

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Independent School District No. 630 – Red Lake Falls, MN

January 7, 2026

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, January 7, 2026 Members present: Mike Swendra, Linda Schultz, Andy Knott Lacey Konickson, Beth Keller, Josiah Hoefer, Chris Cardinal and ex officio Superintendent Greene. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Principal Brad Kennett, Kayler Knott.

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

Schultz moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the January 7, 2026 agenda as presented. MC

Schultz moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to elect Mike Swendra as Chairperson, Andy Knott as Vice-Chair, Josiah Hoefer as Treasurer, Linda Schultz as Secretary and Lacey Konickson, Chris Cardinal, and Beth Keller as Directors for 2026. MC

Representative Assignments

Schultz moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to elect Andy Knott-MSHS, Mike Swendra- MSBA, Josiah Hoefer- Continuing Education, and Mike Swendra- Pine to Prairie representatives for 2026. MC

Standing Committees

Schultz moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to elect Mike Swendra, Josiah Hoefer and Beth Keller – Negotiations, Lacey Konickson, Andy Knott, and Beth Keller – RLF School Meet and Confer Committee for 2026. MC

Keller moved, Hoefer seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to name the Red Lake County Gazette as the official newspaper for 2026. MC

Knott moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to name Unity Bank North and the Minnesota School District Liquid Assets Fund as the official depositories for school funds for 2026. MC

Schultz moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to leave the meeting compensation the same as last year regular meeting- \$200, regular meeting chair- \$250, special meeting- \$75, committee meeting \$50 for 2026. MC

Schultz moved, Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025 regular meeting as presented. MC

Knott moved, Cardinal seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the money transfers, the total Payroll and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$432,467.24, the Treasurer's Report \$2,538, 245.37, the Student Activity Account \$140, 206.01, and approve the payment of checks 77945-77969 in the amount of \$27,905.07 for claims submitted and properly approved by the board. MC

Schultz moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE I RESOLVED by the School Board of IDS #630, as follows: The School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions (to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures) and, (as a result of a reduction in enrollment), make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions; and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor, the following voted in favor thereof: Cardinal, Keller, Schultz, Swendra,

Knott, Konickson and Hoefer. Against: None. Whereupon, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. MC

Item C. Fire Hydrant Agreement with City of Red Lake Falls was tabled.

Konickson, Hoefer seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve Policy 714 Fund Balance, and 522 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process Updates as presented. MC

Cardinal moved, Hoefer seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to hire Reese Pahlen as a Latchkey Assistant for the remaining 2025-2026. MC

Principals Reports: Principal Kennett gave his report on Bonnie Pahlen's replacement, school calendar, end of quarter, and honors breakfast. Principal Bjerklie gave his report on Ag grant, skating, and conferences.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Greene gave his report on the Safety Center visit and report, MSBA conference, fob system for doors, emergency fob boxes for schools, HVAC repairs, Coach Steve Philion receiving his 700th win, school commercial.

Other discussion was having Ben Swendra and Seth Schmitz at meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Mike Swendra- Chairman Linda Schultz - Clerk