

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, August 23, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Tuesday, August 23, 2023. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Pankonin, and Stavnes. Absent: Rogotzke. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee and Principal Ewing, Colby Pack, Brett Bartholomaeus, Clayton Hubert, Paula Derickson, Kristy Baker, Deb Huffmann, Tasha and Jeremiah Frasher, Tiffany Batalden, and Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant to approve the amended Agenda, the July 19, 2023 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Paula Derickson, on behalf of the faculty, presented concerns about the change in the school day and how the change will affect events and schedules of faculty and staff.

Bartholomaeus presented the following Athletic Director report: Coaching Openings, JH Girls Basketball and JH Softball; Football schedule/details, One "home" game at Cottonwood vs Nicollet, only game our passes will be good for this season, Will be 5 home games in 2024; BSN Agreement coaches or administrators are not happy or content with the service received from BSN, Signing the new 5 year agreement, we're assigned a new BSN rep and the service being provided has collectively been substandard, hoping the level of service improves this year; Softball - home site - Walnut Grove or Sanborn, need consensus to adjust the schedules with the other teams and the officiating crews; Sanborn would like us to play some games at their fields, but Walnut Grove did everything to make the playing experience better, need to figure out which will be our home field going forward and work at getting electronic scoreboards put up at that location; Fall Sports, Volleyball: Abby Pistulka coaching C Squad, Kendra Engen moves up to the B Squad position, Shelby and Shania will be coaching the JH team; Football - No coaching changes, Cross Country - No coaching changes; WWG has entered into a two year pairing agreement with TMB for Cross Country, changes things for us, have discussed the idea of starting our own program, current numbers, cannot support a cross country team on our own; Discussion about future pairings, at some point we will have to communicate with WWG our intentions are to pair with them in any sport with a need, there are several activities we cannot support on our own (speech, track, cross country), and several more activities that we will be fighting low numbers (Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Golf); There is a pairing meeting each year with WWG, willing to write pairing agreement proposals for several activities to show WWG we intend them be our exclusive coop partner, we can start the conversation, but it is clear at this point that the future enrollment may not support having our own programs; We hope the new school brings additional enrollment., and if not, we need to prepare to have conversations about the future of our programs.

Principal Ewing presented the following 5th – 12th Grade report: Presented MCA Test Scores Report – results released to public on August 28th, AP Scores Report - ACCESS Scores Report , tested 3 Sr. High Students and 2 Elementary Students Sr. High, 1 Student Passed 2 did not but 1 of those 2 students has left the district, 2 Elementary Students tested 1 Passed 1 did not, the student who did not pass has left the district, will have 1 ELL student next year and he is a senior and will not have to be tested; ACT Scores Report - Summer school report - 1 of 2 students who took Summer school Classes completed their credit recovery, other student did

not pass has been registered back into both classes that were failed last year; Volleyball, Cross Country and Football have had 1 week of practices already and Request approval of the 2023-24 Student Handbook.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: Enrollment looks to be up to twenty-six new students, includes the difference between 9 graduates and new kindergarten students, essentially, 15-16 new students, mostly open-enrolled students, this is great news and the open enrollment trend is positive, still changes almost daily but it seems like a good trend for District; Food Service update: Going to have two entrees beginning the second week of school, hopefully alleviate some of the concerns a student didn't like the main meal, going to make the vegetable bar available to K-12 students daily, found another supplemental supplier, Northern Lights, they deliver on a different day and we're only required to order \$200 a week, will be a great option for not only additional items but also another possible solution if something isn't in stock; Open house will look different this year, trying to make a bigger deal, are going to offer a meal, hot dogs, chips, and drink as well as Johnny Pops frozen fruit juice treats (a MN company and farm-to-school eligible). Additionally, we have some fun activities in the mezzanine and water bottles for students and faculty and staff will wear RRC shirts; Would like to have a RRC Booster Club, spoken with some people who are interested in being a part of this; RRC High School has been named US News and World Report's Best High schools in America, ranked #54 in MN, #46th in traditional public schools, excluding private schools and charter schools, and #1 in SW MN. Number 6 for State Assessment performance rank and #11 for State Assessment Proficiency Rank; Building update, by Oct. 2nd panels and planks will be up and the erecting braces removed, concrete pouring will begin Oct. 16th, the planks will begin to be installed tomorrow. (8/24/2023), Steel Delivery will begin on 9/11/2023 and that is the date penciled in two years ago so is on schedule, Any underground work should be completed by Oct. 16th probably not cost-effective to clear the dirt and prep the practice football field until after the majority of the project is over and location of the bus garage location has been discussed.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$3,731,008.54. Final check #31231

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Imker and unanimously carried to set the Truth in Taxation Meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Red Rock Central Public Schools
RESOLUTION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) BOOST GRANT

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Safe Routes to School Program assists schools and communities by making it safer for children to walk and bike to school; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT safe Routes to School Program solicits applications to enable schools and communities to implement Safe Route to School non-infrastructure activities; and

WHEREAS, if **Red Rock Central** is awarded a SRTS Boost Grant, these funds would be used to provide non infrastructure activities to local communities to develop Safe Routes to School initiatives that increase safety and encourage more children to walk and bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funding is required; and

WHEREAS, SRTS Boost grant activities will commence after the grant agreement is fully executed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That **Red Rock Central** authorizes the **Transportation Coordinator or School Board Chair** to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for financial assistance to fund a Safe Routes to School Boost Grant and eligible expenses.
2. That the **Transportation Coordinator or School Board Chair** is authorized to execute such Agreement and any amendment(s).

School Board Member Grant moved for the resolution adoption and the motion was duly seconded by School Board Member Pankonin and, upon vote being thereon, the following voted in favor of the motion: Imker, Erickson, Pankonin, Grant, Kuehl, and Stavnes. And the following voted against: None. Absent: Rogotzke. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Sara Schraffan effective December 2023 and thank her for her years of service.

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Imker and unanimously carried to approve the hiring of Para Professionals: Hana Anderson and Cassie Clayton.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the 2023 – 2024 Student Handbook.

Open Discussion: Length of school day and posting changed time on Facebook, Preschool schedule; Use of PLC time by faculty; School calendars are printed; Approach RRC preschool families with open enrollment materials; POC discussion of bus garage; Using old concession stand for storage for athletic supplies, have Construction Trades Class do cement and interior work in the Spring; Scheduling of Para's in the classrooms for Math and Reading classes; Communication between Staff and Administration; Softball Field use in Sanborn; Future of old school building, the City is looking into a Planning and Redevelopment Grant and 2 acres of Jeffers property.


Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to go into closed session for discussion pursuant to MN Stat. 13D.03 at 7:50 p.m.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Imker and unanimously carried to come out of closed session at 8:29 p.m.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

POC Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.


Nate Erickson, Clerk


Doreen Kronback, Recorder