

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Monday, January 20, 2021. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Kuehl, Stavnes, and via Google Meets Pankonin and Rogotzke. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Hansen to approve the Agenda, the December 21, 2020 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Newly elected Board Members; Erickson, Kelsey, Kuehl, and Stavnes took the Oath of Office.

Vice Chairman Kelsey called for nominations for Chairman. Stavnes nominated Rogotzke, hearing no other nominations Rogotzke was declared Chairman.

Vice Chairman Kelsey called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Stavnes nominated Kelsey, hearing no other nominations Kelsey was declared Vice Chairman.

Vice Chairman Kelsey called for nomination for Clerk. Hansen nominated Stavnes, hearing no other nomination Stavnes was declared Clerk.

Vice Chairman Kelsey called for nomination for Treasurer. Erickson nominated Hansen, hearing no other nomination Hansen was declared Treasurer.

The following Committees were assigned by Vice Chairman Kelsey:

LEGISLATIVE – Kelsey; alternate Hansen

NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL OF CERTIFIED STAFF – Rogotzke, Erickson and Pankonin; alternate Stavnes

NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF –Kelsey, Hansen and Rogotzke; alternate Pankonin

COMMUNITY EDUCATION – Kelsey; alternate Hansen

FINANCE/BUILDING COMMITTEE – Stavnes, Kelsey, and Hansen

TECHNOLOGY PLANNING – Rogotzke, Hansen, and Kuehl

MSHSL SCHOOL BOARD REP – Hansen

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Lamberton News

OFFICIAL BANK – First Security Bank

LEGAL COUNSEL – Rupp, Anderson, Squires and Waldspurger

Member Rogotzke introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO**

**A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COMMISSIONER’S REVIEW AND COMMENT AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO RECONSIDER THE DISTRICT’S PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

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

1. The School District was required by law to submit a request for a review and comment on a school construction project for the construction of a new educational facility that will require an expenditure of \$2,000,000 or more per school site. The District has previously submitted its review and comment application to the Commissioner (Minn. Stat. Section 123B.71). After the review of the review and comment application, the Commissioner was required to determine whether to give a school facility a positive, negative, or unfavorable review and comment. In making her determination, the Commissioner was required to evaluate the proposal using the information provided by the District under Minn. Stat. Section 123B.71 and such other information as she deems necessary. If the Commissioner submits an unfavorable review and comment for a project, the School Board by resolution must reconsider construction. The School Board must hold a public meeting to discuss the Commissioner’s review and comment before the referendum to approve the issuance of the bonds (Minn. Stat. Section 123B.71, subd. 12). If, after reconsideration, the School Board decides to proceed with construction, it may initiate proceedings for issuing bonds as originally proposed to finance the construction of the project under Minn. Stat. Chapter 475. If the Board, after reconsideration, decides to proceed with the construction it may do so. However, if the District has received an unfavorable review and comment and has determined upon reconsideration to proceed with the construction, it is subject to the following provisions: (1) the Board is not authorized to issue the obligations unless 60 percent of the voters at the bond election approve the issuance of the obligations (Minn. Stat. Section 123B.70, subd. 4), and (2) if the bonds are approved by 60 percent of the voters at the bond election and are issued, the bond issue will not qualify for debt service equalization because such equalization is only allowed for construction projects that have received a positive review and comment by the Commissioner (Minn. Stat. Section 123B.53 subd. 2, clause 3). This resolution amends any contrary provision relating to a review and comment in the resolution calling the bond election.

2. Upon a review of the Commissioner’s unfavorable review and comment, a discussion of the review and comment by the residents of the district and upon such other review as the Board may have found necessary, the Board has reconsidered the proposed construction project and hereby determines to proceed with the project as initially proposed.

3. As soon as practicable the clerk of the Board is authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Hansen and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:

Rogotzke, Stavnes, Kelsey, Kuehl, Pankonin, Erickson, Hansen

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Hansen to increase the Clerk's stipend to \$300.00 per year, all other offices stipends to remain the same. Motion carried, Stavnes abstained.

Regular Monthly Board Meetings are set to be held on the Third Monday of the month.

Clerk Stavnes presented a report on the Special Election.

Elementary Principal Friesen report was presented: Elementary Distance Learners include, PreK – 4, Kindergarten – 1, Grade 1 – 1 and two families returned at the semester break; Spelling Bee winner Kyleigh Groebner 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Redwood Falls Aryanna Weber, 8<sup>th</sup> grade was runner up; Staff Team Building Week "Winter Stress Relief" will be held at the end of February and the four English Language Learners students are from four different countries. Curriculum Director report: January 18<sup>th</sup> Staff PD had Google training, Google Site presentations, Science Standards, Title Team training; Paras SWWC Service Cooperative Paraprofessional BINGO and Reflections on their learning and Teachers mid-year review of the newly-adopted PreK – 6 curriculum was mostly positive about materials, students are engaged and teachers are feeling confident about teaching the program.

Jr. / Sr. High Principal Ewing reported the following: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester was January 15<sup>th</sup> grades due at the end of the day tomorrow; On To College (ACT Prep) has begun and include specific instruction in test content and test taking skills, practice Math test is scheduled for Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>; One Act Play: "Gossip", Sub-sections are Saturday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, it is a total virtual production taped as if it is an online meeting; All winter sports have had their first competitions at all levels; Honor Loan Committee will be having their first meeting next week to begin planning; Exploring a partnership with AmeriCorps and the Minnesota Alliance for Youth to bring in an Honor Fellow to work with at risk 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> students at RRC; and Free PSEO classes this summer are: Intro to Criminal Justice (3 credits) and Intro to Business (4 credits). Current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders who meet criteria and have interest must register with Ms. Karnitz by March 1st.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Spoke with school attorney Peter Martin about election, due to change in project and went to voters in 180 days, we can go out again within a year for the same in February, 180 days from February would be August 8, 2021 and we'd meet the 180 deadline for the August and November 2021 election; Presented the actual statute for the election, if question is not approved a second time for the same amount and same project it may not be submitted to electors within a period of one year after the second election; Shared letter sent to parents concerning seating at basketball games and wrestling matches; COVID 19 allocations for RRC is \$282,730.00; Sent question to Department of Education about favorable Review and Comment for Springfield District; Reminder that that current teacher contract expires this year and went with NIS health insurance, will get a bid from Coop, BCBS, Medica, HealthPartners, PreferredOne, UHC and Sourcewell.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$105,331.62. Final check #27982

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a 2022 model-year 71-passenger Blue Bird Vision school bus at a cost of \$99,000.00.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Kuehl to approve hiring Kyle Asp as the Assistant Track Coach. Motion carried, Kelsey abstained.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Hansen the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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Chad Stavnes, Clerk

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Doreen Kronback, Recorder