

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

Red Lake Falls, Minnesota — Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The Board of Education held their regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in the high school media center. Members present: Mike Swendra, Andy Knott, Linda Schultz, Josiah Hoefler, Chris Cardinal, Lacey Konickson, Beth Keller, and ex officio Superintendent Guetter. Members absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Brad Kennett and Principal Chris Bjerklie. Additional attendees included Sylvia Majeres, Chelsey Vettleson, Jody Duden, Pam Paradis, Chris Swendra, Mandy Swendra, Bridget Cardinal, Ben Cardinal, Nikki Gullingsrud, Steve Pillion, Kevin Pillion, Whitney Rupprecht, Brian Remick, Steve Philipp, Marshall Mickelson, Trevor Page, Andrea Remick, Kris Kennett, Seth Schmitz, and Ben Hanson. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Modification

Keller moved and Knott seconded the motion to modify the April 19, 2023 agenda with the following additions: Item 8.A – two additional resignations; Item 8.D – 2022–2023 calendar adjustment; and Item 8.E – hiring new staff. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Schultz moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Reports and Claims

Cardinal moved and Konickson seconded the motion to approve the money transfers, total payroll, and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$650,929.07; the Treasurer's Report totaling \$2,079,407.50; the Student Activity Account totaling \$121,401.98; and payment of checks 74185–74285 in the amount of \$167,845.56 for claims submitted and properly approved by the board. Motion carried.

2023–2024 District School Calendar

Konickson moved and Knott seconded the motion to approve the 2023–2024 District School Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Athletic Co-op Decision

Knott moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to not co-op for girls basketball, volleyball, and softball. Votes in favor: Josiah Hoefler, Chris Cardinal, Mike Swendra, and Andy Knott. Votes against: Linda Schultz, Beth Keller, and Lacey Konickson. Motion carried.

Retirement and Resignations

Cardinal moved and Hoefler seconded the motion to accept the retirement-resignation of Sheila Reich, high school paraprofessional, as presented. Motion carried. Hoefler moved and Konickson seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Dale Caswell, elementary custodian, as presented. Motion carried. Knott moved and Keller seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Jessica Carlson, first grade teacher, as presented. Motion carried.

Technology Requests

Knott moved and Schultz seconded the motion to approve the 2023–2024 technology requests as presented, including staff computer upgrades for 26 computers, three iMacs for Family and Consumer Sciences, and online classroom software in the amount of \$36,622.67. Motion carried.

Speech Therapy Service Contract

Konickson moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to approve the speech therapy service contract with Speech Partners for the 2023–2024 school year. Motion carried.

2022–2023 Calendar Changes

Hoefler moved and Konickson seconded the motion to approve two snow day changes in the 2022–2023 school calendar: Thursday, May 25 – full student day; Friday, May 26 – half student day; Staff days – May 30 and May 31. Motion carried.

Hiring of New Staff

Schultz moved and Cardinal seconded the motion to hire Kelsey Landman as a preschool teacher at J.A. Hughes Elementary beginning in the 2023–2024 school year. Motion carried. Keller moved and Hoefler seconded the motion to hire Rachel Wieland as a first grade teacher at J.A. Hughes Elementary. Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Principal Kennett reported on the OneOK Foundation Grant of \$3,333 for the purchase of additional graphing calculators for the math and science departments, completion of ACT testing, completion of MCA reading testing, KTRF senior interviews, prom activities, Senior Awards, tours to Butler Equipment and Altoz, a farming field trip, and graduation planning. Principal Bjerklie reported on MCA testing, preschool phase two scholarship activities, syrup production, kindergarten chicks and butterflies projects, the sixth-grade trip to Itasca, music programs, transition activities for sixth grade students moving to high school, and elementary fundraising totaling \$2,800 for

Hoops for Hope.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Guetter reported on property and liability insurance and medical insurance quotes, roof bids, the ESSER grant, the FFVP grant, annual resurfacing of the high school gym floor, the high school math opening, a legislative proposal for an 85 percent Ag2School tax credit, and numerous new mandates.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Mike Swendra – Chairman

Linda Schultz – Clerk