

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Pankonin, Stavnes, and via Google Meets, Rogotzke. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Michelle Anderson and Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl to approve the amended Agenda, the December 19, 2022 and January 18, 2023 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: Switching the copier contract when lease expires in August, will be \$334.69 less a month, for a newer machine with a different company, all of the copiers are with the same company, same brand, etc., makes it much easier for repairs and able to save some money with discounts; Purchase Technology training through the SWWC coop, they provide a summary of their help each quarter, In quarter 2 they resolved 18 staff problems/questions, had 68 coaching check-ins, and visited the district in person 3 times, This is for Q2, they also provide a day of training during in-service on various topics from google classroom to smart board training; The BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) grant application was submitted to FEMA by Minnesota Emergency Management on January 27<sup>th</sup>, The federal cost share that was submitted was \$3,485,312.16, Waiting for FEMA to announce its selections, won't hear until mid-to-late July; MSBA making District's aware there will be a lot of bills that affect our master agreement coming from the legislators this year including: Paid Family Medical leave, It's possible that the leave can be taken consecutively and not concurrently, Possible 60/30 bill for TRA, 60 years of age and 30 years of service, Would increase costs pretty significantly in school districts, Unemployment for hourly workers-nothing looking final yet but still on the radar and Changes are coming rapidly with new topics; Bill Introductions of interest: [SF666](#): Increasing funding for the community education revenue program; appropriating money; [SF680](#): Modifying provisions for teacher preparation time; [SF681](#): Requiring reasonable accommodations for parents of children with disabilities; [SF502](#): Requiring paid orientation for paraprofessionals; appropriating money for paraprofessional training, District does this; [SF505](#): Creating a new source of state aid for school districts with low general education revenue and low property wealth per pupil; [SF525](#): Appropriating money for supplemental aid for school facility construction; [SF584](#): Prohibiting the use of American Indian mascots and logos; [SF613](#): Authorizing a school board to renew an expiring referendum; [SF615](#): Making permanent the expansion of the voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus program; [SF618](#): Requiring a civics course as a graduation requirement; [HF877](#), Updating the transportation sparsity revenue percent; [HF879](#), Increasing local optional revenue; linking future increases in local optional revenue to the growth in the general education basic formula allowance; appropriating money; [HF651](#), Requiring a personal finance class for high school graduation; [HF652](#), Modifying teacher shortage reporting requirements; [HF741](#), Requiring literacy data reporting; Looking at the calendar, consulted superintendents who completed new buildings what they would do differently and they all at some point said they would have more time for packing, moving in, etc.; The start date for the building is 4/17/2023, mobilization will begin on April 3rd so equipment will start showing up, etc. with a full go that Monday; Our insurance company will be sending someone to inspect the

shed/house this Friday, requests have been made to Board members about purchasing the shed/house, a reputable request for purchase, removal and clean up has been received by the Superintendent.

