

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Pankonin, Stavnes, and Rogotzke. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, AD Brett Bartholomaus, Paula Derickson, Derick Stevenson, 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 Stavnes, seconded by Kuehl to approve the amended Agenda, February 15, 2023 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Athletic Director Bartholomaus reported the following: Coaching Openings: JH Girls Basketball. – Sharlla Maras resigned-Squad Volleyball. – Cassie Kullman resigned; Winter Teams: Wrestling – 10-14 Overall, two state entrants. One medalist, Boys Basketball – 12-15 Overall, Girls Basketball – 5-21 Overall, Gymnastics – Zero participants; Hosted the JH Conference on Saturday, February 11th. Unsure will continue to do this as the man-power needed to host a tournament such as this takes away another Saturday from people, with varsity coaches involved, or have kids involved in the youth program, it can turn into a seven day per week job and when February comes, people would like to have a day off here and there; Hosted the 2nd annual HighWater Ethanol Wrestling Invite on Friday, January 27th, tournament was a hit and we currently have 11 teams signed up to return next year; Were asked to host the Section 3A Final Four for wrestling, event went very well and coaches and region administrators were very happy with Red Rock Central hosting; Asked to be an alternative site for Sub-Section 3A Girls Basketball in case Worthington could not host due to hosting the BIG SOUTH tournament finals, we agreed to do so if the region saw fit, our facilities were not needed for the event. They were closer in proximity to Pipestone so the region moved the game to Pipestone; BSN Agreement: Met with BSN rep, receiving 8% kickback on approximately \$50,000 worth of goods purchased between uniforms, equipment, and online stores, the majority was generated through online clothing stores set up by the school and the coaches of each activity; Football and Boys Basketball are ordering uniforms this coming fiscal year, will give a jump start on hitting the 8% tier in the second year of our five year contract with BSN; Section Realignments/football re-districting is happening soon, will finally know what our schedules and sections look like for the next two years, realignment is a "soft" realignment, the only significant changes in most sports will be the teams that enrollments are over the threshold of classes. shouldn't be a big shake up for RRC, expect to stay in our same sections for most or all of our sports; AD Conference is next week., will be many vendors there, anything in particular to be looking for heading into the new school; Strength and Conditioning Coach, Four days per week after school monitor and strength coach during the school year, and four days per week during the summer, would like someone in the weight room dedicated to Strength, Speed, Conditioning, Agility, and Flexibility, Could become a bigger position if they were a certified athletic trainer as well; Need to discuss and act on storage options for football equipment in Sanborn, and possibly in Lambertton after next year if the new shed, bus garage, or concession stand are not ready, Shipping Containers could be used; Spring Sports, Isaac Jenniges is starting his first year as our Head Baseball Coach, Derek Stevenson is starting his 19th year as Head Softball Coach, Abby Klumper is in year 3 as the head track and field coach and Todd Lee and Curt Determan are starting their first year as Co-Head Golf Coaches; Basketball rescheduling and potential conference change were discussed.

Logo suggestions for RRC were presented and discussed; Selection is expected soon so the RRC branding logo will be on new uniforms, letter head etc. that is will be ordered.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: The legislature is discussing education more this year than most, RRC bills have numbers now: SF 2615 (Hauschild – SD03) and HF 2917 (Howard – 51A) these are the inflation relief bills, testified in the Senate version in the Capitol Investment committee; Also have HF 2655 Authored by Rep. Torkelson, Redwood and Brown counties Representative in Red Rock Central, The companion bill is SF 2530, authored by Senator Dahms and Senator Weber, testified in both chambers for this bill; The calendar situation is as follows, had 79 school days in our traditional bell schedule which works out to 530 hours of instruction, Through 3/31/23 with no additional days missed, will have completed 44 days with extended schedule, That works out to 319 hours of instruction, which allowed make up of 3.25 equivalent days of instruction, need to complete in person 42 days beginning 4/3/23, Reverting to our original schedule we would have 305 additional instructional hours giving us a total of 1132, Minimum for high school students is 1020, continuing the lengthened schedule we would end up with 1155 or 23 more instructional hours; A separate issue is, teachers would be roughly 5.75 days under the negotiated contract.; EMC has denied our claim as a covered loss for the shed house, can start the process of removal; Various bills are moving forward thus far, if they were all to pass, it would cost the district roughly \$1600 per ADM, estimated to receive \$396 per pupil in additional revenue so that is problematic., Next week the Budget bills should be out, received “targets” today; May need to try and raise operating levy, with cost increases everywhere in our budget it seems like it will become necessary, August 26th is the last day for a board to approve a resolution calling for an operating referendum election, currently receive \$700 per pupil, in 2020 we reduced that from \$1117.08, In two years haven’t received roughly \$333,000 if kept the same; April 14th is our Best and Final health insurance meeting, will have a recommendation for the board at the April meeting.; Paula Derickson, Union President is present for our review meetings: The Title family night was this week, had 24 families, great turnout and Field Trips will begin happening next week.

