

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Monday, August 17, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Monday, August 17, 2020. Members present were: Erickson, Hansen, Kelsey, Myers, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, Leonard Runck, and Doreen Kronback via Google Meets.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to approve the amended Agenda, the July 22, 2020 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Leonard Runck presented a description of how the Distance Learning Program will work for students selecting that option.

Superintendent Lee reported the following: RRC/WWG Fall Baseball Plan; MSHSL Fall Practice is being discussed this week for Grades 9-12 and possible Grade 8; Work on Softball Field and Lighting Project will start this Fall; Options available if the Levy does not pass; Air conditioners have been installed in the upper levels of the building; Distance Learning will allow the students to contact teachers every day, with every other Friday being a day when the teachers will be available to answer any questions and prepare for the weeks ahead; No Board filings except for the precinct of Craig Myers; All teachers on staff are returning to their positions; Reminder that Board Members can speak about the Levy and Bond Issues as themselves and not as a member of the Board of Education and the Falcon4 group is gathering quotes from District residents, doing mailers to promote the Levy and Bond Referendums.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Kelsey and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$222,885.74. Final check #27528

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve hiring Stacie Rentschler as the School Nurse for 12 hours per week at \$35.00 per hour.

Member Hansen introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO INCREASING THE
GENERAL EDUCATION REVENUE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS,
AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON**

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

1. (a) The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to renew \$700.00 per pupil of its current \$1,117.08 per pupil referendum revenue authorization which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2020. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per adjusted pupil unit" as "per pupil." The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations and the property tax portion thereof will require an estimated referendum tax rate of approximately 0.11589% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2021, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization

would be applicable for ten (10) years, commencing with taxes payable in 2021, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

(b) The Board hereby finds and determines that it is also necessary and expedient for the school district to borrow money in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$42,100,000 and not to exceed any limitation upon the incurring of indebtedness which shall be applicable on the date or dates of the issuance of any bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new preK-12 school facility to be located in Lamberton; and the decommissioning of the currently existing school district facilities. The question on the borrowing of funds for these purposes shall be School District Question 2 on the school district ballot at the special election held to authorize said borrowing. The actual holding of the election on School District Question 2 is contingent on the receipt of a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner on the projects included in that question.

2. The administration is hereby authorized to consult with the Minnesota Department of Education, to cause a proposal to be prepared for submission on behalf of the board to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment, and to take such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended. Any such actions taken prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election on School District Question 2 specified above shall be contingent upon the receipt of a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education on the projects included in that question.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the school district at least twenty (20) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the special election as specified in paragraph 3 of this resolution.

The school board must hold a public meeting to discuss the Commissioner's Review and Comment before the referendum for bonds.

3. The ballot questions specified above and herein shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the school district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. This date is a uniform election date specified in Minnesota Statute Section 205A.05.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and the polling places for this special election are those polling places and 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 voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as those for the state general election.

5. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election. Any notice given prior to the date of the adoption of this resolution is ratified and confirmed in all respects.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the election to be mailed to each taxpayer in the school district at least fifteen (15) but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall contain the required projections and the required

statement specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, subdivision 9, paragraph (b). The clerk is also directed to cause a copy of this notice to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education and to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part at least fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state each question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

6. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with state, city, township and county election authorities conducting the state general and other elections on that date. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those other elections, including entering into agreements or understandings with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, election administration and cost sharing.

7. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white colored material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

8. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election at the various polling places and shall conduct said election in the manner described by law. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. The election must be canvassed by the school board between the third and the tenth day following the election.

9. The School District clerk shall make all Campaign Financial Reports required to be filed with the school district under Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02 available on the school district's website. The clerk must post the report on the school district's website as soon as possible, but no later

than thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the report. The school district must make a report available on the school district's website for four years from the date the report was posted to the website. The clerk must also provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of the website where reports are made available.

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve the MSBA recommended Return to School Plan concerning masking as presented, until the Executive order on masking expires at which time no mask will be required in the school building.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to set the Truth in Taxation Meeting date for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to approve hiring Dan Anderson as the Auto Shop Teacher.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve hiring Rebecca Rasmussen as a Van Driver/Para.

Other items discussed: How Concert and Plays will be presented; Move Musical to Fall because of Spring Sports, currently no director and no FFA Contest until November 1st, when the whole Region is done at once.

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

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Monday, September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Chad Stavnes, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Recorder