

## January 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 630. Red Lake Falls, MN. The Board of Education held a Regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025  
Members present: Mike Swendra, Linda Schultz, Andy Knott, Lacey Konickson, Josiah Hoefer, Beth Keller, Chris Cardinal and ex officio Superintendent Guetter. Absent: None.  
Also in attendance: High School Principal Brad Kennett, Elementary Principal Chris Bjerklie as well as the following visitors: Aubrey Knott and Kayler Knott.

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

Keller moved, Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the January 15, 2025 agenda with the additions C. Donations, D. Resignation and under Committee Reports: PEIP.

### Board Reorganization

Cardinal moved, Hoefer 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 2025. MC

### Representative Assignments

Knott moved, Konickson 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 2025. MC

### Standing Committees

Hoefer moved, Keller 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 2025.

Knott moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to name the Red Lake County Gazette as the official newspaper for 2025. MC

Konickson moved, Cardinal 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 2025. MC

Knott 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 2025. MC

Schultz moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the minutes of December 18, 2025 regular meeting as presented. MC

Konickson moved, Keller seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the money transfers, the total Payroll and other EFT transfers in the amount of \$1,000,612.05, the Treasurer's Report \$2,547,129.04, the Student Activity Account \$140,226.82, and approve the payment of checks 76629-76697 in the amount of \$773,102.94 for claims submitted and properly approved by the board. MC

**Committee Reports: EDMN-RLF, PEIP participation and health insurance bids.**

Schultz introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations For Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore.

\* WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

\*\* WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and

WHEREAS, this (reduction in expenditure\*) and (decrease in student enrollment \*\*) must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 630, as follows:

That 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. The motion of adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by MEMBER Keller and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Cardinal, Schultz, Keller, Swendra, Knott, Konickson, Hoefer. Against: None.

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Cardinal moved, Knott seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOVLED to accept the request for family leave from Marshall Mickelson beginning March 11, 2024 through March 28, 2025. MC

Knott moved, Konickson seconded the following MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the donation from DigiKey in the amount of \$500 for the choir performing. MC

Keller moved, Schultz seconded the following MOTION: BEIT RESOLVED to accept the resignation from Brooklyn Ose as a Junior Varsity Volleyball coach effective January 23, 2025. MC

**Principals Reports: Principal Kennett gave his report on quarter end January 17, Honors Breakfast Feb. 4th 7th-9th, Feb. 5th 10th-12th, Veterans Day presentation, staff development, January 22nd American Crystal presentation, illnesses increased.**

Principal Bjerklie gave his report on Pre-K funding- 4 year application, \$950 grant for incubator and chick supplies, reading and math testing, dyslexia testing, ice skating, 6th grade Hope Inc. for sled hockey 2/13 and 2/14, American Heart Association fund raising, Jan. 31st 5th& 6th grade ski trip and illnesses.

**Superintendent Report: Superintendent Guetter reported on enrollment, NW Regional Development board, staff paid leaves, ESST/E-Learning and PFMLA, Special Education fiscal monitoring, VPK, READ Act, Title funding, food service cooperative purchasing and distribution, Jr. High girls' basketball, roof quotes in gym, Legislature, and superintendent search time line of: Announce Vacancy- December 16, 2024, Application Deadline- February 3, 2025, Applicant Screening – February 4- 7, 2025, Finalists Selected- February 12, 2025, First Round Interviews- February 18, 2025 and February 20, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Second Round Interviews- February 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Mike Swendra- Chairman

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Linda Schultz - Clerk