

Heron Lake Okabena School District #330
Regular School Board Meeting
August 25, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Okabena Library

The Board of Education of Independent School District #330 held its Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Fest called the meeting to order. In attendance were John Volk, Mindy Eidhammer, Mark Fest, Travis Hendel, Katie Janssen, and ex officio Paul Bang. Business Manager, Tracy Freking, and EA Representatives, Christine Risell, Melissa Untiedt, and Heather Rindfleisch were also in attendance. Absent was Annie Rasche. 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 Hendel to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Janssen gave the Treasurer's Report. Total disbursements were \$277,395.37; total wires were \$134,780.91; net payroll was \$127,493.35. Volk moved, seconded by Hendel to approve the Treasurer's Report and account balances. Motion carried.

Visitor Reports: Rachel Daberkow presented a draft cell phone policy for the board to consider.

Bang provided the Activities Director report. Fall sports participant numbers were given.

Bang provided the Principal's report. The 5th grade teaching position has been filled. Staff in-service has begun. First day of school will be September 1, 2026. 2 students will be part of the CEO program and attended orientation recently.

Bang also provided the Superintendent Report. Southwest Regional Development Commission is looking for a representative from our area. Heron Lake will host 2 football games; September 4 and 11. Received a notice for an application from Zoning Board in Hanson Edition. Discussion took place regarding work sessions.

Board Member Reports: NCIC: Next meeting October 5, 2026. Facilities: Handrails will be installed in elementary girl's locker room. HLOCF: Silent Auction will be in April. Negotiations: Nothing to report.

Old Business- Nothing to report.

New Business

Open Enrollments-

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Janssen to approve 4 open enrollments to the High School from JCC. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Janssen to approve 1 open enrollment to the High School from Round Lake-Brewster. Motion carried

Hendel moved, seconded by Janssen to approve 1 open enrollment to the High School from Windom. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve 1 open enrollment to the elementary from Worthington. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Hendel to approve 1 open enrollment to the elementary from Round Lake-Brewster. Motion carried

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Janssen to approve Transportation Agreement with Round Lake-Brewster. Motion carried.

Hendel moved, seconded by Janssen to approve interagency agreement and MOU with United Community Action Partnerships, Inc. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to accept an anonymous Kindergarten supply donation of approximately \$700. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Hendel to approve contract for 5th grade teacher. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve e-learning plan for 2026-27. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve the following fundraisers; Varsity FB/BB softener salt, Varsity FB discount cards, FCCLA-SR rolls, Pie Day, Dirty Sodas, cookies & bars, VB feed, BB feed, FFA- Feeds, Fruit Sales, Strawberries, Shakes, Flowers & Plants, Christmas Greens, Prom- Feeds, Blankets, MHS Pizza Fundraiser, Senior Class Trip- October Club's Choice, February Frozen Cinnamon Roll Dough, April Puffins, Yearly- Concessions. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Janssen to approve District Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP). Motion Carried.

Additional discussion took place regarding pending contracts and the swimming pool.

Volk moved, seconded by Janssen to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Eidhammer, Clerk