

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Monday, November 22, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Monday, November 22, 2021. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin, and Stavnes. Absent: Rogotzke. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, Principal Dr. Friesen, Brett Bartholomaus, Ehlers representative Shelby McQuay, Nathan Kinner and Michelle Anderson.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Board Members Reports included: discussion of property on Birch Street and Their Movers.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Need a Board/staff meeting day and time; Board consider waiving the fee for a Chromebook if an educational benefits form is turned in successfully; Currently at 29.5% for educational benefits received, last year 35.5%, year prior we were in the 40% range, unlikely that the families of our district are that much higher in income now, certainly due to the fact that when breakfast and lunches became free was no incentive to fill out the educational benefits form; Likely that we need to comply with the vaccine mandate from OSHA regarding employees in places that accept federal money and have 100 employees, part-time employees do count towards the total number of employees, Independent contractors do not count towards the total number of employees, the determination of whether an employer falls within the scope of this ETS based on number of employees should initially be made as of the effective date of the standard (November 5, 2021), if the employer has 100 or more employees on the effective date, this ETS applies for the duration of the standard, RRC is at 109 as of that date for the November payroll.; Typically takes 15 minutes per test so 4 tests per hour; The facilities and square footage report has been completed, once the project scope is set will add the project; Current square footage: Original 1915 building - 45000 sq. ft., 1939 addition - 15000 sq. ft., 1954 - addition 21000 sq. ft., 1974 addition - 18600 sq. ft., 2005 addition - 10000 sq. ft., and 2007 addition - 6000 sq ft; Early childhood census completed and submitted, Age 0 – 15, Age 1 – 33, Age 2 – 32, Age 3 – 21 and Age 4 – 30; Received a counter offer from the Redwood Electric coop for \$495,000 to purchase the building next to our bus garage; We conducted an ALICE training the Thursday before our long break and it went well, the trainer was great, Jason Jacobsen from Redwood County Sheriff's office, did a great job and the staff seemed to enjoy the process; Contacted the local banks about investing the bond proceeds, Ehlers will contact them , they'll have a great proposal and we can keep some of that money local and We are setting up some visits to newer area schools to get ideas.

Elementary Principal Dr. Friesen's report included the following: Fall Festival and Parade - "Creepy Crawl" on the football field - well attended & activities for grades K-6 in gym and auditorium - numerous parent volunteers: New staff update: Educational Psychologist - Colin Wilson - bringing years of experience and On-site SLPA - Becca Lang - working well; Morganne Mattison returns on Monday, Nov. 29th -- Kudos to Paula Paplow, Jan Benedict, and Anne Mathison for their flexible coverage during Mrs. Mattison's 12-week maternity leave; Lyceums have been selected and are currently being scheduled for

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grades K-6: Luke Winger - Dec. 16, Wonder Weavers 3 days - week of March 14-18, The Earth Dome - Spring 2022 and MN Zoo - Classroom virtual tours/classes - scheduled by teachers and K-8 Spelling Bee - Study lists for round one will be sent home before Thanksgiving with preliminary tests beginning in December.

Curriculum Director PreK – 12 report: HS English classes are incorporating classic novel units into their curriculum; College Now - Child & Adolescent Development in Your Classroom; New AG Teacher online curriculum & resources for: Food Science, and Veterinary Science for 9-12, Planning for a DRONES course/curriculum beginning fall of 2022; Social Studies Standards process, public is asked to comment on the STANDARDS during the rulemaking process and QuaverEd Music, will renew with a multi-year subscription.

Secondary Principal Ewing's report included the following: Parent-Teacher Conferences: took place on Thursday, November 9th. Our percentages for attendance were: 12th Grade - 23%, 11th Grade - 26%, 10th Grade - 41%, 9th Grade - 59%, 8th Grade - 32%, 7th Grade - 48%, 7-12 Total % = 36%; The Veteran's Day program was very well done. The speaker was Command Sergeant Major Josh Goche of the 682nd Engineering Battalion of the Minnesota National Guard. The student speaker was Jackson Shannon. Both the HS Band and Choirs performed. It was also streamed for the community to be able to watch on the school YouTube channel; American Education Week was last week. The Sanborn American Legion Auxiliary provided sweet treats for the staff, The Lamberton Legion Auxiliary is providing Appetizers for all Staff after school on Monday, November 29th; This year we did not have any Juniors apply for the MSHSL EXCEL Award – The selection criteria: Academics, Athletics, Arts and Volunteerism; End of the 1st trimester is Friday, December 3rd, This only affects 8th graders for Art, Tech-Ed, and Exploring Ag and Midterms grades for 2nd quarter are due in the office Friday, December 10th.

