

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Monday, March 19, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884 was held in the Board Room in Lamberton on Monday, March 19, 2018. Members present were: Clarke, Hansen, Kelsey, Pankonin and Stavnes. Member absent: Rogotzke. Others present: Superintendent Olson, Principal Goetstouwers and Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve the amended Agenda, the amended February 21, 2018 minutes; to clarify that the District will share half of the proposed cost of the Dugout Project after the Grant money is received, the District's share would be approximately \$5000.00 and Treasurer's report as presented.

Principal Goetstouwers presented the following 5-12 Leadership Report: Spring sport practices have started; Nick Altermatt took third at State individuals and the Wrestling team received Gold academic award for achieving 3.541 GPA for the 2017-18 season; Two Knowledge Bowl teams advanced to Regions, team one: Kegan Zimmermann, Logan Pankonin, Garrett Marsh, Sam Hansen and Ken Celedon , team two: Dalton Piotter, Bladyn Determan, Noah Pankonin, Jack Derickson and Maddie Einck, Team 1 finished 11th and Team 2 finished 16th (both above 50%); ACT Prep Day was March 6th with 23 students attending, test is on April 3 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church; Spring Play "Murder in the Heir" was the weekend of March 9 -10th, the play had 9 different endings required to be learned and two different endings were used; Pennies for Patients was the week of March 11 -16, K-12 raised \$504.71 for Leukemia Research (over \$125 in pennies), the Staff won the 6 -12 Penny War and 6th grade raised the highest overall amount with \$105.00; Large Group Contest was held Wednesday, March 14, the Choir and Band received 3 Superiors and both were highest overall scores in the area; Honor Society Induction ceremony was Monday, March 12, new inductees were: Stephanie Amsden, Sophia Bellig, Sam Dammann, Jack Derickson and Noah Stavnes, current members are: Logan Pankonin, Mikayla Myers, Abigail Meier, Haley Simonson, Kegan Zimmermann, Kyra Osland, Katelyn Rogotzke and Madely Einck; Registration for 2018-2019 school year has begun, new class offering and opportunities include Food Science, Spanish and Medical Careers; Teaching openings update, Agriculture Teacher has been interviewed and offered position, English and Math applications have been received; Upcoming Events: Josten's ring orders for 10th graders is this Thursday before school, End of 3rd quarter is Friday, Senior trip is this Saturday until next Wednesday, Blood Drive is next Thursday, 6th grade Circus and Capitol trip is on April 6, Save a Life Tour lyceum on April 11th and Boys and Girls County day for all ninth graders is April 17.

Superintendent Olson presented the following Elementary Report: Considering a Summer School Program for students needing credit recovery, two staff members have volunteered to teach the program, the day would start with breakfast, class time followed by lunch before sending students home, transportation would be provided, funding is available through MDE program; Beauty & Beast Lyceum on Thursday at 1:30 and third quarter ends Friday.

Superintendent's Report: In discussion with Principal Goetstouwers and Mr. Runck concerning replacing the school's Surfaces, the programing available on the Surfaces, makes it challenging to use Google Docs. We are considering buying a few laptop computers, to see if they would a better fit for our students. Use Long Term Facility Maintenance Funds to replace the lighting in the Auditorium \$3850.00, Main Hallway \$880.00 and Stairs \$150.00 with halogen lighting; There is a leak in the steam line beneath the cement in the Water Softener Room and Ag Room, can only be fixed when the boiler is shut down; Presented contract outline for 5 -12 Red Rock Central Principal Goetstouwer's contract, including 205 contract days at set daily wage pay, insurance and professional dues, expenses to attend State Principals Conference one during school year and one in the summer and potential for additional supervision previously covered by AD; Red Rock Central has been awarded the Launch Your Future Today (LYFT) Grant in the amount of \$32,245.00 to be used for the Automotive Technology Project the money will be used for new equipment and to offset tuition costs for students from other districts attending this class.

Upon motion of Clarke, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$137,649.56. Receipts were \$841,821.47. Last check #24631.

Upon motion of Myers, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to accept the letters of resignation from Paul Bellig, Assistant Softball Coach; Deb Pack, Paraprofessional and Bryce Pack, Athletic Director and thank them for their years of service.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to approve hiring Mr. Jeff Balz as a Social Studies teacher paying 40% of the contract he maintains with Wabasso, including the recommended contract language changes in the Shared Teacher Agreement.

Upon motion of Clarke, seconded by Hansen to approve the resolution to fund SWWC Service Cooperative Federal Setting IV Facilities Serving Students with Special Needs

WHEREAS, local Boards of Education place a high priority on ensuring ALL students receive high quality educational programs and instruction in facilities designed to meet their needs: and,

WHEREAS, the need for appropriate educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs (autism, mental health, severe emotional and behavioral needs) in federal settings IV programs has grown at an unprecedented rate; including the dramatic increase in the number of students, as well as, the severity of issues for those students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, school districts depend on the SWWC Service Cooperative to provide federal setting IV educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs in facilities for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the SWWC Service cooperative has, and continues to study, the need for federal setting IV educational programs and specialized instruction in the region; including, access to appropriate facilities designed for students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of these studies, the SWWC Service Cooperative has identified a capital investment of \$40 to \$50 million dollars needed to meet the federal setting IV facility needs for students and programs with special needs in our region;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Red Rock Central ISD 2884 urges the Governor and Legislature to advocate for significant state investment in funding for the development of federal setting IV educational facilities for the SWWC Service Cooperative in their efforts to provide educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs in well-designed, appropriate facilities in Southwest and West Central Minnesota.

Those voting in favor of said resolution were: Clarke, Stavnes, Hansen, Myers, Pankonin and Kelsey. Those voting against: None. Absent: Rogotzke. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Myers, seconded by Hansen to approve the Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services

WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and

WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and supports for students with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for Minnesota school district for FY2016 is \$679 million: a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and

WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge the President and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Minnesota calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass appropriate legislation in order to increase funding for federal special education mandates to meet the urgent financial special education needs of our cities and towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

Those voting in favor of said resolution were: Clarke, Stavnes, Hansen, Myers, Pankonin and Kelsey. Those voting against: None. Absent: Rogotzke. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Clarke, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve the renewal of the two year contract 2018–2020 with Principal Goetstouwers.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Myers and unanimously carried to approve dividing the Second Grade class into two sections.

Superintendent Olson presented the Red Rock Central Schools Sixth Grade Participation policy first reading for discussion.

Open discussion: Superintendent Olson presented the options under the Project Total by Eligible Funding Source information provided by InGensa for the upcoming public meeting and the positive student reaction to the lunch room Salad Bar.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Myers and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next monthly meeting will Monday, April 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Alan J. Clarke, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Reporter