

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Monday, September 20, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Jeffers Senior Citizen Center in Jeffers, MN on Monday, September 20, 2021. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Absent: Pankonin. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, Principal Friesen, Doug Moody, Anderson Kraus Representatives, Ehlers Representative, Dana Kuehl, Michelle Anderson, and Doreen Kronback.

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve the amended Agenda, the August 2nd and 16, 2021 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Head Election Judge Doug Moody presented an update about the mail in ballot election process.

Gary Benson representative from Anderson Kraus commented on the Review and Comment and the need for meetings to hear from District resident concerning the November 2, 2021 Referendum Election.

Open Forum meeting was started at 7:00 p.m. with approximately 26 district residents in attendance. Superintendent Lee presented the following: Information about the referendum; Mail in Ballot process; Architect Design for new building and financial impact on district business and residents. Questions and discussion were taken individually by Administration, Board Members, Head Election Judge; and representatives from Ehler's and Kraus and Anderson.

Superintendent Lee's report included the following: Preliminary discussions with the Redwood Electric Cooperative about purchasing the building next to the proposed plan, board should authorize submitting a formal proposal and offer for that property contingent upon the passage of the referendum; Met with Red Rock Board Chair Rogotzke and Meadowlands CEO, board chair, and secretary of the board about purchasing the Meadowlands lot in its entirety eventually and purchasing approximately 310 feet by 300 feet as soon as possible to begin the wetland remediation process and hopefully dirt work on a softball field this fall, has completed the pre-application for the wetlands area but since it's not owned, can't submit the application, need the board to authorize a formal proposal; District mileage reimbursement is .40 cents and the state is now .56 cents, should consider updating mileage; Exploring a late start schedule once a month for professional development, early release coaches can't participate; District has 88 employees, there may be a vaccine or testing requirement for workplaces with 100 employees, we will not be included based on number of employees; The makeup days for the final strategic plan options are either Oct. 7th or Oct. 11th; Attending the (MASA) Minnesota Association of School administrators on September 27th and 28th; Held first communications team meeting, want to have a more comprehensive plan to make sure we can communicate as much as possible to our parents, and community members, will share progress as we move through our meetings and plan to have more articles, etc.; Had a walkthrough from our new insurance carrier, they identified two areas that we should improve: first is an intercom system by the front door, i.e. controlled access, and hand rails on a couple of staircases.

Elementary Principal Friesen's report included the following: An 8:15 a.m. starting time appears to be working out for students and staff; Open House was a huge success with the majority of students' families attending at every elementary level; The Title I table drew attention and we were able to pass out helpful information; Liz Hankermeyer of Western Mental Health was on site and got a few more referrals from parents for students in need; Elementary AR Theme this year - Read 'til the Cows Come Home; New staff fitting in nicely, Mrs. Thooft is mentoring Hannah Stevenson and other new staff will be assigned mentors if needed; Title I will finish up the fall FastBridge Testing this week for all students in grades K-4; and Lunchroom seating charts included student choice this year and will be changed quarterly.

Curriculum Director PreK – 12 report: ESL - Elementary level, Oxford - Picture Dictionary - Content Areas for Kids; ESL - High school level: Oxford - Grammar Sense 3 ,Cengage - Perspectives Language Cambridge - English Grammar In Use And Pronunciation Plus and Elementary SPED - Connecting Math Concepts and SRA Reading Mastery.

Secondary Principal Ewing's report included the following: New teachers and Para: Elementary Music - Chris Johnson, 2nd Grade – Kristy Baker, 3rd Grade – Shane Neperman, Paraprofessional – Elise Schoer and multiple other employees moved to new positions; 2021 – 2022 District SMAART Goals for Q-Comp: K-4 goals, percentage of all students enrolled by December 15, 2021 in grades 3 & 4 at RRC who earn at or above the achievement level of proficiency on the Reading MCA and MTA's will increase from 49% to 51% in the Spring of 2022; 5-12 goals, Percentage of all students enrolled by December 15, 2021 in grades 5 – 8 and 11 at RRC who earn at or above the achievement level of proficiency on the Math MCA and MTAs will increase from 38.8% to 39.8% in the Spring of 2022; 2021 MCA Scores – Math, Statewide 44.2%, RRC 45.1%, Reading – Statewide 52.5%, RRC 59.7% and Science Statewide 43.1%, RRC 70.1%; 2021 Advance Placement exam scores – Statistics 5 out of 5 students received scores of 4 or higher, World Geography 3 out of 7 received scores of 3 or higher; 2021 ACT scores – 11 of 18 tested scored higher than the national average of 20.7, 8 of 18 tested scored higher than the State of Minnesota average of 21.4 and 11 of 18 tested scored at or above their Pre-ACT Test prediction level; Red Barn Photography will do school picture retakes October 12, 2021; Student Council President is Jackson Shannon; Class officers election has taken place, having class meetings to begin planning for Homecoming; Homecoming week will be October 4-8, activities planned – Hallway/School Decorating Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m., Coronation, Monday October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the gym, Dress-up days all week and Friday, October 8th includes Activity Morning Games in the Gym, Varsity Volleyball Game vs Wabasso at 1:00, Varsity Football Gam vs WWG at 7:00 p.m. and Homecoming Dance in the Gym 9:00p.m. -12:00 a.m.; Fall Activity Participation numbers – 9-12 Football - 27, 7-8 Football – 14, 9-12 Volleyball -30, 7-8 Volleyball – 13 and 7-12 Cross Country – 4; FFA Officers are Charles Dammann President, Quintyn Vold VP, Nick Marsh Secretary, Bianca Thomas Reporter and Eva Redman Sentinel, Sate FFA Trap Shoot is taking place this Friday in Marshall, Mountain Lake results are RRC1-15, RRC2 23rd, RRC3 – 33rd out of 35 teams; Lock down and fire drills were held, all went well; School Store Borch's is currently open, accessible on RRC website and Facebook page and Corey Greenwood has been scheduled from last year to Wednesday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$103,393.58. Final check #28823