Athletic Director Bartholomaeus reported the following: Pairing Agreement Updates, WWG Spring Pairings were updated and approved by all and Gymnastics Pairing- should it be continued; Addition of Sports/Activities, Soccer and Hockey, Recommend not to add, currently offer just as many activities as schools like Tracy, Pipestone, and Jackson County Central just no Robotics, Outside of Cross Country and Track and Field, we wouldn't need to pair in any sport; Post-Season Meetings with Volleyball and Football Coaches, Football finished 5-5, Volleyball finished 19-8, Jodi Smith resigned JV Volleyball; Coaching Openings: JH Volleyball (Fall 2022), JH Baseball (Spring 2022), Head Golf Coach (Spring 2023), Assistant Golf Coach (Spring 2023) and Head Boys Basketball Coach (Winter 2022-2023); Receiving Questions and Requests for Facilities for the new school, Lots of good ideas, Some are needs, some are wants, depends on space and money that is available; Need home Event Workers; Participation Fees --- Will District make the commitment to help increase our participation rate in both athletics and fine arts, fees Collected - \$9480, 2019-2020 fees collected - \$9035 and MSHSL Foundation Monies collected approximately \$1200-1300/yr.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$194,767.82. Final check #29056

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the following Student Activity Accounts: Annual, Baseball, Bous Basketball, Cheer, Class 21, Class 22, Concessions, FFA, Football, Girls Basketball, Softball, Student Council, Volleyball, Wrestling, Speech and Honor Society.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Hansen to approve the resignation of Susan Wilmes, as One Act Play Director; those voting in favor: Hansen, Stavnes, Kuehl, Pankonin and Erickson. Those Against: Kelsey. Absent: Rogotzke. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the resignation of Jodi Smith as the Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach.

Upon motion of Hansen and seconded by Erickson to acknowledge that each year Red Rock Central receives E-rate (federal) funding in order to help cover the cost of our students having access to the Internet in the building. In receiving these funds we, as a District, (and all U.S. public schools) agree to protect our students from “harmful Internet content” as defined by the Federal Government via a law named the “Children’s Internet Protection Act”. RRC does filter out harmful Internet content via our agreement with our access provider which is SDN Communication and the Southwest/West Central Service Coop. in Marshall. With Board agreement we consider this agenda item does cover Public Notice and we’ll conduct this meeting yearly at this time. A copy of the posting of this agenda to give public advanced notice that they may contribute to the discussion of the Internet Access Use Policy and ask questions, the agenda itself and minutes of this meeting will be kept on hand for five (5) years in order to verify that we did discuss this issue at a public meeting. A copy of the posting, the agenda and minutes will also be sent to SW/WC Service Coop. for their records as well. The addition of the word/term Password to our policy will meet all the necessary guidelines set out by the federal government under the CIPA and the use of receiving e-rate monies. Roll call vote.

Those voting in favor: Kelsey, Pankonin, Stavnes, Kuehl, Hansen and Erickson.

Those voting against: None. Absent: Rogotzke. Motion carried.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING

OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2884

(RED ROCK CENTRAL)

BROWN, COTTONWOOD, AND REDWOOD COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2884 (Red Rock Central), Brown, Cottonwood, and Redwood Counties, Minnesota, was held on November 22, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the School District.

The following members were present: Kelsey, Erickson, Hansen, Kuehl, Pankonin and Stavnes.

and the following were absent: Rogotzke

Member Hansen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,000,000; AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the “Board”) of Independent School District No. 2884 (Red Rock Central), Brown, Cottonwood, and Redwood Counties, Minnesota (the “District”), as follows:

1. Background. It is hereby determined that:

(a) At a duly called and regularly held special election on November 2, 2021, the voters of the District approved the issuance and sale by the District of general obligation bonds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in the maximum principal amount of \$41,000,000 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended (the “Act”).

