

Heron Lake Okabena School District #330
Regular School Board Meeting
March 17, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Okabena Library

The Board of Education of Independent School District #330 held its Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Rasche called the meeting to order. In attendance were John Volk, Mark Fest, Travis Hendel, Katie Janssen, Mindy Eidhammer, Annie Rasche, and ex officio Paul Bang. Business Manager Tracy Freking, AD/HS Dean Jason Fisher and EA Representative, Amy Bang were also in attendance. A quorum was declared with all members present.

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

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve the minutes from the February 17, 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 \$309,926.21; total wires were \$127,587.67; net payroll was \$158,652.55. Hendel moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve the Treasurer's Report and account balances. Motion carried.

Fisher provided the Activities Director report. Winter sports summary was provided. Girls basketball had 2 All-Conference and 1 Honorable Mention. Spring sport outlook on numbers was given. Fisher also provided a list of repairs needed at the football field prior to the start of the season. Eidhammer requested use of the football field/parking lot area for youth soccer practices in April and May.

Bang provided the Principal's report. Third quarter ends March 20, 2026 with conferences scheduled for March 26, 2026. MCA testing and ACT scheduled for after Easter. Staffing updates were provided. There will be 2 students participating in the next CEO program. Status updates regarding the school resource officer were also given.

Bang also provided the Superintendent Report. The 26-27 Calendar school start date needs to be updated to start on/after September 1, 2026. Solar Readiness grant application has been submitted.

Board Member Reports: NCIC nothing to report. Next Meeting is April 6, 2026. Facilities: Nothing to report. HLOCF: Silent Auction is scheduled for March 21, 2026. Negotiations: Nothing to report.

Old Business- Nothing to report.

New Business-Second reading of procurement policy 721 Uniform Grand Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources. Second reading of Ethical Practices and Conflict of Interest Policy.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Fest to approve change to the calendar for 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Hendel to approve the resignation of English teacher. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve contract with Greater MN Family Services for mental health worker. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve use of football field and parking lot by soccer. Motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Janssen to approve land contract with Scott Freking. Motion carried.

Volk moved, seconded by Hendel to approve the baseball fundraiser – Leading Edge. Motion carried.

Janssen moved, seconded by Fest to approve the required changes to the Wellness policy. Motion carried.

Fest moved, seconded by Eidhammer to approve procurement policy 721. Motion carried.

Hendel moved, seconded by Janssen to approve Ethical practice and Conflict of interest policy. Motion carried.

Eidhammer moved, seconded by Volk to accept donation to IA, FACS, AG, & PBIS. Motion carried.

Other- Fisher shared that two portable AEDs have been purchased through a grant. Bang reported that HLO students will attend a day trip to Arnolds Park again this spring.

Hendel moved, seconded by Fest to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Eidhammer, Clerk