

Minutes of the Board of Education

Independent School District No. 630
Red Lake Falls, Minnesota

Regular Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Red Lake Falls, Minnesota

Board Members Present

- Mike Swendra, Chairperson
- Linda Schultz, Clerk
- Lacey Konickson
- Beth Keller
- Josiah Hoefler
- Chris Cardinal
- Superintendent Greene (ex officio)

Board Members Absent

- Andy Knott

Others Present

- Principal Chris Bjerklie
 - Principal Brad Kennett
 - Kayler Knott
 - Aubrey Knott
 - Kris Kennett
 - Amanda Scanson, Brady Martz
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Call to Order

Chairperson Mike Swendra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Public comment was held regarding the levy and budget review.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Knott, seconded by Hoefler, to approve the Truth in Taxation and December 17, 2025 agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Keller, to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 19, 2025, as presented.

Motion carried.

Financial Reports and Claims

Motion by Knott, seconded by Cardinal, to approve:

- Money transfers
- Total payroll and other EFT transfers in the amount of **\$541,944.23**
- Treasurer's Report balance of **\$2,236,032.59**
- Student Activity Account balance of **\$137,313.53**
- Payment of checks numbered **77843–77944** in the amount of **\$135,438.25**

Claims were submitted and properly approved by the Board.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

The Negotiations Committee provided updates.

New Business

2025 Payable 2026 Final Property Tax Levy

Motion by Knott, seconded by Cardinal, to approve the Certification of the Levy 2025 Payable 2026 Final Property Tax Levy in the amount of **\$1,849,223.63**.

Motion carried.

Board Meeting Schedule

Motion by Hoefler, seconded by Konickson, to approve:

- Regular Board meetings on the **third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.**
- The Reorganizational Meeting on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion carried.

Teacher Seniority List

Motion by Cardinal, seconded by Knott, to approve the teacher seniority list for the 2025–2026 school year as presented.

Motion carried.

Polling Place Resolution

Motion by Knott, seconded by Hoefler, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 630, State of Minnesota, to set the combined polling place as:

Red Lake Falls City Hall
108 2nd St. SW
Red Lake Falls, MN

Voting Record

For: Hoefler, Keller, Schultz, Swendra, Knott, Konickson, and Cardinal
Against: None

The resolution was declared passed and adopted.

Policy 514 – Bullying Prohibition

Motion by Konickson, seconded by Keller, to approve Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition, with changes.

Motion carried.

Student Handbook Changes

Motion by Knott, seconded by Cardinal, to approve changes to the Lafayette High School and J.A. Hughes Elementary handbooks as submitted.

Motion carried.

Faculty Handbook Changes

Motion by Konickson, seconded by Keller, to approve changes to the Faculty Handbook adding Minnesota Paid Leave information.

Motion carried.

Personnel

Lane Change Approval – Aubrey Knott

Motion by Hoefer, seconded by Cardinal, to approve the lane change for Aubrey Knott from BA+20 to MA, Step 8, effective January 15, 2026.

Motion carried.

Lane Change Approval – Rachel Wooten

Motion by Hoefer, seconded by Cardinal, to approve the lane change for Rachel Wooten from BA+10, Step 2 to BA+20, Step 2, effective January 15, 2026.

Motion carried.

Lane Change Approval – Marshall Mickelson

Motion by Hoefer, seconded by Cardinal, to approve the lane change for Marshall Mickelson from BA+10, Step 11 to BA+20, Step 11, effective January 15, 2026.

Motion carried.

Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR)

Motion by Konickson, seconded by Keller, to approve the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) plan as submitted.

Motion carried.

Communications

- Mike Swendra was recognized for completing **30 years of service** as a board member for the Red Lake Falls School District. A plaque was presented in recognition of his service.
 - The Board received thank-you cards from the volleyball team.
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Administrative Reports

Principal Kennett Report

Principal Kennett reported on:

- Garden Valley's new door system
 - READ Act training
 - A \$1,500 donation from Thibert Chevrolet
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Principal Bjerklie Report

Principal Bjerklie reported on:

- Winter programs
 - December 23 movie activities
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Superintendent Greene Report

Superintendent Greene reported on:

- J.A. Hughes fire hydrant contract
 - OSHA mock inspection
 - Minnesota School Safety Center visit
 - Food service grant denial
 - Southeast bowling
 - SRP protocol
 - Garden Valley grant
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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Mike Swendra, Chairperson

Linda Schultz, Clerk

