

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

Red Lake Falls, Minnesota – Regular Board Meeting – January 16, 2024

Meeting Information

The Board of Education held a regular board meeting in the high school media center on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Members present included Mike Swendra, Linda Schultz, Andy Knott, Lacey Konickson, Josiah Hoefler, Beth Keller, Chris Cardinal, and ex officio Superintendent Guetter. Also in attendance were Principal Brad Kennett, Kayler Knott, and Aubrey Knott. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Hoefler moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to approve the January 16, 2024 agenda with the addition of item C: Contract. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Knott moved and Keller seconded the motion to elect Mike Swendra as Chairperson, Andy Knott as Vice-Chair, Josiah Hoefler as Treasurer, Linda Schultz as Clerk, and Directors Lacey Konickson, Chris Cardinal, and Beth Keller for 2024. The motion carried.

Representative Appointments

Knott moved and Keller seconded the motion to appoint Andy Knott as the Minnesota State High School League Representative for 2024, Mike Swendra as the Minnesota School Board Association Legislative Representative, Josiah Hoefler as Continuing Education Representative, and Mike Swendra as Pine to Prairie Representative for 2024. The motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Knott moved and Keller seconded the motion to appoint Mike Swendra, Josiah Hoefler, and Beth Keller to the negotiations committee, and Lacey Konickson, Andy Knott, and Beth Keller to the meet and confer committee for 2024. The motion carried.

Official Newspaper

Konickson moved and Keller seconded the motion to designate the Red Lake Falls Gazette as the official newspaper for 2024. The motion carried.

Official Depositories

Cardinal moved and Schultz seconded the motion to designate Unity Bank North and the Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund as the official depositories for school funds for 2024. The motion carried.

Board Compensation

Keller moved and Schultz seconded the motion to set board member compensation rates for 2024 as follows: \$200 regular meeting rate, \$250 regular meeting rate for the Chairperson, \$75 special meeting rate per meeting attended, and \$50 committee meeting rate per meeting attended. The motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Schultz moved and Konickson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023 regular meeting as presented. The motion carried.

Financial Reports and Claims

Konickson moved and Knott seconded the motion to approve money transfers, payroll, and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$522,141.51; the Treasurer's Report balance of \$2,334,756.20; the Student Activity Account balance of \$106,717.53; and the payment of checks numbered 75312 through 75405 totaling \$763,545.33 for claims submitted and properly approved by the board. The motion carried.

Resolution Regarding Programs and Positions

Schultz moved and Keller seconded the motion directing the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance or curtailment of programs and positions in order to reduce expenditures and effectuate economies in the school district, including recommendations relating to enrollment reductions. Upon vote being taken, Hoefer, Cardinal, Schultz, Keller, Swendra, Konickson, and Knott voted in favor. No members voted against the resolution. The resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Donations

Knott moved and Hoefer seconded the motion to accept donations from DigiKey in the amount of \$500 for the choir performance and \$400 for sleds for J.A. Hughes Elementary.

The motion carried.

Personnel

Cardinal moved and Konickson seconded the motion to hire Jennifer Lopez as a paraprofessional at J.A. Hughes Elementary for the remainder of the 2023–2024 school year. The motion carried.

Principal Reports

Principal Kennett reported on the end of the semester, parent-teacher conferences, Martin Luther King Jr. Day staff development activities, planning for the 2024–2025 school year, the honors breakfast, paraprofessional week, and upcoming surgery. He also shared Principal Bjerklie's report regarding the sled donation, a December movie event, and the beginning of skating activities in physical education.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Guetter reported on the elementary roundabout project being placed on hold, the safer routes to school grant, basketball section play moving to Wednesday, the 2024–2025 school calendar, discussion regarding one additional year of contract, and the February board meeting date change to February 12th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Mike Swendra – Chairman

Linda Schultz – Clerk