

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, October 25, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Paula Derickson, Brett Bartholomaus, Colby Pack, Greg Benedict, Bryan Benedict, Leon Benedict, Michelle Anderson and Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson to approve the amended Agenda, the September 20, 2023 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Superintendent Lee opened the one School Bus Garage Construction Bid received from Lambertton Construction.

Lamberton Construction representative Greg Benedict presented their School Bus Garage Construction Bid, the options available and the construction timeline.

Athletic Director Brett Bartholomaus presented the following report: Coaching Openings, JH Softball; Sports Update, Football: 5-3 regular season - #1 Seed in Section 2, Volleyball: 2-23 Overall - #10 Seed in Section 3, South, Lost to MCC on Monday in Section 3A, Cross Country: Girls - Red Rock Conference Champions; Red Rock Central Hall of Fame, Inducted the first class. 7 individuals and one team, Event was a huge hit - A lot of positive feedback, need few minor tweaks, but overall great; MSHSL Leadership (Together in Partnership) Took 9 Red Rock Central students to a half day seminar put on by the MSHSL to increase student leadership within our activities department, Feedback was mostly positive, could do more of this and benefit from it; Have submitted a recommendation to the Red Rock Conference that, conference, start doing something to increase leadership skills in our small schools; Recent Coaches Meeting - Booster Club - Coaches are largely content with how things are currently and have little to no interest in an organized Booster Club; Pairing Agreements ideas/proposals - Majority of the coaches agree the need to start conversation to pair in multiple sports; Will be ordering weight room equipment at our next coaches meeting, coaches are involved in this order; Hockey, Windom Hockey Pairing - Received an email from Windom stating they cannot pair with us in hockey until 2024-2025 at the earliest due to the 30 day coop rule; Winter Sports, Girls Basketball: Cassie Clayton Recommended to be hired as the JH Coach, Boys Basketball and Wrestling - No changes to the staff; Fall 2024 Scheduling, Volleyball: Schedule is complete - Out of the Jimmy John's 2-day tournament, and picked up an ABC game with Sleepy Eye Public, Football - Varsity schedule is complete, Scrimmage at home and 5 Regular Season home games, Waiting to hear about the JH/JV Schedule; and Partnership with Christensen Broadcasting, No Cost to district, but local sponsors will be contacted, need to supply the broadcaster and camera person - Christensen would pay these people, Christensen would get the ads and create the graphics and commercials for the businesses.

Ewing presented the following 5th – 12th Grade report: Homecoming Week was September 26th - 30th - The dress - up days had very good participation, Discussion with the Staff after included the possibility of returning to a Parade instead of Volleyball Game and Activity Day, we already have games contracted so we should honor those and continue next year but can plan to change the following year; FFA: State Meet for Trap this year was early Saturday morning after Homecoming - RRC #1 was 3rd Place, RRC #2

