Minutes of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 630. Red Lake Falls, MN. The Board of Education held their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 Members present: Mike Swendra, Andy Knott, Lacey Konickson, Josiah Hoefer, Beth Keller, Chris Cardinal and ex officio Superintendent Tony Greene. Absent: Linda Schultz. Also, in attendance Lafayette High School Principal Brad Kennett, J.A. Hughes Principal Chris Bjerklie, Building and Grounds Supervisor Ben Swendra, Julie Beyer Buse, Athletic Director Seth Schmitz, Carly Kleven, Kayler Knott and Aubrey Knott.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Knott moved; Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the September 16, 2026 agenda as presented. MC

Konickson moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting for August 19, 2026 as presented. MC

Knott moved; Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the contract with Troy Mercil for snow removal at the bus garage, and both schools as submitted for the 202-2027 school year. MC

Konickson moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to set the proposed 2026 Payable 2027 Levy at $MAXIMUM. MC

Keller moved, Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire CeJae Bakken as a paraprofessional at J.A. Hughes Elementary School. MC

Konickson moved, Hoefer seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Leandra Fish as a paraprofessional at Lafayette High School. MC

Konickson moved, Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Heather Wallace as a paraprofessional at J.A. Hughes Elementary. MC

Cardinal moved; Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation from Fred Landman IV as a paraprofessional. MC

Resolution relating to construction of a cooperative facility and the financing thereof: Approving intent for the award of a lease purchase agreement and the sale of certificates of participation therein:
Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular scheduled meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 630 (Red Lake Falls), Minnesota, was held on September 16, 2026 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.
Member Lacey Konickson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:
RESOLUTION RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF A COOPERATIVE FACILITY AND THE FINANCING THEREOF; APPROVING INTENT FOR THE AWARD OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND THE SALE OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION THEREIN
WHEREAS, pursuant to a Cooperative Agreement for Area Special Education Cooperative dated as of July 1, 2021 (the "Cooperative Agreement"), Independent School District

No. 630 (Red Lake Falls), Minnesota (the "District") is a member of Area Special Education Cooperative #997 (the "Cooperative");
WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Cooperative ("Governing Board"), on behalf of its members, has determined that it is necessary and expedient for the Cooperative to (i) enter into a Ground Lease (the "Ground Lease"), a Lease Purchase Agreement (the "Lease"), an Indenture of Trust (the "Indenture") and other related legal agreements, documents, instruments and certificates as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith (collectively, the "Lease Documents"), and (ii) to sell and issue certificates of participation evidencing a proportionate interest of the registered owners thereof in lease payments to be made by the Cooperative pursuant to the Lease (the "Certificates");
WHEREAS, proceeds of the Certificates will be used for the purpose of (i) financing the acquisition or construction of, and installment and improvement of, a facility to house a future regional educational program for students with autism, cognitive disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, and other students with specific educational needs, including space to house a Level IV setting regional special education program, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695 (the "Project") to be located on a site to be determined by the Cooperative and (ii) financing the costs of the Lease and issuance of the Certificates;
WHEREAS, by adoption of a resolution on August 13, 2026 (the "Governing Board Resolution"), the Governing Board approved its intent to enter into the Lease and initial parameters for the sale of the Certificates;
WHEREAS, it is expected that future amendments to the Cooperative Agreement or separate a joint powers agreement for construction and maintenance of the Project (a "Project JPA"), which establishes the framework to finance the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project by and among the members of the Cooperative will be proposed by the Governing Board for consideration by the Member Districts of the Cooperative;
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the District, as follows:
Section 1. Concurrence with Issuance of Certificates and Plan of Finance. The Board hereby finds and declares that is necessary and expedient for the Cooperative to enter into the Lease Documents and to sell and issue the Certificates for purposes of financing the Project and the costs of the Lease and issuance of the Certificates in accordance with the Governing Board Resolution. Such actions by the Governing Board are hereby approved in accordance with the Governing Board Resolution.
District administration is hereby authorized and directed to submit, and/or work with the Cooperative to submit, to the Commissioner such documents as may necessary from time to time to obtain lease levy approval for the Project in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.40.
The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Cardinal and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mike Swendra, Chris Cardinal, Andy Knott, Beth Keller, Lacey Konickson, Josiah Hoefer. Absent: Linda Schultz.
and the following voted against the same: None
whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Principals Report: Principal Kennett gave his report on the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) student staff and training, bullying presentation, Lions Kidsight free screening, Career Exploration opportunities, Band and Choir Colorado trip and Homecoming. Principal Bjerklie

gave his report on school being off to a good start, RLF Lions doing Insight Eye testing, VPK slots filled as well as ELSA slots.

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Ben Swendra gave his report on the JAH elementary roof project being complete, Lafayette High School roof project update, and Indoor Air Quality update including the pre-bid walkthrough on September 17th.
Activities Director Seth Schmitz gave a update on the new Bound system, falls sports, homecoming plan, meeting with BSN on co-op jerseys, and the 50-year recognition of the 1976 RLF volleyball team.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Mike Swendra- Chairman Linda Schultz - Clerk