was seconded by Knott. Voting in favor: Hoefer, Cardinal, Schultz, Keller, Swendra, Knott, and Konickson. Voting against: none. The resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Donations Accepted

Keller moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to accept donations from the following: DigiKey – \$750 for choir performances during Christmas; Steve and Bev Philion – \$100 to the social studies department in memory of

Tove Wollin; Bethan Lutheran – \$500 for winter clothing. Motion carried.

Grant Acceptance

Konickson moved and Hoefer seconded the motion to accept a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council in the amount of \$3,000 for keyboards. Motion carried.

Principal Kennett Report

Principal Kennett reported on staff development activities on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the end of the quarter, honors breakfasts scheduled for February 1 and 2, a Hardware Hank donation campaign benefiting school activities, online college participation with 24 students enrolled in 27 classes, the seventh-grade ski trip, AAA Award winners Chase Nelson and Gabby Casavan, and use of the Gazette for school activities.

Principal Bjerklie Report

Principal Bjerklie reported on Kelsie Landman student teaching in first grade, Rachel Wieland substitute teaching, and a presentation by Amy Krohn on anger, feelings, and writing.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Guetter reported on the governor's education plan, Northwest Regional Development activities, the school calendar, and changing the February board meeting from February 15, 2023 to February 22, 2023.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mike Swendra – Chairman

Linda Schultz – Clerk