

School Board Minutes  
Red Rock Central District No. 2884  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Media Center in Lamberton on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Members present were: Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Stavnes and Rogotzke. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, AD Colby Pack, Paula Derickson, Clayton Hubert, Randy Hubert, Betsy Hubert, Marcia Therkilsen, Tom Neperman, Kristi Werner, Brian Werner, Michelle Anderson, Troy Erickson, Brenda Derickson, Nancy Amsden, Troy Erickson, Lynn Pfarr, Randy Tordsen, Education MN representative Brian Michelson 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 Grant to approve the amended Agenda, to correct the November 20, 2024 Board Minutes to include; discussion was held concerning the bus fleet repair and replacement and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Clayton Hubert presented a request to have the Youth Athletic Programs considered as a Category I event in the RRC School Rental Agreement; the Wrestling program proceeds from registration and concessions go to the Wrestling Association who in turn share them with the RRC Wrestling Program. The Youth Wrestling Program is free of charge to all students.

Randy Hubert stated the Youth Wrestling Program use to count as a Committee Education event; Renting the concession stand would be very difficult as the products in the stand belong to the Student Activity Fund and proceeds are divided among school classes and organizations working the stand; Other groups using the stand have to provide their own food, JO and the dance recital would be using the stand after the schools concession season is completed.

Brenda Derickson presented a Letter of Intent from the 501©3 nonprofit organization expressing interest in purchasing the Gymnasium, Auditorium and Fitness Center and possibly the Wrestling Room; The group is not interested in three story old building and elementary wing; The group would like to do a physical inspection of the buildings; Their long range goal would be to have the building accessible to the public.

Building Committee to discuss and establish rental fees for the new building; they also discussed the sale of the old facility.

Superintendent Lee Superintendent/PK-4 Principal reported the following: Have a couple of options for bus purchases: enter into a lease purchase for buses – you'd pay this out of general fund dollars, facilitate the financing or could work through the busing company, could issue capital notes – this is paid for out of operating capital, would allow you to access the ag credit as the payments would be attributed to the debt service fund; A group of elementary teachers and I met and reviewed a Language Arts curriculum, This is the year we are due to purchase a new curriculum. Some of them are eligible for reimbursement from the READ Act funding; Have asked Representative Fischbach's office for assistance in our FEMA appeal, have until early January to file appeal; The legislative platform for MREA is set, will be an interesting session with control of the MN House tied: items for consideration include: IMPROVE TEACHER COMPENSATION Establish a Teacher Compensation Adjustment Revenue program aimed at improving teacher salaries; Improve TRA by either lowering the combination of the normal retirement age and total years of service OR minimizing the reduction in retirement benefits paid before normal retirement age; Make Q Comp an open and standing appropriation so all schools qualify; Amending the

Grow Your Own application requirements so more rural districts can qualify Providing direct underwriting to state colleges for teacher preparation programs so those credits are free to undergraduates seeking teaching degrees; FUND WHAT HAS BEEN MANDATED Increase the Basic Formula allowance by “3&3” over the forecast base for FY 26-27; Shore-up Compensatory Aid as Direct Certification is used solely to calculate this revenue stream; On-going state funding for Unemployment Insurance Additional funding for the Read Act; CLOSE FUNDING GAPS Increase LTFM revenue and allow roofs & pavements to qualify for levies above \$100,000; Increase Local Optional Revenue to \$974/pupil Create Seasonal & Recreational Property Tax Base Replacement Aid to reduce the cost of voter-approved operating levies where the state is collecting Seasonal & Recreational property taxes; Improve all equalization formulas to 125% of the tax base used/pupil; Expand VPK to provide service for all low-income 4-year-olds Ensure minimum revenue guarantees for small schools & educational cooperatives when categorical funding streams are used to promote programs; POLICY FLEXIBILITY, NOT MANDATES Create flexible pathways to licensure, in addition to broader licensure categories; Oppose unfunded mandates and “one-size-fits-all” education policy and Oppose additional course requirements for graduation; Going to need to hire a permanent part-time custodian for evenings, It’s proven too difficult with current staffing to maintain everything without additional overtime hours, better off hiring an additional employee and then having two people for a similar expense; A group of teachers met to look at MCA incentives, the elementary has done these for the past few years and has been a good motivator; Warren Pankonin has let me know they are going to make a donation to the school of just over \$52,000. He didn’t give any strings attached but would like recognition. We discussed the funds going to either a softball field or renovating the CTE building and he seemed okay with either but will get back to me after visiting with additional family over Christmas break; At the Jan. meeting, since Chad isn’t returning, any officer can act as the temporary chair until new officers are elected; The K-4 concert was very full, that’s the largest concert per year. Discussed the need to perhaps allocate a number of tickets per student if necessary; POC update: The project oversight committee has likely had our last meeting. The occupancy is no longer temporary; The plumbers are coming to determine why we haven’t had hot water in the bathroom sinks yet, fix auto flushers; The permanent signs should be here and installed tomorrow and Friday; No answer on the locker room locker that didn’t fit, it might be a bit of a contentious fight with locker room pads color; Auditorium update, lights should be hung within two and a half weeks, the audio/visual component will be two to three weeks; Target to be fully complete by mid-January; Cleaners are going to come over Christmas break and work on the commons area; If unable to get it clean may need to paint the area. Science room casework is set to be installed on December 26<sup>th</sup> and Classroom lighting is for the most part fixed.

