

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Monday, June 17, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Board Room in Lambertton on Monday, June 17, 2024. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Kuehl, Pankonin, Rogotzke and Stavnes. Member absent: Imker. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Colby Pack, Jamie Derickson, Paula Derickson, Shelly Eldridge from Ehlers & Associates; Doug Moody, Linda Meier, Marcia Therkilsen, Kristi Werner, Shandra Weber, Val Halter, Glen Graff, Troy and Lisa Erickson, Kip Rasmussen, Todd and Sue Herding, Casey Johnson, John and Lisa Dunkelberger, Barry Bondus, Bill Nickel, John and Brenda Derickson and Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin to approve the Agenda, the May 15 and May 29, 2024 Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Kuehl the meeting was recessed for the Abatement Hearing.

Shelly Eldridge from Ehlers & Associates presented the Bonding process needed for an Abatement Bond. She answered questions from the Board members and those requesting time to speak concerning the reason for the Abatement Bond and how the taxation would be spread over the whole District.

Troy Erickson, Glen Graff, Val Hater, Kip Rasmussen, Casey Johnson and Todd Herding addressed the Board with concerns about the Abatement Bond: Not enough media addressing the public about the issue before the meeting; Increase of taxes without being able to vote on the Bonding; Enrollment decline; Need for operating referendum this fall and cost overrun of the new school building project.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin the Public Abatement Bond hearing was closed.

POC meeting report: Kitchen equipment installation June 10th, will take less than a week; Fire suppression wiring needs completion for June 18, inspection; Door installation Exterior doors June 10<sup>th</sup>, Interior begins on 18<sup>th</sup> of June, waiting for physical doors; KA requested more help in installing flooring by Grazzini; C & D classrooms are tiled, upper hallway tiling started; MR starting on 17<sup>th</sup> of June, everything out of the parking lots. Have had some challenges with scheduling, maybe push that date out, Tiling in locker rooms has begun and is going well; Flooring May 28<sup>th</sup>, (epoxy) and tile; Locker room painting done, the ceiling guy is starting Tuesday after Memorial Day; Scoreboards are installed; September 9, Locker room and Auditorium seats installed; Week of June 24, permanent power installation begins, 7-10 days to complete and Window testing May 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> was successful.

Superintendent Lee Superintendent/K-4 Principal reported the following: Listened to a webinar regarding H-1B visa option for teachers, something to think about in the future; Notes for POC meetings presented; SWWC Last semester technology update: Artificial Intelligence Support/Trainings, Priority over other schools in our region for trainings, Free Tech. Int. PD on Demand courses for school staff, Includes Go Guardian, Google Educator Level 1 and Level 2, SMART/Lumio Basics, Magic School AI, Impact of A.I., Access to team resources, On-site visits from supervisor as per contract agreement, Bi-Weekly newsletters for staff growth, 1-on-1 Ed. Tech. coaching program, School technology initiatives coordinated and designed alongside administration, STEAM Support/VR Kit Access and Digital

Citizenship Resources; The football concession stand will be the baseball concession stand for this year, considered other options but the costs and timeline made it prohibitive' Have a plan for the video board, Mr. Runck will lead a group of students during 5A to create the options, etc., One or more of those students will then run it at the games, will pay them for that as if they were a ticket taker, scoreboard operator, etc.; The thoughts not proceed with Christiansen broadcasting for announcing sports this year, new scoreboard system will allow Sam F to not do the clock portion so he should be able to announce over the loudspeaker, "two points for Stavnes, etc." As of now, the plan is to not have a regular "announcer"; The yearbook/annual will purchase a touchwall to display yearbooks, sports records, etc., decided to purchase a scanner ourselves rather than send them away to be scanned, cost for a scanner to do the job is around \$600-\$700 but the cost per yearbook was \$100 if we sent them off. have a possibility of 180 yearbooks considering all of the districts; Trophies will be photographed and a high-quality image will be displayed on the touchwall, will take over any trophy state tournament-related and display them but others will be categorized and displayed digitally; Looking at changing the cell phone policy, MSBA will be coming up with a model policy, prevailing wisdom is that cell phones have become extremely detrimental to learning, bullying, etc.; have reached out to a couple of marketing companies for assistance with a marketing plan; Fall of 2030, just nine states are projected to have higher public school enrollment than in fall 2020 so not alone and but like the idea of being proactive; Donation update: the next steps would be to have the Lamberton Area Community Foundation approve motions: Approve a transfer of \$25,000 to the Mark Pankonin Memorial Scholarship Fund at SWIF and approve a grant to the school for \$75,000 to be used for playground equipment.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried to approve all claims for payment in the amount of \$2,656,486.59. Final check #32318

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2884  
(RED ROCK CENTRAL)  
BROWN, COTTONWOOD AND REDWOOD COUNTIES, MINNESOTA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2884 (Red Rock Central), Brown, Cottonwood and Redwood Counties, Minnesota, was held in the School District on June 17, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present: Stavnes, Erickson, Pankonin, Grant, Kuehl and Rogotzke and the following were absent: Imker

Member Rogotzke introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO  
ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX ABATEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2024A,  
IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF  
APPROXIMATELY \$1,995,000; AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS WITH  
RESPECT THERETO**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the “Board”) of Independent School District No. 2884 (Red Rock Central), Brown, Cottonwood and Redwood Counties, Minnesota (the “District”), as follows:

1. Background. It is hereby determined that:

(a) The District is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended (the “Act”), and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 to 469.1815, as amended (the “Abatement Act”) to issue general obligation tax abatement bonds.

