

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Via Google Meets Kelsey. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Elementary Principal Friesen and via Google Meets: Michelle Anderson, Glen and Val Graff and Doreen Kronback.

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Stavnes to approve the Agenda, the January 20, 2021 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Open Forum: Michelle Anderson asked for clarification on the proposed changes to the Social Studies curriculum.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to enter into closed session with the school attorney at 4:05 p.m.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kuehl the board came out of closed session at 5:02 p.m.

Leadership reports: Stavnes reported on the election process. He expressed thank you to the election judges and RRC office staff for their help with the election. 463 ballots were cast on Election Day and 835 absentee ballots. Counting started at 8:00 p.m. and was completed at 2:30 a.m. with the ballots counted and tabulated.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Early reports suggest schools permanent formula increase of 1% and 2.5% next year according to Governor Walz budget; Some estimates for online only students say they are losing between 5 and 9 months of learning, thankful that the board has allowed us the flexibility to keep our students in person learning as much as possible; A request has been received to purchase the bus garage in Storden, will list and seek bids for the building; The 2021 Minnesota School Board Recognition Week will be held February 22-26, 2021; District has received and had people sign up for vaccines in allocations of 4 doses, 12 doses, 20 doses and 5 doses, everyone who has requested to have a vaccine has had the opportunity to receive it: Statewide enrollment was down 4,495 pupil units, RRC had -15 pupil units, there is a bill that potentially would give district aid of around \$50,000 because of loss; Hope to be back in the building this Friday depending on where our problems are; Social Studies Standards update, the first draft is available and is drawing some criticism, committee's first draft, now open for public comment, gives greater consideration to the Dakota and Anishinabek tribes and covers for the first time the civil rights struggles of LGBTQ people; Chairman and Superintendent discussed having a work session with InGensa in March, Wednesday, February 24, 2021 will work all members; Had a conference call with MDE and there are some changes coming, will update when information is available; Summer school plans are coming together, will start after the 4th of July; Board interest in adopting a policy regarding early retirement, currently not in contract, will bring proposal to next meeting.

Elementary Principal Friesen report was presented: ESL Update, need Para support for our two HS students; Preparing to administer ACCESS tests, Jeanne Kelsey and Elementary Principal will take the training, test is given on a 1-1 basis; 100th Day of School for K-4 was celebrated on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, staff did a great job of “looking old” and making it a fun day of learning; Kellee Pudenz has left us, Jan Benedict and Ms. Friesen are learning the ropes of the daily routines so that we can help promote a smooth transition for our new elementary secretary, staff, and students on March 1st; Currently interviewing Elementary SPED position, due to licensure status of our current elementary SPED teachers; SHIP Grant –was submitted for Active classroom materials purchased for several of our K-4 classes; Draft plan for Summer School 2021, 3 weeks; M-TH in person and F independent work; July 12-16, 19-23, 26-30: with Elementary emphasis on Reading, Math, Science, & Active Learning, emphasis in secondary is credit recovery.

Curriculum Director Report: Placing orders for 2021/22 School year, Scholastic, planners, online program renewals best prices offered now; Social Studies Standards - MN Revisions - 10-year cycle - Draft 1 available - Draft 2 originally due late Feb. or March, 2021, timeline pushed back due to concerns noted regarding several omissions of high-profile history standards currently including strong equity stance.

Jr. / Sr. High Principal Ewing reported the following: Midterm grades for 3rd quarter are due Friday, February 12th; Spring Play, Is the classic Oscar Wilde play “The Importance of Being Earnest (A Trivial Play for Serious People)” The cast of 4 men and 4 women, show dates are March 12 and 13, which gives us only two weeks in the auditorium, Todd and Sue Wilmes will be doing sound and lights, and Ron Kelsey and Jennifer Evans are already helping with sets and props, Sue is working with SMSU to obtain period costuming and they are doing their best to follow guidance set down by the state regarding rehearsals and performance; Knowledge Bowl has been competing in weekly virtual meets since January using a platform called Discord allowing us to communicate on both a voice channel (to hear questions being read aloud and answered) and a text channel (to “buzz”) simultaneously, there are 6 students in grades 9-12 who regularly participate, last invitational will be held this coming Monday, the 22nd, and then we compete in sub regions on Friday the 26th, after school. The top half of teams in the sub region meet move on to the region meet on March 8, and top three in the region compete at the state meet; Speech, Just recorded videos for this week's tournament, results come in on Saturday; Girls Basketball, currently has a record of 5 wins and 3 losses and is sitting in second place in our half of the conference standings; Boys Basketball team has won 3 games in a row and has a record of 4 wins and 6 losses, 8 regular season games left, 4 home and 4 on the road, boys will avoid playing in the 8 vs 9 pigtail round game on March 15th, will play their first round sub section quarter final on Thursday, March 18th at the higher seed: Wrestlers record is 10 wins and 8 losses, this will give them a mid-seed in the section, Sections will be split in half and wrestled at separate sites: FFA ,4 students Dominik Smith, Kennedy Vold, Kaitlyn Coulter and Ryon Zimmermann applied for and interviewed yesterday for their MN State FFA Degree, Charles Dammann will be interviewing today for this Beef Entrepreneurship Proficiency award, Next week is the Virtual SMSU Ag Bowl, 3 teams participating. Soils, Fish and Wildlife Teams, Events for FFA Week Feb 22-26 include, Ag Olympics including Milk Chugging, Barrel Racing, Egg/Spoon Race, and Hay Bale Toss, Possibly some trivia questions throughout the week for students and staff and Elementary Lesson for students (to be finalized this week), have a AG student teacher candidate that will be in our school in March and May observing and teaching with Ms. Moe; Next week Staff morale and team building challenges will be taking place; “On To College” ACT Prep – is going well, full test practice date is Friday March 19th from 8:30 – 12:00 for all Juniors who have signed up to take the ACT; Pre - ACT Test for all Sophomores at Our Saviors is Wednesday, March 10th; Honor Society Blood Drive is Tuesday, March 9th; End of 3rd quarter is Friday, March 26th and The full ACT Test in Tuesday, March 30th.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$127,179.15. Final check #28101

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a Wrestling Mat at a cost of \$8580.00.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the hiring of Tyler Luttmann as English Language Learning Paraprofessional at the starting paraprofessional wage.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve hiring Alexis Osland as the Elementary Secretary.

The 2021-2022 school calendar was presented for review. There would be a late September start date, could use the option to petition for an earlier start.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the 2021 – 2022 Southwest West Central Service Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$245,605.05.

The Board has received a request to negotiate from the Teacher's Union President.

Member Hansen moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this school district held on February 9, 2021, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 1298 voters of the school district voted on the question of authorizing the issuance of school building bonds for a school acquisition and betterment program (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1), of which 651 voted in favor, 646 voted against the same, and there were 1 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. Said proposition, having not received the approval of at least 60% of such votes, is hereby declared to have failed.

3. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 1298 voters of the school district voted on the question of authorizing the issuance of school building bonds for the decommissioning of the currently existing school district sites and facilities (SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 3), of which 596 voted in favor, 699 voted against the same, and there were 3 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. The passage of School District Question 2 and School District Question 3 is contingent upon the passage of School District Question 1. Question 1 having failed and Question 2 and Question 3 having not received the approval of at least 60% of such votes, Question 2 and Question 3 are hereby declared to have failed.

4. The clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditors of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part and to the Commissioner of Education.

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

and the following voted against the same: None. Absent: Kelsey

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Open discussion: Future meeting with INGENSA; Possible use of another consulting company; Discussion about athletic field lighting costs and work on Softball field.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

A Work Session with INGENSA will be held Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Recorder