

School Board Minutes

Red Rock Central District No. 2884

Monday, February 1, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in Board Room on Monday, February 1, 2016. Members present were: Bierl, Clarke, Hansen, Kelsey, Rasmussen, Rogotzke, and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Olson, Principal Goetstouwers, Lead Teacher Altermatt, Doreen Kronback, staff and residents of the Red Rock Central District.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Hansen, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Chairman Rogotzke opened the floor for fifteen minutes of discussion concerning the Jeffers Building Decision.

Concerns expressed included: Too many students per classroom; Cost effectiveness of having more than one teacher per classroom; Allowing another year so District residents are ready for the change; Information about the school is not accessible enough to all District residents; Need for greater curriculum in the high school and making technology more accessible to elementary students and the Board members not expressing their opinion about the closure possibility.

Principal Goetstouwers expressed the goal of RRC is to give the best to the students possible. Having two teachers per classroom will allow the teachers to use their ability to reach each child at their learning ability or need.

Superintendent Olson reported that an energy audit of the Jeffers Building indicated that the Gymnasium could be separated from the rest of the building, however, the location of the water line would still be a concern and it would be best to sell the building rather than leave an eye sore for the City of Jeffers.

Each Board member expressed reasons for their decision concerning the Jeffers Building closure.

Upon motion of Kelsey, seconded by Stavnes to close the Jeffers Building after the 2015 – 2106 school year with the option of using the Jeffers Gymnasium if feasible. Motion carried 4 – 3.

Upon motion of Clarke, seconded by Rasmussen the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Alan J. Clarke, Clerk

Doreen Kronback, Reporter