

Minutes of the Board of Education Independent School District No. 630 Red Lake Falls, Minnesota

The Board of Education held a regular board meeting in the high school media center on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

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

Also in Attendance: Principal Brad Kennett, Principal Chris Bjerklie, Bridget Cardinal, Mandy Swendra, Chris Swendra, Ethan Johnson, Catherine Johnson, Dave Halverson, Ashley Halverson, Aubrey Halverson, Steve Phillion, Bev Phillion, Mitch Bernstein, Aubrey Knott, Kayler Knott, Kyle Vettleson, Andrew Bramer, Layna Schindler, Elizabeth Lytle, Daphne Harmoning, Jody Duden, Whitney Rupprecht, Nikki Gullingsrud, Staci Schindler, Evelyynn Klamm, Shandi Nelson, JJ Johnson, Cody Hulst, Mackenzie Malwitz, Aaron Derosier, Mckaelyn Frizzle, Holly Klawitter, Stacy McCollum, Julie Beyer Buse, Troy Schmitz, Chris Nelson, Matt Knutson, Richard Hendrickson, Aaron Chervestad, Alexa Chervestad, Natalee Hendrickson, Emma Hendrickson, Pete Hagl, and Wendy Breiland.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Visitor Comments

Discussion was held regarding combined sports.

Board Actions and Motions

Agenda Approval

Keller moved and Knott seconded a motion to approve the April 17, 2024 agenda with the additions of Technology Upgrade, Resignation, and Interquest Detection Canines Contract. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Schultz moved and Cardinal seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Approval

Hoefler moved and Knott seconded a motion to approve money transfers, total payroll and EFT transfers in the amount of \$526,750.68, the Treasurer's Report totaling \$1,430,121.97, the Student Activity Account balance of \$113,602.56, and payment of checks 75680 through 75750 for claims properly submitted and approved by the board. Motion carried.

District School Calendar

Schultz moved and Cardinal seconded a motion to approve the 2024-2025 District School Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Speech Therapy Contract

Keller moved and Konickson seconded a motion to approve the speech therapy service contract with Speech Partners for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Math Teacher Contract

Cardinal moved and Konickson seconded a motion to approve the contract for Jennifer Lopez as a math teacher at Lafayette High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Technology Request

Schultz moved and Konickson seconded a motion to approve the 2024-2025 technology request as presented. Motion carried.

Interquest Detection Canines Agreement

Keller moved and Cardinal seconded a motion to approve the agreement with Interquest Detection Canines to provide three half-day visits during the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$440 per visit. Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Principal Kennett Report: Reported on testing, prom, senior awards, scheduling, and staff development planning for the next school year. The READ Act continues to create scheduling challenges.

Principal Bjerklie Report: Discussed testing season, Hoops for Hope fundraising, field trips for several grade levels, receipt of a grant for fishing supplies, track and field day, Skip to My Lou fundraising exceeding \$21,000, Second Step grant activities, and the responsive grant program.

Other Business

A group was formed to discuss sports co-op opportunities. Board members participating include Andy Knott, Lacey Konickson, and Chris Cardinal.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Guetter reported on Hoops for Hope, the Pay Equity Report, elementary boots, the meet and confer committee, health insurance, classified staff and principal contracts, the Safe Routes to School grant, opioid settlement funds, fire marshal matters, tax abatement, and football press box repairs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mike Swendra – Chairman

Linda Schultz – Clerk