

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Monday, April 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Monday, April 19, 2021. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Elementary Principal Friesen, Kathy Wacker, Joan Blomgren, Leonard Runck and via Google Meets Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Erickson to approve the amended Agenda, the March 24, 2021 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Kathy Wacker and Joan Blomgren presented potential plans for the PreK program that includes additional classroom time for students entering Kindergarten and expanding the curriculum to include Math during that time. No action was taken; it will be put on next month's agenda.

Stavnes commented on election process and that he has contacted County Auditor Offices to inquire if they would conduct the election for the District. Cottonwood County Auditor could be contracted to administrate the election; the absentee ballots would have to be picked up in Windom and the polling place would be in Windom. The County Auditor's Office would train judges, electronically count ballots, remove accusations of voter fraud and handle the election for all three counties in the District. Concern was expressed about voting outside of the District for the referendum. Kelsey commented that he plans to personally call all families open enrolling from the District and encourage them return to the District. Discussion followed about sending a survey to determine the reasons for open enrollments and sending letters to welcome the families back.

Elementary Principal Friesen reported the following: First Summer School planning meeting with eleven interested teachers and paras was held on Friday, April 16; Programs will include on-site 3 week session, two On-the-move Reading Camps and PreK participation; Hoping to have Accelerated Reading Program student access during the summer; Have received six applications for the open Elementary Teaching position, have narrowed to 3 and will begin interviewing this week; Title I Spring Parent Meeting was held Friday, April 16 in the cafeteria; The time was changed from an evening meeting and attendance was up; Sheila Ryker presented the results of the Title I parent survey she created and the families in attendance received a surprise gift and students were invited to attend with parents; Kindergarten Graduation is Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Curriculum Director PreK-12 Report: STANDARDS Update: To Provide flexibility for districts in implementing new standards as the sate emerges from COVID-19, MDE will be delaying the required implementation of the Science and the English Language Arts standards to the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years; We have the option of implementing earlier and gradually; Looking at K-1 for possible early implementation of Science standards beginning this fall; New Science standards demonstrate a pedagogical shift to phenomenon-based exploration which is teacher facilitated and student driven; Physical Education and Fine Arts are still on a Fall 2021 implementation schedule and proposing the

addition of IXL English Language Arts for K-4 to our present contract, grades 5-6 currently use the program.

Jr. / Sr. High Principal Ewing reported the following: MCA testing is going very well, all Reading testing is completed and over half of the Math tests are completed, Secondary Math tests begin tomorrow, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Science tests will begin next Tuesday, planning on all MCA testing to be completed by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>; Prom is being coordinated by the After Prom committee and will take place completely off Campus, the parents have made plans for both outside and indoor grand marches (based on the weather), dinner and then a dance and activities; AP exams will be back to Paper and Pencil format, AP Geography test is at 12:00 pm. May 4<sup>th</sup>, AP Statistics test is at 12:00 pm. May 17<sup>th</sup>; Midterm grades for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 7<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade are due Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>; Graduation planning is moving right along, hope is to make it as “normal” as possible, current plan is to provide between 4- 6 tickets per graduate, based on the current CDC guidelines, and are planning on both the Band and Sr. Class and Concert Choirs performing; Graduation is planned for Friday, May 28, 2021, there are 4 Valedictorians this year, and due to Saturday Softball and Baseball athletic events the class decided no parade.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: 0-4 Census report, our district numbers are currently: Age 0-17 students, Age 1-43 students, Age 2-25, Age 3-23, Age 4-32; Presented following population by zip code: 56175 Tracy, 0.23%, 56137 Heron Lake 0.047%, 56224 Clements 0.47%, 56087 Springfield 0.70%, 56131 Fulda 0.94%, 56293 Wabasso 1.64%, 56180 Walnut Grove 1.87%, 56183 Westbrook 2.34%, 56101 Windom 2.58%, 56166 Revere 4.45%, 56174 Storden 8.43%, 56083 Sanborn 12.65%, 56145 Jeffers 15.93% 56152 Lamberton 47.31%, the larger population in Lamberton is one reason to keep the building in Lamberton instead of transporting 50% of the students to central location; Will present a year revenue projection based on enrollment and salaries at next meeting after negotiations are completed; Discussed softball fields with a group that did Marshall fields, they have presented a preliminary plan and timeline with survey cost around \$5000.00 and Soil boring around \$2000.00; Continental Western Insurance group has ended their school insurance business, this applies to our Property, Liability and Auto insurance, we will have to change companies; Met with Johnson Controls on coverage, they are working on final estimate, plan to stay with premium plan where they find parts and do repairs; House Education Bill is being debated and would contain many mandates, Senate version contains zero mandates, we are moving ahead with Summer School Plans even though the funding bill hasn't been passed; Sold old bus garage in Storden for \$1200.00 to John Croatt; Putting up final phase of lights at Athletic field tomorrow, done by Thursday; ESSER III allocation will be \$650,398.39 and is there a need for a Community Listening Session held in other towns, providing all District residents a chance to be heard.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$66,169.17. Final check #28319

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve agreement with Krauss Anderson to provide Pre-Referendum and Construction Management Services for PK -12 Facilities Improvements at an approximate cost of \$8000.00 and 2% of final project.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve the payment of 2020-2021 MSHSL Membership fees in the amount of \$4137.00.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of Technology Equipment with the ESSER 1 funds in the amount of \$67,000.00 and ESSER 2 funds available.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve the Revised 2020-2021 School Year Budget in the amount of \$6,102,387.00.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the hire and agreement with AmeriCorps Promise Fellow at a cost of \$9000.00.

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the resignation of Barb Johnson as the High School Secretary and thank her for her years of service to the District.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the resignation of Sharon Furth as an Elementary School Teacher and thank her for her years of service to the District.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the resignation of Chris Baker as the English/Tech Ed Teacher and thank him for his service to the District.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve the purchase playground equipment that would improve the student's upper body strength.

Open discussion: Three insurance bids have been received, staff approves the insurance in negotiations; Questions concerning wording in the Community Meeting communication sent out; Jr High Coach change and Bond issue discussion.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Pankonin the Board went into closed session at 7:33 p.m. for a negotiation update.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Hansen the Board came out of closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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Chad Stavnes, Clerk

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Doreen Kronback, Recorder