

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, January 19, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Principal Ewing, Principal Dr. Friesen, Mary Holman, Kayla Casey, Anne Nelson, Michelle Anderson and Doreen Kronback. Attending Via Google Meets: Superintendent Lee and Bill Rogotzke.

Vice Chairman Kelsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the amended Agenda, the December 20, 2021 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Mary Holman shared concerns about the District and district resident's rights for mandatory vaccination and COVID testing.

Kelsey presented the idea of having a time capsule put in the new building and a plaque indicating its location. He suggested a copy of the Lamberton News showing the voting results for the bond be included. Changing the design of the school Mascot was discussed due to the similarity to the Atlanta Falcon symbol.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Possible use of an abatement bond, which is a board approved bond to pay for parking lot and asbestos abatement, it would be a part of the Ag credit versus a Long Term Facilities and Maintenance levy which is not; Applied for and received a \$11,571.00 grant from the state for pandemic enrollment loss based on formula of attendance; Denise Clarke has decided to retire as of December 2022, not advertising yet, big shoes to fill; Fifth grade class will not be going to Lake Carlos this year, as they shut down their educational program last year, is large part of Achievement and Aid Integration application, will edit and resubmit the application; Advertising for open teaching positions for next year due to retirements and have met with a representative from Varsity Group Marketing and Signs, they have presented some interesting options to digitize all our old yearbooks from each building and have the accessible via a touchscreen in the commons area, can also put photo of any trophies, cost with monitor and system would be \$16,000.00.

Secondary Principal Ewing's report included the following: End of Semester is Friday, January 18 with grades due by the beginning of the day Tuesday; Winter Spirit Week is the week of February 15 – 18, will be dress up days and a dance on Friday, February 18th after the basketball game; Winter sports heading into final stretch, records are: Boys Basketball are 2 -8, Girls Basketball are 9-5 and Wrestling has a 4-6; During February RRC students in grades 5, 8, 9 and 11 will take the Minnesota Student Survey, it is sponsored by MDE and Wilder Research Institute, students are surveyed every 3 years, parents have the option to opt student out; Sophomores will take the pre ACT Test with Ms. Karnitz on Wednesday, February 5th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Our Saviors Church; Juniors ACT Test is April 5th; Meeting with Honor Loan Committee at the end of January to begin planning; and will attend the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals Winter conference from Wednesday, January 26th – Friday January 28th in Minneapolis.

Elementary Principal Dr. Friesen's report included the following: Anticipated Classroom Configurations for 2022/23 - 2 classrooms/grade K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 1 classroom/ grade 5; Third floor room will be used for 5th/6th grade students for pull-out para help (Title and Special Education), MS/HS ESL, and other 7-12 needs that arise; Special Education Support Services will move into ½ of the SPED side of the annex and share with Ms. Stevenson's K-4 special education classes; RRC Wellness Program is off to a great start, coordinated by Deb Huffman; Spelling Bee Results (grade - 1st, 2nd, 3rd places): Gr. 2 - Sawyer Jeckell, Keeley Baune, Audrey Menssen, Gr. 3 - Stella Batalden, Brysden Groebner, Davion BigBear, Gr. 4 - Savannah Anderson, Aaron Holman, Abby Thram, Gr. 5 - Amana Smith, Alexis Ayres, Kullen Steen, Gr. 6 - Rylee Swenson, Kyleigh Groebner, Lilly Batalden, Gr. 7 - Jady Beranek, Timothy Jacob, Dominic Senst, Gr. 8 - Charlie Hagert, Brekken Determan, Abby Holman, District Winners - Kyleigh Groebner, Jady Beranek, Timothy Jacob; Kyleigh Groebner advances to the Regional Spelling Bee held in Redwood Falls on Feb. 1st; In the 2nd round of teacher observations and evaluations; Several elementary grades have reserved virtual tours and classes through the MN Zoo as part of our Lyceum programming which is funded by the elementary student council; and we have begun discussing our summer school plans, possibilities at the elementary level include: Summer Skills Camp, Reading on the Road, and Kids Read Now.

Curriculum Director PreK – 12 Report: We ordered BRAIN POP for K-5 classes - an animated educational site covering many subject areas; and additional books have been ordered for MS/HS English novel units to be used in the second semester.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$258,132.78. Final check #29254

Policy for Special Education Records Retention was presented.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to table the policy for Special Education Records Retention until a later date.

The Board and Administration offer their condolences to Bev Larson on the loss of her husband Gilbert Larson.

Open discussion: Purchase Agreement with REC; Bond sales close the first part of February; Investment interest goes to construction fund; Project Oversight Committee (POC) meet January 31 to view the cost estimate breakdown; Staff willing to use old equipment if need be to get rooms needed and Softball Field construction timeline.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Pankonin the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Nate Erickson, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Reporter