

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Elementary Principal Friesen, Mary Holman, Glen Graff, Deb Huffman, Anne Nelson, Tiffany Batalden, Doreen Kronback and via Google Meets Gail Gilman from MSBA.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kelsey to approve the amended Agenda, the April 19, 2021 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Gail Gilman from the MSBA presented the layout of a plan for Strategic Planning for Minnesota School Districts offered by the Minnesota School Board Association. Strategic planning is required of all School Boards. Gilman will help gather information from staff, students and the public by survey to use for the District's future Strategic Plan at a cost of \$5,275.00.

Mary Holman presented information from the "Take A Stand Minnesota Group" concerning citizens' rights.

Hansen reported the Prom was enjoyed by the students and that the Hypnotist remarked how impressed he was with the respect and cooperation shown by Student Body.

Elementary Principal Friesen reported the following: Summer Camp participation is currently 50 students K-6 , Camp Days will be July 19-22, July 26-29 and August 2 -5, Will use data from through Fast Bridge Assessments; PreK will hold a 2 day camp, tentatively July 20 -21; High School camp will be held on the same days and time as K-6; On-the-Move Summer Day Camps are open to PreK-6 students, they will gather at the local parks June 15 - Revere, Lamberton and Sanborn, June 16 - Jeffers and Storden, July 13 - Storden and Jeffers and July 14 - Revere, Lamberton and Sanborn, no preregistration is required; SMSU Elementary Student Teachers will work with Deb Huffman - Fall of 2021, Mary Hewitt - Spring of 2022 and Derek Stevenson - Spring of 2022; the Staff received a memo showing the schedule of the last days of school, final student day is June 3rd; Presented the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards Review, a standard is reviewed each year ; The Legion Auxiliary had presentations on May 2 in Lamberton and May 13 in Storden for residents that share a concern about the developing Social Studies Standards, Storden meeting started a letter writing campaign and the AR Blue Ribbon ends May 28, June 2nd is Race Care Day with 2 local race car drivers showing their vehicles to the AR ribbon winners.

Curriculum Director PreK-12 Report: Reviewed the MDE Standards Review Schedule; Social Studies second draft is due for public input beginning June 17, check MDE site, there will be an online survey available for feedback, encouraging teachers to give input; Math Standards Review Committee is looking for committee members, can be teachers or community members; Science Standards are holding a SWWC Workshop, all grade level teachers of Science are being encouraged to attend.

Jr. / Sr. High Principal Ewing reported the following: MCA and Advanced Placement testing is completed, waiting for scores MCA in August and AP's in July; Senior Awards night was Monday, May 17, students and parents were in attendance and was live streamed on Hudl, only Academic awards and Scholarships were awarded this year, will evaluate the past and present programs and work on developing a program for future Senior Award Nights; Baccalaureate Service will be Sunday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, all local Ministerium, plan to participate; Mr. Lee, Ms. Karnitz and Mr. Ewing met with representatives of the U of M Research Center to discuss plans to offer a PSEO Soil class through the SWROC and how RRC can partner with the SWROC in the future; Graduation Friday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m., held in gymnasium, structured as in past years, practice Wednesday, May 26th at 9:30 a.m., Band and Choir will perform, the 4 Valedictorians will speak and Tom Vold is the teacher speaker, with new guidelines there are no limits on attendees, but all will be asked to be masked during the ceremony per the Safe School Plan; Summer School planning moving along, 14 high school students either registered or expressing interest in attending, using online curriculum that is customizable to each student, Teacher will create a 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 repeating a grade level with a specific class and working on finalizing a contract with an English teacher for 2021-2022.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Received donation from George and Ruth Stern in the form of reoccurring scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.00; Donation from Dan Christianson in the amount of \$100,000.00, will be set up in an endowment fund to be used for the Science Program; Recommend board approval at June meeting to transfer \$153,170.36 from General Fund to Community Services to clear up an audit issue; Will wait until June to pay MSHSL dues; Mask mandate lifting can be done after the last teacher contact day, schools will follow the universal guidance for all businesses and other entities for summer programming, these recommendations continue to update; Safe Learning Plans will be in effect for the remainder of the year; Presented 3 options for the potential layout of the new softball field, Board preferred option C; Actual increase in funding from the state isn't final yet; Summer school allocation is \$12,965.00; Working with Sam Furth and Ramsey Byer on getting new insurance policy set for July; Will receive \$884.35 for pipe collapse and steam pipe leak after deductible; Using State guidelines for school district and charter schools on decisions have to be made on how to handle face covering, physical distancing, quarantining, Student and Staff COVID – 19 testing, meal time and special areas and presented update from Krauss Anderson Group on listening sessions and next steps.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$80,447.24. Final check #28426

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the following staff resignations: Tiffany Batalden, Special Education teacher; Jason McNamara, Junior High Baseball coach; Jenny Stavnes, Junior High Volleyball coach; Cheryl VanMeveren, kitchen staff and Sharon Musegades, para professional and thank them for their service to the District.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve the MN School District Records Retention Schedule for the District's records.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the hire of Shane Neperman as an Elementary Education Teacher.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kuehl and carried to approve the Teacher Contract for the 2021-2023 school years as presented. Voting against: Pankonin

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the 32 seniors for graduation as presented.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve the increase in calendar days for PK to 162.5 and age 4 to 175, moving Kathy Wacker to 100% FTE and Joan Blomgren to 89.01% FTE.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve hiring Randi Hubert as the High School Secretary.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to accept the bid from the SWWC for health insurance.

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

Open discussion: MSBA Strategic Plan would prefer to do over the summer; Will rescind the Mask Mandate at the June meeting; Superintendent Review and possible Dunk Tank volunteers at Storden Town Days.

Three representatives from Krauss and Anderson presented the following: Takeaways from listening sessions and would like to have authority by mid-June to submit Building Plan to MDE for review and comment.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Hansen the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Recorder