

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Monday, November 23, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Monday, November 23, 2020. Members present were: Erickson, Kelsey, Pankonin, Rogotzke, Stavnes and via Google Meets Hansen, and Myers. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, Elementary Principal Friesen. Via Google Meets Tom Kuehl, two INGENSA Representatives, Zach Cronen and Doreen Kronback.

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda, the October 19, 2020 Board Minutes and November 10, 2020 Special Meeting minutes with the correction of Todd Kuehl not being in attendance and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried the Board went into closed session with the School Attorney.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried the Board came out of closed session at 5:52 p.m.

INGENSA representatives discussed the next steps of working with the MDE and what needs to be completed to put the question of a new school building on the ballot for a February Special Election.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to table the decision for a Special Election in February until Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Elementary Principal Friesen reported the following: Title I update, Teacher - Coordinator, Ms. Ryker, Para's Ms. Skarupa and Hemiller, using FAST Bridge Assessments to determine students needs, there are 36 students qualifying for Math and 42 qualifying Reading, each session is 20 – 25 minutes; Holiday gift exchanges are discouraged this year; COVID childcare is serving 5 students for the course of a week due to distance learning in grades K-2; COVID quarantines/distance learning is constantly and rapidly fluctuating environment, Staff is stepping up and out of comfort zones to make things work for teachers, paras and administration and Thankful to the Board and Mr. Lee for flexibility of some of new teachers schedules and increased number of paras, para hours and nurse hours.

Curriculum Director report: English Language (EL) Program Update, Currently 1 Kindergartener from Puerto Rico and a new family from Micronesia joining RRC after Thanksgiving, with 1 Kindergarten student and 2 PreK students, Jeanne Kelsey is the licensed EL teacher and Social Studies curriculum samples are being reviewed and screened by standards and staff desires for delivery style and tech compatibility.

Jr / Sr High School Principal Ewing reported the following: Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences took place on Thursday, November 12, there were a few technical glitches but overall positive experience for teachers and parents, there was 50-75% attendance; Virtual Veteran's Day program was very well done, speaker was former RRC student Jonathan Jeckell, student speaker was Ethan Price and Mr. Baker, Mrs. Furth's classes and the Concert Band under the direction of Mrs. Frasher played, special thank you to Ms. Karnitz for editing and preparing all the videos for the Virtual Program distribution; American Education Week was last week, Sanborn and the Lamberton American Legion Auxiliaries provided the staff with treats, Thank you to both for recognizing staff; ExCEL Award recipients from RRC Schools are Karli Arkell and Joseph Stroock, they are selected on the criteria of Academics, Athletics, Art and Volunteerism; End of trimester is Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, only affects 8<sup>th</sup> graders for Art, Tech-Ed and Exploring Ag and Midterms for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are due in the office Friday, December 11.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: Governor's extra prep time for teachers is available with the early outs on Friday's; All athletic and facility use is on pause until December 18, 2020; Have ordered and received more hotspots, requesting more from the SWWC coop; Cottonwood County has requested an expense list for Covid-19 funds that are possible for reimbursement, gave them \$68,572.50; Have drawn down 85% of CARES money, most largest expenses are completed; New van purchased with our CARES money is here, hopefully Cottonwood County will pay for the rest; Would like to purchase a new bus, been years since the District has purchased a bus themselves, the aging ones are starting to cost in repairs; Quality compensation goals have been submitted, this year, used a national average for the elementary school since there wasn't any data, used same goals for high school; Received the McKinney Vento program today for training for homeless students, will be used in coming months and presented for consideration the MSHSL fees for 2020-2021.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$586,992.41. Final check #27798

Upon motion of Myers, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Tom Vold as the Assistant Track Coach and thank him for his service.

Upon motion of Erickson and seconded by Pankonin to acknowledge that each year Red Rock Central receives E-rate (federal) funding in order to help cover the cost of our students having access to the Internet in the building. In receiving these funds we, as a District, (and all U.S. public schools) agree to protect our students from "harmful Internet content" as defined by the Federal Government via a law named the "Children's Internet Protection Act". RRC does filter out harmful Internet content via our agreement with our access provider which is SDN Communication and the Southwest/West Central Service Coop. in Marshall. With Board agreement we consider this agenda item does cover Public Notice and we'll conduct this meeting yearly at this time. A copy of the posting of this agenda to give public advanced notice that they may contribute to the discussion of the Internet Access Use Policy and ask questions, the agenda itself and minutes of this meeting will be kept on hand for five (5) years in order to verify that we did discuss this issue at a public meeting. A copy of the posting, the agenda and minutes will also be sent to SW/WC Service Coop. for their records as well. The addition of the word/term Password to our policy will meet all the necessary guidelines set out by the federal government under the CIPA and the use of receiving e-rate monies.

Roll call vote: Those voting in favor: Kelsey, Myers, Pankonin, Erickson, Stavnes, Hanson, Rogotzke.

Those voting against: None.

Motion carried.

Other items discussed: Question concerning how school taxes were explained on the individual Proposed Property Taxes from county, should put explanation in newspaper to help people understand; Discussion about the Review and Comment from the MDE and questions for the Special Election Ballot and Distance Learning for grades 7-12 the week after Thanksgiving.

Upon Motion of Myers, and seconded by Stavnes to adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Next monthly meeting is Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Truth and Taxation Meeting is Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Chad Stavnes, Clerk

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Doreen Kronback, Recorder