(b) Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board on this date (the “Abatement Resolution”), following a duly noticed public hearing, the Board approved a property tax abatement (the “Abatements”) in the approximate amount of \$2,782,435 for certain property in the District (the “Abatement Parcels”) over a period of twelve (12) years in an amount sufficient to provide financing for the construction of and improvements to parking lots at various sites in the District, and related financing costs (the “Project”).

(c) In the Abatement Resolution, the District found and determined that the Project benefits the Abatement Parcels, that the Project will provide access to services for residents in the District, and that the maximum principal amount of bonds to be secured by Abatements does not exceed the estimated sum of Abatements from the Abatement Parcels for the term authorized under the Abatement Resolution.

(d) The Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and expedient to the sound financial management of the affairs of the District to issue its General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2024A in the original aggregate principal amount of approximately \$1,995,000 (the “Bonds”) in accordance with the Act and the Abatement Act.

2. Covenant as to State Credit Enhancement.

(a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education (the “Commissioner”) of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 (the “Credit Enhancement Act”) to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the paying agent for the Bonds (the “Paying Agent”), or any successor paying agent, three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Paying Agent is authorized and directed to

notify the Commissioner if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due

on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds on deposit with the Paying Agent to make that payment. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of the Credit Enhancement Act, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Minnesota Departments of Management and Budget and Education pursuant to subdivision 2(c) of the Credit Enhancement Act and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The Board Chair, Clerk, Treasurer, Superintendent, or Business Manager of the District are authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

3. Sale of Bonds. The Board has retained Ehlers and Associates, Inc. (the “Municipal Advisor”), to serve as the District’s independent municipal advisor with respect to the offer and sale of the Bonds and, therefore, is authorized by Section 475.60, subdivision 2(9), of the Act to sell the Bonds other than pursuant to a competitive sale.

4. Acceptance of Proposal. The Board shall meet at the time and place specified by the Board to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds and take any other appropriate action with respect to the Bonds.

5. Authority of Municipal Advisor. The Municipal Advisor is authorized and directed to assist the District in the solicitation of proposals to potential purchasers of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor is further authorized and directed to assist the District in the award and sale of the Bonds on behalf of the District.

6. Authority of Bond Counsel. The law firm of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, is authorized to act as bond counsel for the District (“Bond Counsel”), and to assist in the preparation and review of necessary documents, certificates, and instruments related to the Bonds. The officers, employees, and agents of the District are hereby authorized to assist Bond Counsel in the preparation of such documents, certificates, and instruments.

7. Reimbursement from Bond Proceeds. The District may incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than the Bonds and reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds. Treasury Regulation § 1.150-2 (the “Reimbursement Regulations”) provides that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds allocated to reimburse expenditures originally paid from a source other than the tax-exempt bonds will not be deemed expended unless certain requirements are met. In order to preserve its ability to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations, the District hereby makes its declaration of official intent (the “Declaration”) described below to reimburse certain costs:

(a) Declaration of Intent. The District proposes to issue the Bonds to finance the costs of the Abatement Project. The District may reimburse original expenditures made for certain costs of the Abatement Project from the proceeds of the Bonds in an estimated maximum principal amount of \$1,995,000. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the Bonds, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.

(b) Declaration Made Not Later Than 60 Days. This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of the Bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of the Bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the Bonds; or (c) “preliminary expenditures” up to an amount not in excess of twenty (20) percent of the aggregate issue price of the Bonds that finance or are reasonably expected by the District to finance the Abatement Project for which the preliminary expenditures were incurred. The term “preliminary expenditures” includes architectural, engineering, surveying, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of the Abatement Project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

(c) Reasonable Expectations; Official Intent. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the District based on the facts and circumstances known to the District as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Abatement Project and the principal amount of the Bonds described in Section 7(a), above, are consistent with the District’s budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of the Bonds to be issued by the District are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the District’s budget or financial policies to pay such original expenditures. This resolution is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Stavnes, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor of the motion:

Stavnes, Erickson, Pankonin and Rogotzke

and the following voted against: Grant and Kuehl

Absent: Imker

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion of Grant, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve membership in MSBA at a cost of \$3120.00 per year and MREA at a cost of \$1539 per year.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Stavnes and unanimously carried to approve the Q Comp report prepared by Paula Derickson and Tasha Fraser as presented

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve the contract with Kinner and Company Ltd. for the 2023 - 2024 School Year Audit at a cost not exceed \$19,500.00.

The Red Rock Central Local Literacy Plan for the 2024 – 2025 School Year prepared by Sheila Ryker was reviewed.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Pankonin and unanimously carried approve the District and School Parent and Family Engagement Policy prepared by Sheila Ryker.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Derek Stevenson as the Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach and thank him for his service as a Coach.

Upon motion of Erickson, seconded by Rogotzke and unanimously carried to approve the contract of Nautica Weis as the Elementary Special Education Teacher.

Upon motion of Pankonin, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried approve the contract with Alexis Buysse as the Sixth Grade Teacher.

The Board directed the Superintendent to decline the bus service offer from Superior Bus Services and thank the representative for coming to the Board meeting to explain their services.

Theatre rigging cost is \$237,500; Superintendent was directed to order the Theatre Rigging.

Open Discussion: Need better promotion of events, meetings, etc ; City of Lambertton has their meetings on You Tube and agenda on website prior to meeting; Greg Arndt has been approached and is willing to sell a building for the market value of \$120,000.00 and some land at \$1.00 per square foot on his property for a Bus Garage and Meet and Confer will be scheduled in July.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Grant the meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Non Certified Negotiation meeting is June 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



Nate Erickson, Clerk



Doreen Kronback, Recorder