

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Independent School District No. 630 - Red Lake Falls, Minnesota
Regular Meeting - February 25, 2026

Meeting Details

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, February 25, 2026 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, Ben Swendra, Seth Schmitz, Brian Remick, Carly Kleven, and Ben Hanson

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Hoefler moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the February 25, 2026 agenda with Addition: G: Resignations. MC

Approval of Previous Minutes

Schultz moved; Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 regular board meeting as presented. MC

Financial Reports and Claims

Konickson moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the claims against the district, money transfers, the total Payroll and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$393,015.10, the Treasurer's Report \$1,981,004.40, the Student Activity Account \$27,567.95 and approve the checks 77970-78163 in the amount of \$982,834.18. MC

Membership Dues

Knott moved; Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the annual membership dues of \$1,350 for the NW Council of Collaborative. MC

Konickson moved, Hoefler seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the annual membership dues of \$500 for the RLC Collaborative. MC

District Calendar

1st reading of the 2026-2027 District calendar.

Spring Sports Contracts

Konickson moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the spring sports contracts as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. MC

Personnel Actions

Hoefler moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Lindsey Gagner as an administrative assistant at Lafayette High School beginning February 2, 2026. MC

Schultz moved; Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Trevor Page as an assistant hockey coach for the remainder of the season. MC

Knott moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Kevin Brevik as a long-term substitute teacher for Morgan Williams from March 2, 2026- May 15, 2026 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. MC

Konickson moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Paige Buchta as a paraprofessional from approximately February 10, 2026- May 22, 2026. MC

Donations

Cardinal moved, Schultz seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the donation from Garden Valley Technologies and thank them for the donation of \$5,000 for the district's technology. MC

Hoefler moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the agreement with the City of Red Lake Falls for the maintenance of private water lines and fire hydrant systems connected directly or indirectly to the City of Red Lake Falls, MN Municipal Water

System. MC

Master Agreement

Schultz moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Master Agreement for 2025-2027 as presented. MC

Knott moved; Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation from Valerie Ramirez as softball coach at ISD #630. MC

Cardinal moved, Hoefler seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation from Robbie Glass as a baseball coach for RLC Baseball. MC

Keller moved; Schultz seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation from Kathy Murphy as cook at Lafayette High School. MC

Reports

Athletic Director Seth Schmitz gave a report on player counts per sport, and needing a 2nd Jr. High Coach for baseball.

Building and Grounds Supervisor Ben Swendra reported on the Safety Response Team, mock OSHA and the heat pumps.

Principal Reports

Principals Reports: Principal Brad Kennett gave his report on the honors breakfast, parent/teacher conferences, ACT and MCA testing, Career Expo, scholarships, May 6th awards night, trap team grant, new head cook position, and Lindsey Gagner began training for Bonnie Pahlen's position.

Principal Chris Bjerklie gave his report on I Love to Read month, Literacy Night March 3rd and 5th grade Deep Portage trip March 5th & 6th.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Tony Greene gave his report on Essentia, day at the capitol on March 10th, snow makeup day will be on April 6th, school board handbook, data requests, community mobile dental, high school seizure training, school video March 23, emergency lock boxes, working on preliminary budget, measles outbreak in district close to us, street utility fixes, threat- working in process.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Mike Swendra- Chairman
Linda Schultz - Clerk

Signatures

Mike Swendra, Chairman
Linda Schultz, Clerk