

Heron Lake Okabena School District #330
Regular School Board Meeting
July 21, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Okabena Library

The Board of Education of Independent School District #330 held its Regular Board meeting following the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. Rasche called the meeting to order. In attendance were John Volk, Mindy Eidhammer, Mark Fest, Travis Hendel, Katie Janssen, Annie Rasche, and ex officio Paul Bang. Business Manager Tracy Freking, and EA Representatives, Katy Hattendorf were also in attendance. A quorum was declared with all of its members in attendance.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Janssen to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve the claims and vendor payments. Motion carried.

Janssen gave the Treasurer's Report. Total disbursements were \$329,175.10; total wires were \$211,531.00; net payroll was \$168,768.84. Eidhammer moved, seconded by Hendel to approve the Treasurer's Report and account balances. Motion carried.

Visitor Reports: Rachel Daberkow presented questions and concerns regarding the cell phone policy.

Bang provided the Activities Director report. Fall sports practices are scheduled to begin August 17th. Football, volleyball, and cross-country coaches have been established. Football home games will be September 4th and September 11th. Volleyball's first game will be August 27th at Fulda. Cross-Country's first meet is scheduled for August 28th in Fairmont. All seasons sports meeting is scheduled for August 10th at 6:00 pm.

Bang provided the Principal's report. The 5th grade teaching position is currently open. He provided an update on policies 515 and 524 with minor changes made to them.

Bang also provided the Superintendent Report. Tax rebate dates were discussed. A brief update of the Solar Grant status was given. He shared information about the Permanent School Fund. Discussed a change in date for the August meeting. A reminder was given for filing for board seat candidacies.

Board Member Reports: Nothing to report. Facilities: A bid was received for plumbing changes in the elementary locker room. HLOCF: An open seat on the board is available if there is any interest. Negotiations: Nothing to report.

Old Business- Nothing to report.

New Business

Open Enrollments- None at this time.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve contract with Tracy Freking, Business Manager. Motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Janssen to accept the resignation of elementary teacher. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Fest to approve non-certified wages for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Hendel moved, seconded by Eidhammer to set Truth in Taxation meeting for December 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm, in the High School Library. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Janssen to approve the Resolution approving School District No. 330 Long-Term Facility Maintenance 10-year plan. Voting in favor; Volk, Fest, Eidhammer, Hendel, Janssen and Rasche. Motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Hendel to approve Fall Athletic Coaches Jared Bourquin as Varsity Football, Jason Fisher as Varsity Volleyball, Kiana Leighty as JV Volleyball, Hailey Johnson as C-squad Volleyball, Parker Murphy as JH Football, and Lucas Knutson as Cross-country. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, seconded by Fest to additions to Policy 524 internet use. Motion Carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve additions to Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records. Motion Carried.

Hendel moved, seconded by Fest to accept a donation from the Nellie May Memorial. Motion Carried.

Additional discussion took place regarding grounds upkeep with weeds, flowers, trees, etc at the High School.

Fest moved, seconded by Janssen to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Eidhammer, Clerk