Heron Lake – Okabena School District #330
Regular Board Meeting
December 15, 2020

The Board of Education of Independent School District #330 held its regular board meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. John Volk called the meeting to order. In attendance were John Volk, Annie Rasche, Mark Fest, John Stenzel, and ex officio Paul Bang. Absent: Jeanie Rasche and Bob Egge. Business Manager Tracy Freking, Activities Director Jason Fisher, Christine Risell, Katie Janssen, and Nathan Hay were also in attendance. A quorum was declared with majority members in attendance.

Stenzel moved, seconded by Fest to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously. Stenzel moved, seconded by Fest to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Stenzel moved, seconded by A. Rasche to approve the payment of the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Volk gave the Treasurer’s Report. Total expenditures were $262,148.91; total wires were $133,612.23; total gross payroll was $213,323.76. A. Rasche moved, seconded by Fest to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Reports: None


Bang gave the Principal’s Report. Distance Learning has had to be used a few times in the last month. Students are in school currently. Hired a part-time SPED teacher. Burglary at elementary in early December. Changed Friday school schedule to dismiss earlier to account for additional staff preparation time.

Bang gave the Superintendent Report. Enrollment is at 300. MSBA is being held virtual in January. Auditor will be at meeting in January. School board will have to vote for MREA. Thank you to John Stenzel for filling the board position for that last 4 months.


Fest moved, seconded by Stenzel to certify the Levy at the maximum. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Rasche moved, seconded by Stenzel to approve Brooke Freking as 0.75 FTE SPED, 0.25 FTE para for remainder or 2020-2021 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Stenzel moved, seconded by Fest to approve the resignation of Angela Pelzel as para-professional. The motion carried unanimously.

Fest moved, seconded by A. Rasche to approve Cheyliska Shaffer as para-professional. The motion carried unanimously.
Volk moved, seconded by Fest to approve payment of remaining balance of initial bill to MSHSL. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Rasche moved, seconded by Fest to approve seniority list for licensed teachers. The motion carried unanimously.

Stenzel moved, seconded by Fest to approve the minutes of the canvas meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Volk moved, seconded by Stenzel to approve Mark Fest as volunteer Boys and Girls Basketball coach. Mark Fest abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

Thank you to John Stenzel for filling the open position on the board for the last 4 months.

Stenzel moved, seconded by Fest to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Rasche, Clerk