

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

A Special meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884 was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Myers, Pankonin, Rogotzke, and Stavnes. Others present: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, and via Google Meets INGENSA Representatives.

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 5:38p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to approve the amended agenda for this meeting.

After discussion because of the availability of mail in ballots and COVID 19 situation, it was decided to have the polling place in one location. Member Myers introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES
FOR MULTIPLE PRECINCTS A
DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING
PLACES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD
ON THE DAY OF THE STATEWIDE ELECTION

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

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.
2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 204.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of statewide election. **Each combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated by a county or municipality.**

Combined Polling Place: Lamberton "Community Center 101 2nd Ave E, Lamberton, MN 56152

"This combined polling place services all territory in Independent School District No.2884 located in Red Rock Central School District in:

Brown: NORTH STAR TWP
Brown: Stately TWP
Cottonwood: AMBOY TWP
Cottonwood: AMO TWP
Cottonwood: ANN TWP
Cottonwood: CARSON TWP
Cottonwood: DALE TWP
Cottonwood: DELTON TWP

Cottonwood: GERMANTOWN TWP P-1
Cottonwood: GERMANTOWN TWP P-2
Cottonwood: HIGHWATER TWP
Cottonwood: JEFERS
Cottonwood: ROSEHILL TWP
Cottonwood: SOUTHBROOK TWP
Cottonwood: SPRINGFIELD TWP
Cottonwood: STORNDEN
Cottonwood: STORDEN TWP
Cottonwood: WESTBROOK TWP
Redwood: CHARESLOTOWN TWP
Redwood: JOHNSONVILLE TWP
Redwood: LAMBERTON
Redwood: LAMBERTON TWP
Redwood: NORTH HERO TWP
Redwood: SANBORN
Redwood: SUNDOWN TWP
Redwood: WATERBURY TWP
Redwood: WILLOW LAKE TWP

Note: See Section 2.3. of the Election Manual regarding changing polling places in the case of an emergency or if the polling place is no longer available.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205.09A, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not hold on the same as a statewide election between the hours of 7:00 o'clock and 8:00 o'clock p.m.
4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.
5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place location to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has be changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

(If a combined polling place is changed, the change must be adopted at least ninety (90) days prior to the first section where it will be used unless the polling place has become unavailable for use.) This date is November 11, 2020, for an election on February, 2021.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Hansen.

Upon roll call vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Rogotzke, Hansen, Stavnes, Erickson, Kelsey, Pankonin and Myers.

And the following voted against the same: None. Motion carried.

Member Kelsey introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

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

It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3, 2020, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

The ballot count is as follows:

Precinct 1 – four year term – Chad Stavnes - 584 votes, 10 write-in votes;

Precinct 1 – special 2 year term – Ronald Kelsey – 539 votes, 19 write-in votes;

Precinct 2 - four year term – Thomas Kuehl – 412 votes, Craig Myers – 182 votes, 5 write-in votes;

Precinct 3 – four year term – Alex Pankonin - 520 votes, 54 write-in votes;

At Large – four year term – Nate Erickson – 1709 votes, 44 write-in votes.

Newly elected Board Members Chad Stavnes, Ronald Kelsey, Thomas Kuehl, Alex Pankonin and Nate Erickson will take office after the first Monday in January 2021.

The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Stavnes.

Upon roll call vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Rogotzke, Hansen, Stavnes, Erickson, Kelsey, Pankonin and Myers.

And the following voted against the same: None.

Whereupon said resolution, having received the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members, was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Kelsey introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this district held on November 3, 2020, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the Attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 1865 voters of the district voted at said election on the question of Increasing the General Education Revenue of the School District, School District Question 1, of which 1161 voted in favor, and 704 voted against the same.
3. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have carried.
4. The school district clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Stavnes.

Upon roll call vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Rogotzke, Hansen, Stavnes, Erickson, Kelsey, Pankonin and Myers.

And the following voted against the same: None.

Whereupon said resolution, having received the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members, was declared duly passed and adopted.

The District thanks the votes for supporting the operating question on the ballot.

Member Kelsey introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the District called for a special election to be held on November 3, 2020, on the question of whether the School Board shall be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed of \$42,100,000;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.71, the District submitted a proposal to the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) for review and comment;

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2020, the MDE issued an unfavorable review and comment;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.70, subd. 4, at least 60 percent of the voters of the election must approve the issuing of the obligations, or else the School Board is not authorized to issue the bond obligations;

WHEREAS, the District disagrees with the MDE’s October 2, 2020 review and comment and is considering legal options it may have to appeal the review and comment;

WHEREAS, if an appeal is successful, the District may be legally authorized to approve the issuance of the building bonds upon approval of at least a majority of such votes cast at the November 3, 2020 election;

WHEREAS, the District reserves its right to amend this canvass of returns if doing so is consistent with an applicable court order.

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

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this district held on November 3, 2020, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 1869 voters of the district voted at said election on the question of Issuing General Obligation School Building Bonds in an amount not to exceed of \$42,100,000, School District Question 2, of which 975 voted in favor, 894 voted against the same.
3. Said proposition, having not received the approval of at least 60% of such votes, is hereby declared to have failed.
4. The school district clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Stavnes.

Upon roll call vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Rogotzke, Hansen, Stavnes, Erickson, Kelsey, Pankonin and Myers.

And the following voted against the same: None.

Whereupon said resolution, having received the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members, was declared duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to approve resubmitting for Review and Comment the two questions of concern to the MDE.

Campaign finance forms need to be turned into the RRC school office.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kelsey the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Reporter