

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

The Board of Education of Independent School District #330 held its Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Rasche called the meeting to order. In attendance were John Volk, Katie Janssen, Mindy Eidhammer, Annie Rasche, and ex officio Paul Bang. Business Manager Tracy Freking and EA Representative, Christine Risell were also in attendance. A quorum was declared with a majority of its members in attendance.

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

Volk moved, seconded by Janssen to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Janssen gave the Treasurer's Report. Total disbursements were \$343,528.18; total wires were \$167,024.74; net payroll was \$193,827.81. Eidhammer moved, seconded by Volk to approve the Treasurer's Report and account balances. Motion carried.

Rich Ragatz, iDeal Energies, provided information and answered questions about the Solar for Schools Grant.

Kevin Rogers talked about baseball and softball field maintenance.

Bang provided the Activities Director report from Fisher's Board Notes. Spring sports summary was provided. The junior high baseball field fence has been fixed. Andrew Rasche will be fixing the ruts at the football field following light repairs. Mike Stenzel will be putting down gravel at the entrance of Laker field and the crow's nest. Broken posts around the football field will also be replaced. Wood for the bleachers has been purchased and will be painted and installed by a local 4-H club.

Bang provided the Principal's report. MCA testing is almost complete while ACT was completed on April 7. Staffing updates were provided. All students have been invited to Arnolds Park in May. Teaching staff are discussing a half day for service learning activities. Prom is scheduled for May 2, 2026. Graduation is set for 7:00 PM on May 22, 2026.

Bang also provided the Superintendent Report. Easements are needed for some utilities work around the city.

Board Member Reports: NCIC nothing to report. Next Meeting is April 6, 2026. Facilities: Nothing to report. HLOCF: NCIC nothing to report. Negotiations: Nothing to report.

Old Business- Nothing to report.

New Business- Nothing to report.

Volk moved, seconded by Janssen to approve one open enrollment at the elementary. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Janssen to approve two open enrollments at the high school from Jackson County Central. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve one open enrollment at the high school from Round Lake-Brewster. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve the contract with high school science teacher. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Janssen to approve health insurance contract for staff. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to accept Pool Manager resignation. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Janssen to accept food service resignation. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve an FMLA. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Eidhammer, Clerk