

Red Lake Falls School Board Meeting Minutes

Independent School District No. 630 – April 15, 2026

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 630 held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

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

Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Principal Brad Kennett, Principal Chris Bjerklie, Aubrey Knott, Kayler Knott, Lynn Seeger, Carly Kleven, Ben Swendra, Brian Remick, and Seth Schmitz.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Approval

The board approved the April 15, 2026 agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the March 17, 2026 regular board meeting minutes as presented.

Financial Reports

The board approved money transfers totaling \$613,440.38, the Student Activity Account totaling \$146,466.86, and payment of checks numbered 78278–78361 totaling \$131,518.12.

Committee Reports

The Activity Committee met with RLCC to discuss girls basketball and softball.

School Calendar Approval

The board approved the 2026–2027 School District calendar as presented.

Transportation Proposal

The board approved the transportation proposal as presented.

Personnel Actions

The board approved hiring Kallie Hand as a long-term substitute teacher, Jayden Breiland and Bailey Casavan as co-assistant softball coaches, Fred Landman IV and Ben Cardinal as junior high baseball coaches, Karla Steinbrink as food service worker, and Beth Olsen as food service worker.

Resignations

The board accepted the resignation of Paula Lewis as special education mentor and the resignation of Madyson Carlson as junior high volleyball coach.

Interquest Agreement

The board approved an agreement with Interquest Detection Canines for three half-day visits during the 2026–2027 school year.

Insurance Approval

The board approved Marsh McLennan Agency as the district's Property and Liability Insurance provider for the 2026–2027 school year.

Budget Approval

The board approved the updated Final Public Budget for the 2025–2026 school year.

Facilities Maintenance Bonds Resolution

The board approved a resolution authorizing issuance of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds not to exceed \$1,105,000 for district-wide HVAC and roofing improvements, pending approval from the Minnesota Department of Education.

Master Agreement Amendment

The board approved amendments to the 2025–2027 Master Agreement, adjusting single and family insurance policy contribution amounts.

Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Seth Schmitz reported on the need for umpires and spring sports updates.

Buildings and Grounds Report

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Ben Swendra did not have additional items beyond previously discussed topics.

Principal Reports

Principal Brad Kennett reported on MCA testing, hiring updates, career workshops, senior awards, FCCLA national advancement, speech competition achievements, and graduation preparations. Principal Chris Bjerklie reported on school programs, the book fair, severe weather drills, READ Act dyslexia testing, and MCA testing.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Greene reported on the MSBA superintendent evaluation, commercial planning, Sanford needs assessment presentations, and speech teacher interest.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Swendra – Chairman

Linda Schultz – Clerk