

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Elementary Principal Friesen, Representative of Krause - Anderson, Glen Graff, Paula Derickson, Mary Hewitt, Brett Bartholomaeus, Derek Stevenson, Clare Polzin and via Google Meets Doreen Kronback.

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Erickson to approve the amended Agenda, the February 17, 2021 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Gary Benson a representative from Kraus-Anderson Construction Company presented information about the Facility Project Planning; He has toured the facility and acknowledged the problems with the facility; Will use the information provided rather than reinvent what has been done; Talked with the MDE and discussed concern about new building; Met with MLA architects to discuss potential options for current site and new building in phases; Presented a plan for a November election date including Community meetings, Task Force engagement, MDE Review and Comment and presentation of final plans to the public.

Glen Graff was present to express concerns about the school referendum election and share ideas of ways to improve the Task Force and the information given to the District residents.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Voted yes on the MSHSL constitutional amendment on whether or not to include Superintendents on the board, the amendment did pass, soon Superintendents will be on the board; Completed the Census report for Red Rock Central District as required by law; Completed Small Rural School Achievement program part of Rural Education Achievement Program application, district receives \$29,257.00 to use to fund a portion of a teacher; Filed a claim on sewer and steam pipe failures, cost was around \$3500; Looking to move the school day to begin at 8:15 instead of 8:30 and then let out earlier; Additional funds for summer learning from the MN Legislature is possible, \$104 million statewide is being discussed; Important bill being heard by Senate Education Finance and Policy Committee allowing school boards to renew an expiring referendum by board vote, bill had broad support from school organizations and testimony was provided by school board members who were joined by MASA president and is authored by the chair of the Education committee, bill would put school boards in line with every other elected board; Legislative day for MASA is virtual this year and March 24th met with a few Legislators; Spring softball and baseball coaches have requested funds for additional coaches, we have budgeted for is what the district feels is sufficient but if a program wanted to pay for an additional assistant coach out of their funds it is fine; A team met with Avera E Health to discuss a program to bring E care to the district, grant opportunity we will take advantage of it first year cost will be \$0 a year, \$1000 next year and going forward increase each year, can stop doing it if it's not useful to our students or too costly but it does give us an opportunity to enter in and see if for a couple of years at a minimal cost. The Johnson Controls contract which is around \$30,000 now is unofficially but likely going to increase about \$170%, would bring the total contract just for maintenance and labor to around \$100,000 per year, as our equipment continues to age, it becomes more costly to maintain; The Fire Marshall has stated the Wrestling wall pads are not fire proof, they need to be replaced, getting bids and sold the bus garage in Storden for \$1,200.00.

Elementary Principal Friesen reported the following: Anne Mathison used Heimlich maneuver on choking child today, concern about isolation and communication in the separate building; AR - White Ribbon Awards given to 54 students, the highest number this year; Currently working on PINK ribbon during March 15-April 23; Summer School teachers and paras are beginning to sign up (K-6) updated dates: July 19-22, July 26-29 and August 2-5, Schedule: 8:00-8:30 breakfast; 8:30-11:30 group work; 11:30-12:00 lunch; Elementary Office Secretary Alexis Osland is fitting in super well; Looking long term sub for 12-weeks coverage for Morganne Mattison at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year; only 2 PreK Distance Learners in the elementary; Finding a date in April for Title I Spring Parent Meeting.

Curriculum Director Report: STANDARDS Update: *Physical Education* - New standards will be implemented beginning Fall 2021- need some equipment for upper body strength development, agility, & balance while incorporating intellectual and social emotional learning - indoor and outdoor. Technology system – LU; Fine Arts - New standards will be implemented Fall 2021 - Need to look at our offerings to meet increased elementary (K-6) offerings - integration in the classroom by grade level teachers; Science - K, 3, 6, 9 - first grades to implement in the Fall 2021 - Gradual process over 3 years.

Jr. / Sr. High Principal Ewing reported the following; MCA testing will begin Monday, March 29th and continue all the way through the month of April and into May, distance Learners are required to come in to the building to take the tests, any parent can opt their child out of MCA's if they do not want them to participate; End of the 3rd quarter is this Friday, March 26th; Spring Play was the weekend of March 12th and 13th, was streamed and attended in person by families and community members; ACT Practice Test for Juniors was March 19th, the 10th Grade Pre-ACT test was conducted March 17th, actual full ACT exam will be Tuesday, March 30th, all of these were conducted at Our Saviors Lutheran Church; Jr. Class Frozen Food fundraising started two weeks ago orders are due back next week; The blood drive was Friday, March 9th; goal was 50 pints out of 77 scheduled appointments, 70 successful donations were given, each of the Student coordinators will receive \$250 scholarships from the Red Cross; Prom will be on Saturday, April 24th, planning for it has been taken over by the After Prom Committee for this year, Prom dinner will take place at the Legion and the Grand March, dance, roller skating and other activities will take place in Wanda; Spring Sports practices will begin on Monday, March 29th, first games and meets beginning April 8 or 9th; Senior Honor Banquet ceremony only will be held in the Auditorium and Planning for Graduation in house, students would like a parade on the Saturday following the Friday graduation.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$133,715.88. Final check #28226

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the resignation of Anne Mathison, Special Education teacher and thank her for her time with the District.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve hiring Hannah Stevenson as a Special Education teacher beginning in the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve changes to the 2020-2021 school year calendar including changing the last day of scheduled classes to June 3, 2021 and Teacher Workshop Day's to June 4 and 7, 2021.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to table approving Kraus – Anderson Construction Company as the consulting firm for the Building Referendum Project.

Open discussion: Use of 2021 Class money – Prom, graduation flowers; Late bus rules and where students can be dropped off; Coaches for Spring Sports with WWG if numbers are up, 50/50 share cost of coach; Specialized Baseball leadership use funds from booster club; Softball and Baseball numbers and coaches and Oxygen level testing of athletes.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Hansen the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday April 19 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Recorder