

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, Paula Derickson, Jamie Derickson, Colby Pack, Clayton Hubert, Michelle Anderson, Kristi Werner, Shandra Weber and Doreen Kronback.

Chairman Rogotzke called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Grant to approve the amended Agenda, the January 17, 2024 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Representatives of the PTA organization Kristi Werner and Shandra Weber explained the PTA Fund Raiser money will be used to purchase playground equipment and student Track and Field Day. The PTA is pursuing Grants for additional funds for purchasing playground equipment. Superintendent Lee and the Board members thanked the PTA for the concession food variety and activities.

Principal Ewing presented the following Jr/Sr High report: Midterm end date for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>; Sr. Trip - 22 Students have signed up, will be going to Chicago for 4 days April 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>; Activities: Spring Play - The Spring Play this year is actually 2 - 1 Act Plays, "The Mysterious Case of the Mysterious Case" and "Complaint Department and Lemonade", Have 15 students in grades 7-12 onstage with several others who are going to work on painting sets, etc., Show dates and times, March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00; Knowledge Bowl - 6 people on the team - 1 seniors and 1 juniors and 4 freshman, The last invitational meets on the schedule is Monday at Worthington, Subregion competition is March 1<sup>st</sup> at MN West in Worthington, Practice 1-2 times a week, trying to work around after school athletic and speech practices so whoever wants to participate can get to at least one practice a week; Speech - Red Rock Central has 6 students on the combined speech team with WWG for a total of 17 students, Students have done a great job preparing speeches, The Speech Team attended first tournament in Luverne with 16 teams and 186 students competing, 3 RRC students Placed, The second event was in Marshall with 18 teams and 246 students participating. RRC had 2 students place, The Speech Team will travel to Redwood Valley this weekend; FFA - Ag Bowl Results, Creed Speaking team competed, Fish and Wildlife team placed 10<sup>th</sup>, Companion Animals team placed 16<sup>th</sup>, State Degree Recipients Thursday, 2/15, Eva Redman and Courtney Bednar; Events for FFA Week Feb 20-23 - Ag Olympics: 4 different events including: Pie eating contest, Feed sack races, Tug of War (Teams of 6), and Hay Bale Toss, FFA Trivia questions throughout the week for students and staff, Find the Hidden Emblem Contest, Dress up Days are: Tuesday: Tractor Day, Wednesday-Hunting Day, Thursday- America Day (Red / White / Blue), Friday- Blue and Gold Day; Large Group Music Contest - Section 3 Large Group Music Contest will be held Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Redwood Area High School, Preparations are going well for both band and choir, Performance schedules for the day: the Band Performs at 8:30 am. are performing "With Each Sunset Comes the Promise of a New Day" and "American Flourish" The Choir performs at 1:30 and will perform "Snow on Snow", "Hus, Somebody's Callin My Name", "J'entends Le Moulin"; Sports - Girls Basketball: Finished the regular season record of 3 wins and 22 losses, 9<sup>th</sup> Seed and play Thursday against TMB in Tracy @ 7:00 pm; Boys Basketball: Currently the boys team has 11 wins and 13 losses, Have 2 games left to play before the end of the regular season, 6<sup>th</sup> seed but won't know who they play, either RTR or TMB, 6 seed will play 1<sup>st</sup> round on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm. in Worthington; Wrestling - Finished with and team record of 6 wins and 13 losses, Were the # 9 Seed in Section 3A - and wrestled against Redwood Valley, Individual Section Tournament is Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in Pipestone; Academic Updates - ACCESS Testing is scheduled

for early March, have 1 student testing; MCA and MTAS Testing will begin late March to early April, Mr. Pack is working to finalize the schedule; Other upcoming events - Pre - ACT Test for all Sophomores at Our Saviors was Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>; The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm., 4 new members were added; Honor Society Blood Drive is Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>; The 11th Grade ACT Test is Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Prom is May 11<sup>th</sup>, will start a half hour early.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: Would like to have a building committee meeting to consider auditorium rental fees, possible gym rental fees, outside providers of services, etc., We don't have a policy or a fee structure that we have outlined, have a few examples; Has been one year since Stacey took over the merged roles, In that time there have been a lot of additional duties she has taken on due to legislative changes, would like the board to consider adding some additional support from the SWWC, Have met and the coop could offer a great deal of support for just under \$10,000, cost is reflected in the contract attached to the agenda and packet; Would the board want to go paperless? It's not uncommon to provide board members with laptops/Chromebooks, The less use of paper is a benefit but also it would be easier to go back and find things digitally, No strong opinion for me either way; A moving committee has been formed and has met and discussed challenges, ideas, etc., has fourteen members with a mix of staff who volunteered; Not considered this but MDE is not accepting any 4-day school week applications at this time; Received the results for the Lead in Water sampling completed on 1/19/24, There were no samples that came back over the current threshold of 20 ppb, or the upcoming 2024-25 threshold of 5 ppb There is no further action required or recommended at this time; Building update - Windows are all installed until they put in the main entrances and doors later this summer, Permanent Power will be sometime in late June, somewhat dependent on switchgear arrival, Working on the playground layout, The updated theater estimate is \$664,208, Going to go out for bids and have 90 days to accept or reject, working on an add/alternate with the absolute bare bones, curtains, and track, The casework will be installed in May, the original estimate was late June/July, The plan is to have the two-story academic wing close to finished by July 4<sup>th</sup>; The Gym floor will be installed in late May or early June, Painting will begin 3/4/24 so it will start to look closer once we see some of the bare concrete and drywall painted; Update on Read Act – Attached A bill that may make its way through the legislature this year is in regard to a 15-minute lunch minimum, which would begin when a student gets seated, not sure how they could ever enforce , We received our Arbitrage report from Ehlers and, "In summary, there are no rebate or yield reduction payment(s) associated with the Issue for the Computation Period and no IRS Tax Form 8038-T filing is required at this time," and emailed everyone, no update from FEMA but they are reviewing and Senator Klobuchar has submitted a congressional inquiry on our behalf.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Rogotzke and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$6,061,701.97, Final check #31918

The Southwest West Central Cooperative contract was reviewed. The hiring of a Speech Therapist would change the amount of Services contracted through the Coop.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve the Wide Area Network Contract agreement for 2025 – 2029 at a cost of: 2025 - \$20,996.00; 2026 - \$21,667.00; 2027- \$22,360.00; 2028 - \$23,075.00; 2029 - \$23,812.00.

Superintendent Lee presented options for the 2024 – 2025 school year calendar including starting date of August 26, 2024; Moving days October 16 - 24, 2024; Graduation Day May 23, 2025 and the last day of school on May 29, 2025.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Imker and unanimously carried approve Randi Hubert as a Signatory for the Elementary Student Activities Account.


Open Discussion: Possibility of soliciting funds for the theatre rigging; This year's graduating class with be the 30<sup>th</sup> graduating class of RRC and the last in the current school building, could this be acknowledged at graduation; Art Room would like to have the kiln replaced, PTA offered to replace, replacement would fall under curriculum needs; Bus Service bids due March 20, 2024, and how would it affect the Transportation Director workload.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried the Board went into closed session at 6:56 p.m. for MN Stat. 13D.03 discussion.

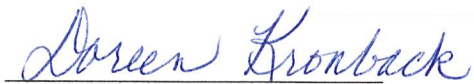
Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin the Board came out of closed session at 8:44 p.m.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Pankonin the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



Nate Erickson, Clerk



Doreen Kronback, Recorder