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to certify the proposed 2021 – Payable 2022 levy at the MAXIMUM amount. The following voted in favor thereof: Kelsey, Hansen, Erickson, Stavnes, Kuehl, and Rogotzke. The following voted no: None. Absent: Pankonin. Motion carried.

Review and Comment was discussed, concern was expressed that residents did not see the architect drawing before they received their ballots, information was received too close together, people are frustrated with the tight timeline of information; mail in ballot voting procedure and counting of the votes.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve hiring Kyle Asp as the Junior-High level Cross Country Coach.

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

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the mail ballot procedures for the referendum election.

This election shall be conducted by mail. The procedures shall be as specified below.

MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES

1. These procedures shall be applicable to the special election of Independent School District No. 2884 (Red Rock Central) to be held November 2, 2021.
2. This special election will be conducted by mail. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in the school district who are registered by the 21st day before the election.
3. The ballots will be mailed no earlier than forty-six (46) days before the special election. No later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the special election, ballots will be mailed to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. Ballots will be sent by nonforwardable mail. The ballot will be addressed to the voter at the voter's residence as shown on the registration file unless the voter completes an absentee ballot request as provided in Minnesota law.
4. A registered voter who will be absent from the district when the ballots are to be mailed may file a request, in writing, to the school district clerk at the Independent School District No. 2884 District office at least twenty-one (21) days before the date of the election requesting that the ballot be mailed to the voter at a different address.
5. A voter who is not registered to vote in the district on the 21st day before the special election may submit by mail or in person an application for absentee ballots to the school district clerk at the Independent School District No. 2884 District office and receive voter registration forms and an absentee ballot for this special election. The mail balloting process for voters whose registrations are incomplete will be administered as if the voter is not registered to vote.

6. Mail or absentee ballots must be returned to the school district clerk at the Independent School District No. 2884 District office by mail, in person or by designated agent until 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the day of the election. If by mail, the ballots must be returned in the ballot secrecy envelope and return envelope provided by the school district. The mail voter's certificate on the return envelope must be completed by the voter and the voter's witness. If in person or by designated agent, the ballots must be returned to the District Office, 100 6th Ave. East, Lamberton, MN 56152.
7. The polls will be open from 4:00 o'clock p.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. at the School District Office, 100 6th Ave. East, Lamberton, MN 56152, on the day of the election.
8. The ballots will be counted at the administrative offices, 100 6th Ave. East, Lamberton, MN 56152, after 8:00 o'clock p.m. on November 2, 2021. The mail and absentee ballots must be counted together and be reported as one vote total
9. Additional information concerning this election may be received from Todd Lee, Superintendent of Schools at toddlee@rrcfalcons.org or at (507) 752-7361.

Member Hansen moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES
FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2884, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The individuals specified on EXHIBIT A attached hereto, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the school district's special election on November 2, 2021 to act as such at the polling place listed on said exhibit.
2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Erickson.

On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Kelsey, Hansen, Erickson, Stavnes, Kuehl and Rogotzke.

and the following voted against: None. Absent: Pankonin

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted

EXHIBIT A

POLLING PLACE

ELECTION JUDGES

School District Office

Head Election Judge- Douglas Moody
Denise Clarke, Stacey Vold, Betsy
Hubert, Karla Nelson, Anita Runck, Dana
Kuehl, Barb Lenning, Chad Stavnes

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the updated Staff Development Plan.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the Superintendent applying for the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan funds of \$1,938,344.00 based on enrollment with consultant preparation fees of \$10,000.00.

Upon Motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to do a onetime transfer of funds from the Gifted and Talented program to the General Fund in the amount of \$35,000.00.
Roll call vote. Those in favor: Kelsey, Hansen, Erickson, Stavnes, Kuehl and Rogotzke. Against: None
Absent: Pankonin. Motion carried.

Upon Motion of Kelsey, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to do a onetime transfer of funds from ECFE to School Readiness Program in the amount of \$130,000.00.
Roll call vote. Those in favor: Kelsey, Hansen, Erickson, Stavnes, Kuehl and Rogotzke. Against: None
Absent: Pankonin. Motion carried.

Other items discussed: Chairman Rogotzke presented letters from parents expressing concerns about mask wearing in our school. The families want the district to be transparent with information about Covid in our school. Superintendent Lee will develop a plan for masking and quarantining in the school.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Stavnes the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Next Referendum Information Open House is Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Reporter