Principal Ewing presented the following Grade 5 – 12 report: MN Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been set for Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00pm, new inductees have been selected and letters will be sent out this week, will report the names next month; ExCEL Award: This year’s nominee is Austin Imker; Triple A Award Applications are being completed by the Seniors and our representatives will be selected by January 3<sup>rd</sup>; 5th - 8th Grade Winter Concert will be January 13<sup>th</sup>, start time is 7:00 pm. And end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester is Friday, January 17th.

Athletic Director and Transportation Director Colby Pack reported the following: Winter seasons are in full swing; Fun listening to opposing teams/refs come into the new school; ordered 40 padded chairs with the logo; Signage looks nice in the gym area/Home and for visitors. Thanks to AP Design; Golf Coach opening; JH Baseball Coach opening  
Transportation Report: Everything going along fine, Have had a few times where we didn't have a driver available...made it work.

Chairman Stavnes opened the Truth in Taxation meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Lee presented the Truth in Taxation Law requirements, Accounting Overview, Levy Cycle, District Revenue and District Expenditures for discussion.

Chairman Stavnes closed the Truth and Taxation meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Erickson and unanimously carried to approve all claims in for payment in the amount of \$2,002,147.82. Final check 33053

Upon motion of Imker, seconded by Rogotzke and to certify the 2024 payable 2025 Final Levy in the amount of \$3,546,094.58. Those in favor: Imker, Rogotzke, Erickson, Grant, Kuehl and Stavnes. Those against: None. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Grant, seconded by Kuehl and unanimously carried to approve and post the Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Plan as presented.

Member Rogotzke moved adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES  
FOR MULTIPLE PRECINCTS AND  
DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING  
PLACES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING  
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD  
ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2884, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. Each combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated by a county or municipality. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:

Combined Polling Place: \_Lamberton Community Center 102 2nd Ave East Lamberton, MN 56152

"This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2884 located in Brown, Cottonwood and Redwood Counties, Minnesota."

\*3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 8:00 o'clock (a.m./p.m.) and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the

counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

The resolution was duly seconded by Erickson.

Roll call vote: Those in favor: Imker, Rogotzke, Erickson, Grant, Kuehl and Stavnes. Those against: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent Lee presented a draft agreement of Facilities rental fees. After discussion the Rental Fees Draft was tabled until the January meeting.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Erickson and unanimously approved to purchase four row bleachers for the PE Gym at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00.

The Community Education Director hire was discussed. After discussion the contract and job description needed clarification and the position reposted.

Open Discussion: Lack of variety for the lunch B option, January will have lunch option changes; Opening the Fitness Center to the public was discussed, Superintendent expressed concern about the liability of having the public in the Center when students are there.

Letter of Intent was discussed; Concern was expressed about separating the building into parts to sell; Will continue communication with group; Boilers will be decommissioned next week; Water has been shut off; Auction of contents by auction company was discussed and seeking public bids on the whole facility. A work session in January will be scheduled to further discuss a plan.

Upon motion of Kuehl, seconded by Grant the board went into closed session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss Stat., Subd. 3(a).


Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Grant the board came out of closed session at 9:08 p.m.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Erickson the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 in the RRC Media Center at 5:00 p.m.

Official minutes available on the Red Rock Central website.

  
Nate Erickson, Clerk

  
Doreen Kronback, Recorder