Principal Ewing presented the following 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade report: Midterm end date for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>; Activities: Spring Play: Arsenic and Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring, have 14 students in grades 8-12 onstage with several others who are going to work on painting sets, etc., also have 3, 7th-graders who will be doing skits between acts, Show dates and times are Friday, March 10th at 7:00 and Saturday, March 11th at 2:00; Knowledge Bowl: We have 5 people on the team this year - 2 seniors and 3 juniors, We have 4 invitational meets on the schedule and went to #3 Monday, Sub region competition is March 3 at MN West in Worthington, They practice 1-2 times a week, working around after school athletic and speech practices so whoever wants to participate can get to at least one practice a week; Speech: Red Rock Central has 5 students on the combined speech team with WWG for a total of 20 students, Students have done a great job preparing their speeches, Attended first tournament in Luverne with 16 teams and 186 students competing, The team finished 10th with 4 medals and 4 ribbons, There were a few larger teams competing so we were very happy with the team's performance, Will travel to Redwood Valley next weekend; FFA: Ag Bowl Results, Small Animals team placed 29<sup>th</sup>, Fish and Wildlife team placed 26<sup>th</sup>, Proficiency interviews Friday, 2/17, Teagen Werner will be interviewing for his Beef Cattle Entrepreneurship application, Events for FFA Week Feb 21-24: Ag Olympics: 4 different events including: Pie eating contest, Feed sack races, Tug of War (Teams of 6), and Hay Bale Toss, FFA Trivia questions throughout the week for students and staff, Find the Hidden Emblem Contest, Dress up Days are, Tuesday: Plaid/Cow Print Day, Wednesday-Redneck Day, Thursday- Red vs Green Tractor Day (Red is clearly the best :), Friday- Blue and Gold Day; Large Group Music Contest: Section 3 Large Group Music Contest will be held Wednesday, March 8 at Redwood Area High School, Preparations are going well for both band and choir, Performance schedules for the day will be finalized soon and the day is open for public attendance, Both groups have chosen literature from the category 3 lists of contest approved repertoire; Sports: Girls Basketball, Finished the regular season record of 5 wins and 18 losses, Projected to be the 7 Seed, If 6 or 7 seed will play Saturday February 25 in Worthington, If receive the 8 seed would host a pigtail playoff game vs HLOF on Thursday February 23 at home; Boys Basketball: Currently the boys team has 8 wins and 13 losses, 3 games left to play before the end of the regular season, Section Seed could be anywhere from 5th -7th depending on those games. 7 seed we would host a pigtail game on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, If 5 or 6 seed we would play 1st round in Worthington March 4<sup>th</sup>; Wrestling: Finished with and team record of 10 wins and 13 losses; They are the # 7 Seed in Section 3A - and Wrestle against Springfield and the TMB; Red Rock Central is hosting the Section 3A Team Semi-finals and Championship on Saturday February 18th beginning at noon, Individual Section Tournament is Saturday, February 25th in Jackson; Academic Updates: ACCESS Testing is scheduled for late February and early March, Adding some Reading pullout support by Matthew Runck for both 5th and 6th Graders beginning next week - Identified students with STAR Assessments; MCA Testing will begin late March to early April Mr. Pack is working to finalize the schedule; MTAS - RRC has been identified as an eligible Field Audit of MTAS Administration - Means we provide MDE our exact MTAs Testing schedule and that they can drop in unannounced and audit our testing procedures and processes; Mr. Pack is working with our Special Education staff to provide the schedule to MDE; Other upcoming events: Pre - ACT Test for all Sophomores at Our Saviors was Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>; Honor Society Induction Ceremony was Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm.; Honor Society Blood Drive is Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>; The 11th Grade ACT Test in Tuesday, April 4th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and the Honor Society has asked to go to the Nation Honor Society level.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$410,423.77 Final check #30624

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to hire Isaac Jenniges as the Interim Head Baseball Coach.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Rogotzke and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 – 2024 Southwest West Central Service Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$239,251.25.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of curriculum update software for the CNC machines from First Technologies Inc. at a cost of \$11,033.36.

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve the revised 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year Budget.

Reviewed 2023 – 2024 School Calendar options keeping in mind the move into the new building; Survey of instruction time in area schools was presented and extending RRC’s instruction hours was discussed; The Superintendent will prepare an application for a Flexible Learning Year allowing an earlier school starting date in August if needed.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Mathematics teacher Claire Polzin and thank her for her years of service to the District.

Open discussion: Wireless Antenna to for better reception of the microphone in the gym; Broadcasting events held in the gym, cost for technology needed is \$3600.00; Possibility Daktronics Video Board in the new school that would be paid for by sponsors over a period of five years; Mr. Kirk teaching a Sports Management Course; Use of the wireless microphone from the Football Field; School lunches, possibility of a Pasta Bar, Farm to Table isn’t available until next Fall, there are no Supplementary Food Services Associated Grocers available and hiring contracted lunch provider; Board Member claim verification form, Snow day was made up; School Board Appreciation; Flag needed replacement, has been replaced; Need for additional Para, replacement for recent resignation; Updates on Logo selection and the kitchen cooler quit working for 24 hours, part of the contents had to be disposed of.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Grant the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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Nate Erickson, Clerk

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Doreen Kronback, Recorder