(b) The purpose of the bonds as approved by the voters is to provide financing for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new preK-12 school facility to be located in Lamberton, Minnesota (the “Project”)

(c) It is necessary and expedient to the sound financial management of the affairs of the District to issue its General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2022A (the “Bonds”), in the original aggregate principal amount of \$41,000,000, pursuant to the Act, to provide financing for the Project.

(d) As set forth below, the Board has retained an independent municipal advisor and therefore is authorized by Section 475.60, subdivision 2(9), of the Act to sell the Bonds other than pursuant to a competitive sale.

2. Covenant as to State Credit Enhancement.

(a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Minnesota Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 (the “Credit Enhancement Act”) to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the paying agent for the Bonds (the “Paying Agent”), or any successor paying agent, three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Paying Agent is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds on deposit with the Paying Agent to make that payment. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be

bound by the provisions of the Credit Enhancement Act, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Minnesota Departments of Management and Budget and Education pursuant to subdivision 2(c) of the Credit Enhancement Act and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The Board Chair, Clerk, Treasurer, Superintendent, or Business Manager are authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

3. Sale of Bonds. The Board has retained Ehlers and Associates, Inc. (the “Municipal Advisor”), to act as the independent municipal advisor for the District with respect to the offer and sale of the Bonds and, therefore, is authorized by Section 475.60, subdivision 2(9), of the Act to sell the Bonds other than pursuant to a competitive sale.

4. Acceptance of Proposal. The Board shall meet at the time and place designated by the Board to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds and take any other appropriate action with respect to the Bonds.

5. Authority of Municipal Advisor. The Municipal Advisor is authorized and directed to assist the District in the preparation and dissemination of a Preliminary Official Statement to be distributed to potential purchasers of the Bonds and to open, read, and tabulate the proposals for the purchase of the Bonds for presentation to the Board. The Municipal Advisor is further authorized and directed to assist the District in the award and sale of the Bonds on behalf of the District after receipt of written proposals and to assist the District in the preparation and dissemination of a final Official Statement with respect to the Bonds.

6. Authority of Bond Counsel. The law firm of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, (“Bond Counsel”), is authorized to act as bond counsel for the District and to assist in the preparation and review of necessary documents, certificates, and instruments related to the Bonds. The officers, employees, and agents of the District are hereby authorized to assist Bond Counsel in the preparation of such documents, certificates, and instruments.

7. Covenants. In the resolution awarding the sale of the Bonds, the Board will set forth the covenants and undertakings required by the Act.

8. Reimbursements.

(a) The Internal Revenue Service has issued Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 (the “Reimbursement Regulations”) providing that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds allocated to reimburse expenditures originally paid from a source other than the tax-exempt bonds will not be deemed expended unless certain requirements are met. The District may incur certain

expenditures to be financed temporarily from sources other than the Bonds to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds. Therefore, the District has determined to make this declaration of official intent (the “Declaration”) to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations.

(b) The District reasonably expects to reimburse original expenditures made for certain costs of the Project from the proceeds of the Bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$41,000,000. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the Bonds, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

(c) This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of the Bonds, except for the following expenditures: (i) costs of issuance of the Bonds; (ii) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or 5 percent of the proceeds of the Bonds; or (iii) “preliminary expenditures” up to an amount not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the Bonds that finance or are reasonably expected by the District to finance the Project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term “preliminary expenditures” includes architectural, engineering, surveying, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of the Project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

(d) This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the District based on the facts and circumstances known to the District as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Project and the principal amount of the Bonds are consistent with the District’s budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of the Bonds to be issued by the District are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the District’s budget or financial policies to pay such original expenditures.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Pankonin, and upon vote being taken thereon the following director voted in favor of the motion: Kelsey, Erickson, Hansen, Kuehl, Pankonin and Stavnes

and the following voted against: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards Policy was presented and reviewed.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve publication of the Final Budget for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

REC building was discussed.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson to approve Red Rock Central School to applying for funding through the MSHSL Foundation for low income families to continue to participate in school activities. Roll call vote.

Those in favor: Hansen, Erickson, Pankonin, Kuehl, Stavnes and Kelsey.

Those against: None.

Absent: Rogotzke. Motion carried.

Open discussion: POC members are Facility Committee members: Stavnes, Hansen and Alternate Erickson and the Administration.

Nathan Kinner presented the 2020 – 2021 School Year Audit.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve the 2020 -2021 School Year Audit as presented.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Hansen the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with the Truth and Taxation Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Reporter