Principal Ewing presented the following 5th - 12th Grade report: MCA testing will begin Tuesday, April 4th and continue all the way through the month of April through the first week of May, moved the start day by 1 week to help with all of the snow days recently, Any parent can opt their child out of MCA’s if they do not want them to participate, Staff will provide breakfast for both the Elementary and Secondary students the day before MCA testing starts, Able to use our Farm to Table Grant money to provide all of the different parts of the breakfast; End of the 3rd quarter is Friday, March 24th, Grades will be submitted to the office by 8:00 am. Tuesday, March 28th; Spring Play was performed on March 10th and 13th. It was excellent!; The ACT Test for Juniors is Tuesday, April 4th, at 8:30 am. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church; The Blood Drive is on Wednesday, March 29th. The goal is 50 pints. Traditionally each of the student coordinators will receive \$250 scholarships from the Red Cross; Prom will be on Saturday, April 22nd, Planning for Prom is moving along well, After Prom Party will also be at the school, Planning for this event is going very well also and Spring Sports practices began last Monday for softball and track and all other sports started this Monday the first games and contests are scheduled to begin on Saturday, March 25th with an indoor Track meet in Mankato.

Board leadership report: Board members traveling over 18 miles to attend meetings can request mileage; POC meeting and Exterior wall samples were viewed, discussed and the product for the new building was chosen.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$396,958.14 Final check #30727

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to hire Colby Pack as the Interim JV Baseball coach this year.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve hiring Peter Rogotzke as the Junior High Baseball Coach this year.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve hiring Heather Olson as the Junior High Assistant Track Coach.

The first reading of the Overdose Mediation Policy was presented. The policy is a model policy from the MSBA.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the following 2022-2023 school year calendar: Returning to a regular scheduled school day starting the end of the Fourth Quarter and extending the school year to include June 1 and 2, 2023.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar as presented.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Imker and unanimously carried to hire Katlin LeClair as a full time Mathematics Teacher.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to hire Peter Rogotzke as a .75 FTE Mathematics Teacher and .25 FTE, Mathematics Interventionist.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the Achievement and Integration Plan for 2023 – 2025, effective July 2023.

RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF SENATE FILE 2615 AND HOUSE FILE 2917 RELATING TO INFLATION

WHEREAS on the November 2021 General Election voters living within the Red Rock Central school district approved a bond referendum for the betterment of school facilities; and

WHEREAS the leadership of the school district provided extensive information to residents about the benefits of its facilities project, including classrooms, security, efficiency, and overall benefits to the students; and

WHEREAS the school district obtained accurate estimates of project costs from licensed experts prior to approval of the referendum, including contingency funds in case of unforeseen events; and

WHEREAS the leadership of the school district shared these costs of the project and the projected tax impact with local property owners; and

WHEREAS prior to the referendum, the school district received a positive Review and Comment letter from the Minnesota Department of Education, the highest rating available, demonstrating that the project is educationally and financially advisable; and

WHEREAS the school district subsequently followed state law by publicly requesting construction bids for its facilities project, seeking to award contracts based on the lowest bids from qualified contractors; and

WHEREAS as the school district evaluated these bids, it determined that the facilities project was challenged by unprecedented construction inflation, exceeding 25% of pre-referendum estimates for some areas of the project; and

WHEREAS the school district has taken steps to refine the facilities project to respond to this unprecedented construction inflation, but has determined that further changes in project scope will threaten the goal of the betterment of school facilities in the manner that local voters understood;

WHEREAS the Minnesota Legislature has stepped up in the past when school districts have faced unusual circumstances beyond their control that have impacted the quality of their facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the elected members of the board of the Red Rock Central school district request that the Minnesota Legislature pass Senate File 2615 and House File 2917, assisting local school districts that were affected by unprecedented construction inflation.

This motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was adopted by Chad Stavnes and seconded by Alex Pankonin and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor of thereof: Bill Rogotzke, Megan Imker, Bruce Grant, Tom Kuehl, Nate Erickson, Alex Pankonin, Chad Stavnes.

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon the resolution was declared and duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the resignation of Bev Larson, Mathematics Teacher; Hannah Stevenson, Special Education Teacher; Sharlla Maras, Junior High Basketball Coach; Susan Wilmes, Spring Play Director and Cassandra Kullman, JV Volleyball Coach and thank them for their service to the District.

A letter of intent to negotiate was received from the Teacher Union.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Imker and unanimously carried to approve hiring Maria McCormick as a Paraprofessional.

Open discussion: Lunch time availability and use of microwaves; Baseball coach Pack, next year also; Student behavior issues and Ground Breaking for the new building is scheduled for May 3, 2023.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kuehl the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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



Nate Erickson, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Recorder

