

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, AD Bartholomaus, Colby Pack, Michelle Anderson and Doreen Kronback. Via Zoom: Ehler's Representative.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Representative from Ehlers presented financial information for the new building considering the Bid Pricing is high. Base bids, differences in estimates, option to explore for Grants and cost savings in different areas were discussed.

AD Brett Bartholomaus reported the following: Coaching Openings, Head Golf (Spring 2023), Head Baseball (Spring 2023) – have one candidate and Junior High Baseball (Spring 2023); Cross Country Program, Exploring the potential addition of having Red Rock Central Cross Country, 4 Athletes this year, Feel having our own program could triple participation, Would help our Track and Field program, Minimal cross over between football/volleyball and cross country, Potential pairing agreement with WWG, Assistant coach Anita Vogel, looking at Fall 2024 to begin offering this program, or later depending on when coach Blomgren retires; Scheduling, RTR is joining the Red Rock Conference in 2023 for Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track, and Golf, nearly completed the 2023 Volleyball schedule, 2023 and 2024 Football schedule will not come out until April or May, These schedules come from the district football committee, need to wait to determine our homecoming week until we have our football schedule from the district; Red Rock Central will be hosting the JH Boys Basketball Conference tournament, Saturday February 11th, 2023; Several ideas about what to do with Football practice next year, and football games, Recommendation , games would be to flip one game to a fifth "away" game, and try to play 5 home games in 2024, Our three "home" games would then be moved to a neutral site with a turf field (RTR, Worthington, Marshall, New Ulm), Have check with these schools and all of these sites were willing to work with us, Cost averages about \$1000 to rent the site per game; Would recommend the practices would be, the varsity football team practice in the outfield of the big softball field in Sanborn and the junior high team would practice in the outfield of the smaller field in Sanborn; In discussion with the City of Sanborn to improve the fields so they are in better condition for Softball program, and the upgrades would help our football team find a home for one year during school building construction; and the Red Rock Central Hall of Fame is Live and currently accepting nominations, are currently several nominations, a few are quite incomplete, but people are interested in making nominations. Great PR for the district!

Dean of Students Colby Pack was present to introduce himself and tell about his position as the Dean of Students.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Pankonin to approve the Agenda, the August 15, 2022 Board Minutes with a correction of the motion for approval of the Educational Support Personal Contract and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve amending the motion in the August 15, 2022 minutes as follows: Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Hansen

to approve the two year Educational Support Personnel Contract. Abstained: Stavnes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Football next year- If current football field is definitely unavailable Mr. Bartholomaeus and coaching staff have some thoughts concerning football; Met with Ehlers about the investments, Two-year treasury bonds are at a 16 year high right now, is the one bright spot regarding inflation, etc., District will earn more than \$1 million, more than first projected to earn \$60,000 in interest, Great news finally; Will reapply for the FEMA grant, The application period will start on September 30, 2022, and ends on January 27, 2023; Have not received permission to order the school bus stop arm cameras, should be a couple of weeks and the other bus cameras are either up or will be up shortly; Started doing a drop everything and read schedule, One period every Friday and 4A study halls three days a week will be DEAR time, The staff was terrific about suggestions and are willing to be flexible in order to help us boost our reading scores; Attended an MREA meeting, the legislative platform this year is focusing on disparities between rural and metro schools, they are developing this year's legislative platform and are trying to broaden LTFM spending restrictions an issue that had a lot of support; The quote for a buzzer on the front doors was \$3900, purchased it and will be installed as soon as possible, around Oct. 1st, there will be two monitors and buzzers; The elementary committee schedules and meetings are set, the elementary lyceum's are being planned next week; The bids came in much higher than we expected, around \$51 million, Ehlers presented us option and No one interested in purchasing the house, concession stand will be moved to city property until needed, September 30 closing on Meadowland property and the house and old bus garage will be demolished in the Spring.

Secondary Principal Mr. Ewing reported the following: New teachers and paraprofessional: Jr. / Sr. High Choir and Elementary Music: Jamie Derickson, Jr. / Sr. High English: Holli Hoffman, Jr. / Sr. High Phy-ed Health: Josh Kirk, Jr. / Sr. High Tech - ed: Bill Barrie, 4th Grade: Shelby Spuller and Paraprofessional: Olivia Nielsen; 2021-2022 District SMART Goals for Q-comp: K - 6 Goal: The percentage of all students enrolled by Dec. 15, 2022 in grades 3-6 at Red Rock Central who earn an achievement level of proficiency on Reading MCA and MTAs will increase from 49% to 50.1% in the Spring of 2023; and 7-12 Goal: The percentage of all students enrolled by Dec. 15, 2022 in grades 7-8 & 10 at Red Rock Central who earn an achievement level of proficiency on Reading MCA and MTAs will increase from 46% to 47.1% in the Spring of 2023; School pictures were taken the first week of school by Red Barn Photography, Retakes are scheduled for October; Student Council: Student Council President is Cody Determan and all class representatives have been elected; Class officers: Elections have taken place and class meetings were held last week to begin planning for Homecoming; Homecoming week will be September 26th - 30th : Regular schedule of Homecoming activities are planned, Door Decorating - Week before Homecoming, Coronation - Monday, September 26th 7:00 pm. In the gym, Dress-up days all week, Friday, October 8th - Speaker Brad Bigler - 8:30 am. - 9:45 am., 7 - 12 Volleyball Tournament - 9:45 am. - 11:00 am., Varsity Volleyball Game vs. Springfield at 12:30 pm., Varsity Football Game vs. Cedar Mountain at 7:00 pm. And Homecoming Dance in the Gym 9:00 pm. - 12:00 am.;

Fall Activity Participation Numbers: 9-12 Football: 33, 7-8 Football: 16, 9-12 Volleyball: 34, 6-8 Volleyball: 16 and 7-12 Cross Country: 4; FFA: Officers are: Quintyn Vold - President, Eva Redman - VP, Charles Dammann - Secretary, Alyssa Cowan - Reporter, Nate Cowan - Treasurer; State FFA Trap Shoot is taking place this coming Friday and Saturday, September 30th and October 1st in Marshall; and National FFA Convention is scheduled for October 26th - 28th in Indianapolis our students will be traveling with 5 other schools there and back; The Fall Musical is: High School Musical. Tryouts began this week for students in grades 7 - 12.; First Lockdown and Fire Drills were conducted and all went well.; A School Store: with BSN was open for 2 weeks. The link had been shared on the RRC website and Facebook page; Lyceum: Brad

Bigler has been scheduled to speak to the 7th - 12th grade student body during Homecoming on Friday, September 30th from 8:30 am. - 9:45 am and the VIP Branding Committee is getting feedback from staff and students on the style of the falcon used for the school logo.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$229,939.45. Final check #30084

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to certify the proposed 2022 – Payable 2023 levy at the MAXIMUM amount. The following voted in favor thereof: Kelsey, Erickson, Pankonin, Hansen, Kuehl, Stavnes, and Rogotzke. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Derek Jenniges as Head Baseball Coach of our paired program and thank him for his service.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to hire Nicole Churchill as the School Nurse, Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12:00 a.m.

Kraus and Anderson will be available to provide updates on the school facility bids.

Open discussion: Welding Class, 16 students, had an excellent speaker from Wisconsin; Inquiry to what the percentage of student loss is for this school year and number of open enrollments; Need to continue to promote the new school with boards at events and updates to links on the website and to put some updates in the newspaper; Cottonwood County Press interviewed Superintendent Lee for an article in the paper and ground breaking should be in early April.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kelsey the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to accept bids for the new school.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Nate Erickson, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Recorder