

School Board Minutes
Red Rock Central District No. 2884
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 2884, was held in the Media Center in Lamberton on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Members present were: N Erickson, T Erickson, Grant, Imker, Kuehl, Rogotzke and Werner. Others in attendance: Superintendent Lee, Principal Ewing, AD Colby Pack, Susan Wilmes, Tasha Fraser, Tom Neperman, Kristi Werner, Marie Dammann and Doreen Kronback.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by T. Erickson to approve the amended Agenda, the January 22, 2025 minutes and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Sue Wilmes presented information from the parents, cast, administrators and directors meeting; It was agreed to present a Spring Stage Play on March 28 & 29, 2025 and bring back the musical at another time.

Transportation Committee Members Kuehl and Werner met to discuss the current bus fleet.

Superintendent Lee Superintendent/PK-4 Principal reported the following: The Governor's budget contains the phasing out of Q comp by 2027, RRC is one of approximately 1/3 of MN districts who are part of the program, currently it is partially levied and partially state money, the funding is used to incentivize teachers to continue professional development, if it would go away our taxpayers would see a reduction due to that levy no longer being levied it is a benefit to the teachers and generally earns them somewhere around \$1800-\$2500 per year that is not part of the district expenditures; Verizon Wireless is going to begin installing a 5G "tower" in the parking lot of the old school building, a lease was signed in 2018, don't believe it'll affect the property in any way but wanted to let everyone know if you see some work being done, Bill may be only board member who would remember this, Leonard Runck mentioned it once so was aware of it; Sheila Ryker and I met with the coop about Read Act implementation and the various requirements regarding the legislation from last year; The auction company is going to move things back a week due to the cold temperatures, start of the first auction on 3/10, the Auction ending on 3/24, and load-out on 3/26-28, The second auction would start on 3/24, Auction ending on 4/7, and load-out on 4/9-11; Have put out our proposal for health insurance bids and have been receiving some back, will open them Feb. 27th and have a recommendation for the board in March; There is a bill HF 6 that contains a provision to allow school boards to opt out of mandates adopted in 2023 and 2024, probably a long shot but it would be financially beneficial for school districts, also another cell phone bill that would restrict usage statewide, will monitor both of these, the cell phone bill seems to be gathering traction; Still waiting on several contractors' statements for our sales tax reimbursement, spoke to the Dept. of Revenue and we can do "rounds" or all at once, it's easier to do all at once. Andy is in Florida so haven't been able to connect with him and see where he's at in collecting the remaining statements.

Principal Ewing presented the following Grade 5 – 12 report: Midterm date for the 3rd quarter is today, Wednesday, February 19th; Spring Play: Meeting Tuesday, February 18th with parents, cast, administrators and directors, a decision was made to have some type of Fine Arts activity, a decision should be made today as to whether it will be a musical, a play or a series of shorter plays; Knowledge Bowl, have 6 people on the team this year - 1 junior, 4 sophomores and 1 freshman; RRC hosted its first Tournament since before Covid on January 27th, The team has also competed at Worthington, had one meet cancelled and will finish the regular season on February 24th in Marshall, they practice 1-2 times a week, trying their best to work around after school athletic and speech practices so whoever wants to

participate can get to at least one practice a week, Coach Derickson shared "The team has shown continual improvement this year and their attitude is something I look forward to experiencing every time we spend time together, whether at practice or a meet." about this year's team; Speech, Red Rock Central has 5 students on the combined speech team with WWG and a new Head Coach - Tyler Edwards, the first meet was a great success as RRC/WWG took 2nd place in the Small School Division of the Luverne meet. There were a total of 16 teams at the event. Bowen Hess and Natalie Lenning were each Champions in their events, the next upcoming meet will be in Marshall on February 15th.; FFA, Small Animal Ag Bowl Results., Marshall - 19 out of 37 teams, Region 6 Contest - 9th out of 15 teams, Meats Evaluation Ag Bowls Results - Marshall - 26th out of 29 teams, Fish and Wildlife Ag Bowl Results -Marshall - 24th out of 29 teams, Region 6 Contest - 12th out of 19 teams, State Degree Applications that passed through the Region Level and will be submitted to the State this week by Colton Jeckell, Teagan Werner and Austin Werner, Beef Production Entrepreneurship, Beef Production Placement, Crop Production Entrepreneurship; Events for FFA Week March 17 – 21, Trivia questions throughout the week for students and staff, Find the Hidden Emblem Contest and Dress up Days, Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be held in the commons area; Large Group Music Contest -The Spring Concert is Monday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm. Section 3 Large Group Music Contest will be held Wednesday, March 12th at Band is performing - Hugh Stuart's "Hymn for Band" and "Into the Storm," by Robert W. Smith., Choir is performing - Come to Me O My Love by Robert Allan Petker, and O Love by Elaine Hagenberg, Performance schedules for the day are: The Band Performs at 8:30 am, The Choir performs at 1:30 pm in Redwood Valley School; Girls Basketball - Finished the regular season record of 0 wins and 26 losses, are the 10 Seed and play Thursday against MCC in Slayton @ 7:00 pm; Boys Basketball - Currently the boys team has 3 wins and 20 losses, have 2 games left to play before the end of the regular season, do not know seeding results yet; Wrestling - Finished with and team record of 3 wins and 16 losses, were the # 9 Seed in Section 3A - and wrestled against St. James, The Individual Section Tournament is Saturday, February 22nd in St. James; Academic Updates - MCA and MTAS Testing will begin in late March and go through early May. Sheila Ryker is working to finalize the schedule; Other events - The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm. 8 new members were added; Honor Society Blood Drive is Wednesday, March 27th; Pre - ACT Test for all Sophomores is at Our Saviors on Wednesday, April 2nd; The 11th Grade ACT Test is Tuesday, April 8th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and End of 3rd quarter is Friday, March 24th

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by N Erickson and unanimously carried to approve all claims in for payment in the amount of \$1,529,033.64. Final check 33305

The SWWC Service Contacts for the 2025 – 2026 school year was reviewed; need further explanation of the Early Childhood Special Education cost increase.

Upon motion of T Erickson, seconded by Grant and unanimously carried to approve the 2025 – 2026 Academic Year Calendar as presented.

Options for Softball Fields located on the school site were presented and discussed; Superintendent Lee will submit a Request for Proposal for a Softball Field and an alternate field that could be used for baseball or softball.

Transportation Committee members Kuehl and Werner presented pricing and availability of used buses to replace current buses; Current bus fleet includes six route and three activity buses; Potentially three buses could be replaced; Bus storage options were discussed; Options for covering the cost of bus replacement were presented and discussed, including a bank loan, Capital Bond Notes and Capital Projects Levy; The Committee will work with Superintendent Lee on bus replacement and storage options.

Upon motion of Grant, seconded by Imker the Board went into closed session to discuss Stat., Subd.3(a) at 7:09 p.m.

Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by Grant the Board came out of closed session at 9:09 p.m.

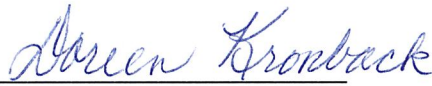
Upon motion of Rogotzke, seconded by N Erickson the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 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