

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Wednesday, May 17 2023. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Paula Derickson, Brett Bartholomaus, Derek Stevenson, Jeramiah Frasher, Bonnie Holman, Kayla Casey, Kathy Smith, Michelle Anderson, Kristi Werner, Susan Jeckell, Kelly Pfarr, Stephanie Steen, Amy Therkilsen and Doreen Kronback .

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Jeramiah Frasher discussed the preparations being done to athletic fields in Sanborn and inquired what the District's intention was for future use of the fields.

Food Service discussion: A group of District residents presented concerns about the Food Service, use of Farm to Table Grant money and the quality and quantity of food items on the menu. Food Service employees presented information of food requirements and portion size required by the MN Department of Education.

Brett Bartholomaus presented the following: Tomahawk Conference has requested RRC to join the Conference; the current Red Rock Conference is a solid Conference, not recommending making the change; Four home football games next fall will be played on various fields.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: The legislature is finishing up some bills, one that caught our attention, Media center specialists are now required to have a license, will be more to come; Funding for next year set, 4% and 2% increase on the per-pupil formula and ties the formula to inflation, capped at 3%, in future biennia; Will be additional things such as non-exclusionary discipline, etc.; Ford Expedition was approved and is here now; Unemployment insurance for non-full-time employees of the district, be a potentially costly item for the district, will have some very serious consequences, Districts are precluded from levying for it, legislature allocated one-time money of \$134 million for all school districts; The city of Sanborn has asked us to update insurance to reflect the football team practicing on that field, have reached out to insurer for that addition and updated our policy; May need some different investment strategies or face a tax bill because of Arbitrage, have a 2.61% Arbitrage yield and essentially since doing so well are going to start pushing up against it, Ehlers team is working on it.

Principal Ewing presented the following 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade report: The Senior Honor Banquet will be Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the American Legion Club, huge thank you to Rachel Karnitz and Betsy Hubert for their work in putting it all together; Baccalaureate Service will be Sunday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, all of the local Ministerium were a part of the planning and will participate in the program; Graduation will be in the gymnasium, Friday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. Rogotzke and Kuehl will distribute dipolmas; Senior Breakfast will be prepared by Mr. Ewing and Mr. Pack with food supplied by the Farm to Table Grant before the start of Graduation rehearsal which will be Wednesday, May 25th

at about 9:30 a.m.; Both the Band and Choir will perform; Valedictorian - Carmella Whittaker and Salutatorian - Emily DeCock will speak along with Bev Larson and Clare Polzin as the teacher speakers; On Thursday, June 1st the Cattlemen's Association will be grilling burgers that were purchased with the Farm to Table Grant for lunch; The last day of school, Friday, June 2nd we will be recognizing and awarding certificates to 7th - 11th grade students for academics, athletics and activities; It will be a half day of school with students loading the buses after an early lunch and we currently will have 1 9th Grade student signed up and attending summer school in Windom.

POC report: Rains have put project 5 days behind; Plumbing and building piers are discussing close proximity locations; Site plan for bus garage, football field and 2 ball fields; layout of axillary gym and bleachers and discussed setting a date of June 1 for complete removal of the shed house or destruction and removal.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$774,541.23 Final check #30923

Preliminary Information concerning an Operating referendum was discussed, possibly on ballot this November.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to hire Kathryn VanderZiel as the Special Education for the 2023-2024 school year.

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve the Original 2023 - 2024 Red Rock Central Budget as presented with revenues of \$5,963,280.00 and estimated expenditures of \$6,678,130.00.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve for graduation 29 students as presented by Principal Ewing.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Imker to approve the Minnesota State High School League Membership Resolution as presented.

Roll call vote. Those in favor: Rogotzke, Stavnes, Kuehl, Grant, Pankonin, Erickson and Imker.  
Against: None. Motion carried.

Member Imker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION  
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACTS  
OF   1   PROBATIONARY TEACHERS**

WHEREAS, the following teachers are employed as probationary teachers by Independent School District No. 2884, Red Rock Central: Bernadette Thooft

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2884, Red Rock Central, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contracts of the following

probationary teachers are non-renewed and terminated at the close of the current 2022-23 school year:  
Bernadette Thooft

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to these teachers regarding the termination and non-renewal of their contracts as provided by law, and that the notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION  
AND NON-RENEWAL**

Dear Bernadette Thooft

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2884, Red Rock Central held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a resolution was adopted to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2023-24 school year. This action of the Board is taken pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 5.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2884  
Clerk of the School Board

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Kuehl and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Rogotzke, Stavnes, Kuehl, Grant, Pankonin, Erickson and Imker. and the following voted against the same: None whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion of Grant, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve updated Overdose Medical Model Policy, effective immediately.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Imker and unanimously carried to approve the Logo Branding presented by Principal Ewing and recommended by the committee.

Open discussion: Possible ownership of property in Jeffers; Gideon Bible distribution on school grounds; Communications about Spring Events, school alert system for sports; Acknowledgement of the Retirement of Claire Polzin and Bev Larson and Activity Account balances.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant the Board went into closed session at 8:49 p.m.

Upon Motion of Stavnes, seconded by Grant the Board came out of closed session at 9:16 p.m.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Erickson the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.



Nate Erickson, Clerk



Doreen Kronback, Recorder