

Heron Lake Okabena School District #330
Regular School Board Meeting
May 19, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Okabena Library

The Board of Education of Independent School District #330 held its Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Rasche called the meeting to order. In attendance were John Volk, Mindy Eidhammer, Mark Fest, Annie Rasche, and ex officio Paul Bang. Business Manager Tracy Freking and EA Representatives, Christine Risell, Heather Rindfleisch, and Katy Hattendorf were also in attendance. A quorum was declared with a majority of its members in attendance.

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

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Rasche gave the Treasurer's Report. Total disbursements were \$338,475.83; total wires were \$143,069.99; net payroll was \$166,111.12. Eidhammer moved, seconded by Fest to approve the Treasurer's Report and account balances. Motion carried.

Visitor Reports: Rich Ragatz, iDeal Energies, provided updated information about the Solar for Schools Grant.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to amend the agenda to move New Business F. Resolution to Enter into Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract for Solar before VI., B. Gail Rogers/Sandy Kalfs-elementary locker rooms. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest for Resolution to Enter into Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract for Solar. Voting in favor; Volk, Fest, Eidhammer, and Rasche. The motion carried.

Visitor Reports: Gail Rogers and Sandy Kalfs talked about Heron Lake Pool locker room maintenance needs.

Bang provided the Activities Director report from Fisher's Board Notes. Baseball, Softball, Track, and Golf sports summaries were provided. Andrew Rasche will be spraying the fields. Girls basketball coaching staff will see changes this winter.

Bang provided the Principal's report. Staffing updates for English courses were provided. Elementary and High School students enjoyed a day at Arnolds Park. Graduation is set for 7:00 PM on May 22, 2026.

Bang also provided the Superintendent Report. Discussed adjustment to the school calendar for the last day of school 2025-2026 school year.

Board Member Reports: NCIC nothing to report. Next Meeting is June 1st, 2026. Facilities: Nothing to report. HLOCF: Meeting was held 5/18/26, Upcoming Golf Tournament. Negotiations: Nothing to report.

Old Business- Nothing to report.

New Business-
No open enrollments.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Fest to approve contract with high school English Language Arts teacher. Motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Volk to approve 10 Summer Contract days for Agriculture Department. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Volk to approve the change in 2025-2026 school calendar [last student day 5-28-26]. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve the Resolution approving membership in MSHSL. Motion carried. Voting in favor; Volk, Fest, Eidhammer, and Rasche. The motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Eidhammer to renew the contract with non-tenured instructor Niki Fisher- Licensed School Social Worker. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to renew the contract with non-tenured instructor Sara Bartosh- SPED. Motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Eidhammer to renew the contract with non-tenured instructor Blake Jass- elementary. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Fest to renew the contract with non-tenured Taylor Sepin- elementary. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to renew the contract with contingency on having licensure in place before the start of the school year for non-tenured instructor Mike Vorwald- elementary. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Eidhammer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Eidhammer, Clerk