

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, Colby Pack, Paula Derickson, Clayton Hubert, Tasha Fraser, Mary Hewitt, Doug Moody, Guy Dammann, Tom Neperman, Linda Meier, Michelle Anderson, Kristi Werner, Austin Werner, Stephanie Steen, Shandra Weber, Kaycee Pfarr, Emily Evans, Allison Sauer, Superior Bus Service Representative Joe Schieffert and Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Kuehl to approve the amended Agenda, the March 20, 2024 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Guy Dammann addressed the Board concerning a lack of response to the questions presented by the bus drivers at the March meeting. Emily Evans expressed concerns about Elementary Staff reassignment in the future to facilitate classes with different enrollments.

POC update: Bids for the Auditorium have been sent out and due back April 27; May 28<sup>th</sup> the Gymnasium floor will be installed; Painting is in process; May 13, the last concrete will be poured inside the building and the ponds have a safety bench built into the landscape which is 10 feet with very little drop off, possible football field goal hazard; Batting cages for the gym will be installed; Rain leaks discovered, fixed and with no damage; Sidewalks poured in June ahead of schedule and casework going in May 1st.

Colby Pack Transportation/Testing, Athletic Director presented the following report: MCA Testing is in the second week, Elementary Reading and High school 7-8 and 10 reading complete, next week starting Elementary Math, testing is going well; Head Wrestling Coach position is open to Clayton Hubert, met with coaches and parents to discuss wrestling program, exploring pairing with WWG in Wrestling as well as other sports, other possibilities for future paired programs would be a 50/50 agreement with Springfield, Board expressed a thank you to Colby for meeting with coaches and parents; School bus fleet longevity shows a need for 2 new buses immediately and 5 new buses in 4-5 years; Students will attend a Training Camp learning how to assist students crossing streets to the new school; and a grant was received to have a Bicycle Training class in PE to include learning how to ride a bike and bike safety.

Principal Ewing presented the following Jr/Sr High report: Prom is this coming Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, hoping for good weather, the schedule is: 5:00 pm - Pictures, 6:00 pm - Dinner at the Legion, 8:00 pm - Grand March, 9:00 - 12:00 pm - Dance and 12:30 - 4:00 am - Prom Fest; Midterm grades for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be posted Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>; Baccalaureate planning beginning with a meeting of the Ministerium, Baccalaureate service scheduled for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm. Preservice Music at 6:30 pm; Graduation planning is moving right along, Graduation is Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, School Board Members participating are Nate Erickson and Tom Kuehl and the Valedictorian and Salutatorian have been notified of their selection; Honor Banquet is scheduled for Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> beginning with dinner at 6:30 pm. and Program at 7:00 pm. at the American Legion; Working with Ms. Karnitz on the Master Schedule planning for next year, Will share registration numbers and course numbers with staff next week and the Pre-ACT Scores summary were presented.

Superintendent Lee presented the following Superintendent/K-4 Principal report: 4th grader Caden Baune is the Grand National Champion for handwriting, Caden is the third receipt from our school, Senior Ella Erickson also received the award; Districts are reporting their contract settlements and most are around 9%-11% on average; Board consider increasing long-term sub pay? never had a different amount but it is a different amount of work, have a need for two long-term subs next fall, might be time to revisit our sub-pay rate, presented a recent survey of comparable schools; Some new Earned Safe and Sick Time (ESST) changes will require some major changes to our negotiated agreements, believe that they are very detrimental to students, will make a big difference in how we need to operate, The provision causing the most concern is to extend the requirements of ESST to locally negotiated leave benefits, hasn't been passed yet but looks likely to pass; The RRC PTA donated \$3500 to the art department, \$34,000 will be donated for playground equipment, currently reaching out to vendors asking for some ideas; The finance director for MDE said that there are more districts in SOD this year than in the past 30 years, coming off of the supposed record increase last year, Unfortunately, with all of the unfunded mandates districts are finding it difficult to maintain their fund balances, the information illustrates where the majority of the funds went; The health insurance plan through BC/BS is a 4% increase for next year, Last year the board approved a two-year contract, this is year two of that contract no action needed this year; The moving committee met recently and ordered some medium size boxes, wardrobe boxes, and packing tape; The Achievement and Integration budget that the board approved last month was approved by the MDE; Interesting note: GFW recently accepted bids for a two section school, KA is also the construction manager and the cost budgeted for the building project is \$62,386,459, also doing athletic fields and the total project cost was \$79,927.214 amazing what a difference two years can make, \$20 million more for roughly the same size building; If the board wants to authorize an abatement bond Ehlers will come next month and start that process, they would also start the process for a new operating levy if the board would like to explore that as well, both would need to have the preliminary steps taken in May; FEMA update; Received this from Minnesota HSEM: Sorry it's been a little bit since we last spoke, but FEMA is asking again for more information, wanting all of the project costs to date that have been completed on the safe room project, update the previous documents sent to reflect all the costs through at least April 1<sup>st</sup>, Essentially what FEMA stated that the information provided was from October of 2023, and they wanted to know everything that has been done on the safe room project to date, They want to know if the project is still continuing, or if construction has been paused since the BRIC award announcement; POC update: Gym flooring going in on May 28<sup>th</sup>, ponds have what's called a safety bench which is 10 feet, going to very little drop off, Will order batting cages for the auxiliary gym, It was built with the holds pre-engineered but were cut very early due to costs: are receiving a credit somewhere in the \$50K range, lot of painting completed, Two leaks were found because of the recent rain, they are fixed and did not cause any damage, Casework will start going in on May 1, and Sidewalks could begin pouring in June which is ahead of schedule.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$5,737,403.45, Final check #32089

Superior Transportation Service representative Joe Schieffert was present to answer any questions about the bus service bid.

Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Rogotzke and unanimously carried to reject the bids from Tyler Bus Co, Four Point O and Palmer and to table the bid from Superior.

The Non-Certified Union has given notice of intent to negotiate.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Erickson to approve the 2023 -2024 Red Rock Central Revised Budget as presented with Revenues of 6,469,863.00 and Expenditures of \$6,865,195.00.

Those voting in favor: Imker, Erickson, Pankonin, Grant, Kuehl and Rogotzke.

Voting against: Stavnes. Motion carried.

The cost to purchase a Marquee Sign that was initially in the bid package and removed was presented.

The cost for the sign would have been covered by contributions from donors for the Video Board.

After discussion the purchase was dropped.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve accepting the resignation Adam Schumacher the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher and thank him for his service to the District.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 – 2025 Southwest West Central Service Cooperative Contract in the amount of \$238,833.25.

Superintendent Lee presented an update of the new building budget.

Open Discussion: Choir being a ½ credit and possibility of making it a credit; Planning for Fall Athletic events for bathroom and concession; Clean-up of property line west of new school; Availability of 2024-2025 calendar on website, Any early outs scheduled for 2024-2025; Possibility of New School Open House this Spring and possibly this Summer; Grand Open House in September 2025 and Elementary Teacher discussion.

Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried the Board went into closed session at 8:04 p.m. for MN Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 2(a) discussion.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin the Board came out of closed session at 8:42 p.m.

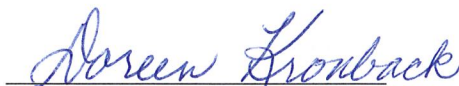
Discussion of Elementary parent concerns.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Kuehl the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



Nate Erickson, Clerk



Doreen Kronback, Recorder