was 24th Place, RRC #3 was 37th Place, RRC #4 was 49th Place all out of 66 total Teams, Isaac Simonson placed 2nd overall and Keagan Steen placed 9th, The General Livestock Team competed on October 11th and placed 15th out of 52 teams with Jake Jackson placing 17th individual, The Horse Judging Team placed 9th with Kendra Schroeder placing 7th individually, Members leave on October 31st for the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana with 9 students and will return on November 4th; Counselor update - Parent / Student Financial Aid night was dropped from the Fall calendar due to major FAFSA changes that need to be considered, presentation should be rescheduled for some time in December, October is Bully Awareness month - Ms. Karnitz is going into all of the Elementary classrooms with lessons and had to wear Orange for Bullying Awareness on Wednesday, 10/18, The honor society and student council have adopted a 2-mile stretch of Highway 14 (From the junction of Hwy 14 / 71 going west 2 miles). Fall Highway clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, 10/29; Fall Sports seasons: Football: currently is 4-3 and is the 1 seed in Section 3, play the winner of RCW and Nicollet on Saturday, 10/28 at Westbrook at 2:00 pm, Volleyball: finished the season Monday with a loss in the Section 3 Tournament to MCC, finished the season with a final record of 2 – 23, Cross Country is finishing up their season also. The Section meet is Thursday, October 26th hosted by Central High School in Norwood Young America; Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, Nov. 9th from 4:00 - 9:00 pm. All 5 - 12 staff will be available to meet with parents in the gymnasium; Veterans Day Program will be on Friday, Nov. 10th. Working with the Legion on the program - speaker has not been determined yet; The Fall Musical will be "Schoolhouse Rock" November 10th at 7:00 pm. and November 11th at 2:00 pm. and 7:00 pm.; Grandparents Day Program will be Friday October 27th at 1:45 pm. in the Auditorium; The Construction Trades class took a Field Trip to the building site on Wednesday, 10/18, was led by the K/A Project Manager, Andy Thompson, The students enjoyed their time and asked lots of questions about all of the trades involved in the project . K/A provided all of the boys with hats and sweatshirts; Senior High Concert was October 16th and Presented a slide show of the new building progress.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: It came up at the last meeting about bidding for a new bus garage, the following thresholds apply: For contracts over \$175,000 – sealed bids, solicited by public notice and subject to the particular requirements of the governmental subdivision, For contracts from \$25,000 to \$175,000 – sealed bids or direct negotiation, with two quotations whenever possible, For contracts of \$25,000 or less – open market or quotations (with at least two contract quotations, if practicable); Project funding update; Working with SWWC on a Special Education Teacher Pipeline grant, it's possible they would pay for staff members currently not licensed to receive a special education teacher licensure, often this is a paraprofessional seeking to become a teacher; Have been in contact with Daktronics about a video board, would only happen if it was completely funded by sponsorship dollars, similar to Springfield's' new board, Anchor sponsors at \$4,000 and then additional sponsors for \$1,500 in five-year agreements, met with the Wanda Bank about potentially carrying the loan in exchange for an anchor sponsorship, rather than financing through Daktronics, would not cost the district anything to purchase, either get enough sponsors or it won't happen, looked at this last spring and the board gave the approval to explore it further; was discussed last year about a policy committee to look at our policies, revise when appropriate or just acknowledge that they were reviewed and are fine as they are worded, recommend a two-person committee, can either make it an official board committee at the reorganization meeting in January or it can be an ad hoc committee formed when needed; Weekend food program update - Currently have 49 students signed up (21 families), Last year when tested it out had 25-26 students, so this is a big change; Working with KA to begin submitting the sales tax reimbursements: FEMA Grant Update, funds have not been distributed yet, not rejected; Reviewed building financing and Reviewed the Superintendent evaluation process.

Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$2,818,673.22 Final check #31471

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the Red Rock Central teachers Seniority List indicating teachers and years of service.

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Grant to approve the Education Identity and Access Management Board Resolution identifying Superintendent Todd Lee as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for the District. Roll call vote: In favor: Imker, Erickson, Pankonin, Grant, Kuehl, Stavnes and Rogotzke. Those against: None. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Stavnes to approve the Minnesota State High School Lunch Foundation Application Resolution allowing the District to receive a grant based on our free and reduced lunch count. Roll call vote: In favor: Imker, Erickson, Pankonin, Grant, Kuehl, Stavnes and Rogotzke. Those against: None. Motion carried.

Rogotzke appointed Imker and Kuehl to the Meet and Confer Committee. Alternate member Grant.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve hiring Cassie Clayton as the Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the land deed transferring tax parcel 21-173-0020 to the City of Jeffers.

Open Discussion: School Bus Garage bids; Moving current shop building for a bus garage; Possibility of having a bus company versus District owning the buses; Snow removal equipment off from K&A; Sight for playground equipment and concession stands.

The school Bus Garage bid was tabled until November.

Upon motion of Stavnes, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the purchase a Bob Cat UW56 with Krause Anderson for snow removal, with the District's paying \$40,000.00 of the cost and owning the equipment.

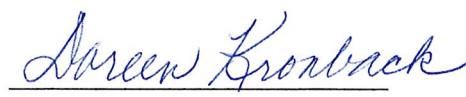
Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant to go into closed session for discussion pursuant to MN St.12D.05 Subd. 2(a) at 7:58 p.m.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to come out of closed session at 8:16 p.m.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Stavnes the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.


Nate Erickson, Clerk


Doreen Kronback, Recorder