

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Monday, May 23, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Monday, May 23, 2022. Members present were: Erickson, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Hansen was absent. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing and Deb Huffman.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Kelsey to approve the amended Agenda, the April 20, 2022 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Jr. / Sr. High Principal Ewing reported the following: All MCA and Advanced Placement testing are completed, waiting on scores for MCA's until August and AP's in July; The Senior Honor Banquet was held Wednesday, May 18th at the American Legion Club, over \$101,000 in scholarships and awards were presented, huge thank you to Rachel Karnitz and Betsy Hubert for putting it together; Baccalaureate Service, Sunday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, all local Ministerium planned and participated; Graduation will be in the gymnasium, Friday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m., practice will be Wednesday, May 26th at about 9:30 a.m., both the Band and Choir will perform, Valedictorian and one of the Co-Salutatorians will be speaking and Clayton Hubert is the teacher speaker, 1 student choosing not to walk during graduation, is within a reasonable time period to be able to complete classes and still receive a diploma, plan is supported by the student's parents; Tuesday, May 31st, the Phy Ed department is bringing in a group called Ninja anywhere for a day of Extreme sports fun, all grade levels are scheduled into the activity by Phy Ed class except the Juniors who are going during Study Halls; The last day of school, Wednesday, June 1st we will be recognizing and awarding certificates to 7th - 11th grade students for academics, athletics and activities, will also be a half day of school with students loading the buses after an early lunch; Summer school planning is moving along well, 21 MS / HS students who have either registered or expressed interest in attending, using an online curriculum that is customizable to each student, teacher created the class specific to each student based on the state standards that they didn't do well on or need more practice, goal is for HS students to be able to make up ½ credit and MS students not to have to repeat a grade level within a specific class.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Senator Tom Bakk got back about the issue of escalating construction costs, working on this issue during the current legislative session, is trying to get legislation from two angles: Financial assistance for the construction costs over budget and allowing school districts to get reimbursed for the sales tax that contractors are paying on "hard cost construction materials.", thinks second way might have the highest chance for success - unfortunately strategy #2 does not give school districts a lot of financial support but it would be something, doubtful this will be in this year's plan but can keep up the hope for next year and work with our legislators, it would be approximately \$1.5 million dollars, this has been done before on various projects around the state historically, also heard from a State Representative on the taxes committee in the House who felt this would be a reasonable thing to do as well and could be a bipartisan opportunity; Regarding the amount, the board can raise in an abatement bond, there is no limit, just a project restriction, and this project fits within the scope, anything related to the project, parking lots, sidewalks, storm sewers, etc., board can issue a bond without approval; Moving forward with the project and the costs have continued to escalate, would like to throw out an idea to delay the softball field until a future date, talked about permanent construction taking priority and have a place to play softball right now; During the discussion of our pairing agreements, Brett, Bill, and I met the WWG delegation and one idea that came forward was to shift Softball to Walnut Grove in the short term until our field situation is finalized; MLA has

agreed to a fixed fee, instead of a percentage of the project, it was originally 7% of the construction cost, which the last estimate had at \$2,934,061, will now be \$2,564,523. a \$369,538 difference; Recommend that we do not hire an additional teacher for 6th grade this year, there are twenty-four 6th graders and twenty-one 5th graders; Also recommending trying to fill our Transportation Careers, auto position at .50 FTE, additional .50 FTE was essentially two periods of WWG or Wabasso students and a study hall; Currently have close to \$500,000 in our LTFM fund, any work done on repairing or upgrading the Co-op building would be eligible for this funding, moving the buildings is not, any work needed to fix them would be.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$208,356.05. Final check #29611

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve hiring Holli Hoffman as the Language Arts Teacher.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve hiring Matthew Runck as 0.5 FTE ESL Teacher and 0.5 FTE Reading Specialist.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve hiring Anita Vogel as the Assistant Cross Country Coach.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve a three year contract for Jr/Sr Principal Greg Ewing.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve for graduation 31 seniors and 2 ALC graduates as presented by Principal Ewing.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the Literacy Plan as presented.

Open discussion: Moving the big shed.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Kuehl the Board went into closed session at 6:34 p.m.

Upon motion of Kelsey and seconded by Stavnes the Board came out of closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Nate Erickson, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Recorder