

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Monday, June 26, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Monday, June 26, 2023. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Absent: Kuehl. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Colby Pack, Val Halter, Marissa Brown, Michelle Anderson and Doreen Kronback .

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes to approve the amended Agenda, May 17, 2023 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Val Halter, City of Lambertton Clerk and Marissa Brown, Southwest Health and Human Services employee presented information and potential Grants available to the District and encouraged the District to apply for Grants. Marissa Brown is available support help with Grant writing.

Principal Ewing presented the following 5th - 12th Grade report: Commencement Ceremony Friday, May 27th - presented diplomas to 30 Students; Mr. Lee subscribed to the MSBA's Model Handbook, Mr. Pack and I are reviewing the Model and comparing it to our Student Handbook for possible changes for the 2023-2024 school year, Plan is to bring forward one Student Handbook for the entire school for the Board in July; currently have 2 students taking Summer School in Windom and in 2023 -2024 school year Grades 7 & 8 will have Math and Reading Skills class with extra resources, Grade 7 is offered Math, Reading and Tech Ed, Grade 8 are offered Art, Ag, Math and Keyboarding.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: Legislative update: The operating levy is able to have a one-time renewal without voter approval, Type 3 vehicles have changed now; instead of 12 years old, 2007 or older are not allowed, this actually puts the red van back into service for students; Paraprofessionals are now required to have 8 hours of training and expenses are reimbursed; The unemployment for hourly employees is worse than previously thought, it actually goes back 18 months; Special education services are now required until age 22, formerly age 21; Government and Citizenship (Effective for 2025-26 9th graders) and Personal Finance (Effective for 2024-25 9th graders) are now required for HS students, currently do this will have to change the course names; Perspective on the compensatory revenue (educational benefits forms) we received \$120,179 in 2023 due to having fewer people fill out the paperwork in 2021-22, are estimated to receive \$310,100 next year, That more than makes up for our activity fees and laptop fees, Thank you to the school board for supporting that idea, it has made a huge impact, It's especially important as we move forward with guaranteed free lunches so there is even less incentive for families to fill them out; The Cottonwood County property: Red Rock School District owns that bare lot in Jeffers, Parcel No. 21.173.0020. "Even though the property is exempt, you should have still received a tax statement. I checked to see if I could bring up the tax statement for this parcel from the Cottonwood County website and it pulled up a blank statement." Part two: Because that is a bare lot and it's exempt, there's no recycling or any fees except value, so the accounting system has no reason to print anything for a tax statement for it, and we think it has been this way since before the school was sold, It's always been a separate exempt parcel just hanging out there, accruing value. "Do we want to offer it to the city of Jeffers; Our School Food Service

Audit was completed and the following findings were noted: We charged too little for adult meals. We charged \$4.25 and it should have been \$4.95. The district must transfer \$5851.40 for Waste Disposal and recycling, For years we have done a 50/50 split but we need to do a formula; The Ecare virtual nurse system saw us use the service 267 times in the 2022-23 school year, Some were with Nicole and some were without, has been fully paid through a grant for another 4 years, is somewhat costly at that point but we have time to consider options; and School day will change from 8:15-2:58 to 8:05 to 3:06, will give us the equivalent of 50 additional hours of instruction per year based on 175 student days, Twice a month we will do an early dismissal at 1:30, will give us time to have staff meetings and PLC meetings without feeling rushed before school, the change will take out 24 hours of instruction so overall we'll increase 26 hours in the school year, The first and third Wednesdays will be the early outs.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$4,123,217.44 Final check #31060

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve membership in the MSBA at a cost of \$3159.00 and MREA at a cost of 1539.00.

Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Kinner and Company Ltd to conduct the annual audit for 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$18,750.00.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the yearly Q-Comp Report as prepared by members of the Q-Comp Council of teachers.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve the District Literacy Plan as presented, with the document date changed to May 17, 2023.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the District and Parent Engagement Plan as presented.

Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve hiring Bill Barrie as the Jr High Track Coach.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve hiring Mary Ann Grunewald as the night custodian.

Open discussion: POC meeting this week, Wednesday, June 28 at 11:30 a.m.; Removal of construction site dirt; two days behind because of equipment problem, piers in, plumbing in; Shouse is nearly down; Grant Suggestion recommendations; Community Meeting; Work session for Superintendent Evaluation; Sanborn ball field use, paid \$3500.00 for improvements and ball field for T-ball in the future will be on the practice field, now the T-ball players are bused to Sanborn.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Grant the Board went into closed session at 7:06 p.m. for discussion pursuant to MN Stat. 13D.03.

Upon Motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes the Board came out of closed session at 8:06 p.m.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Work Session Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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Nate Erickson, Clerk

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Doreen Kronback, Recorder