

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Rolette School District #29
August 3, 2021

The School Board of Rolette Public School District #29 held a special board meeting / board retreat on August 3, 2021 in the Superintendent's Office.

Board members present were Ryan Pederson, Brenda Boucher, and Lori Letvin (4:09 p.m.). Absent: Lori Knudson, Jim Odden. Others present: Wade Sherwin, Elementary Principal/Superintendent, Levi Gourneau, Secondary Principal, Michele Grenier, Business Manager, Margie Hill, Natalie Wibe, Dave Wibe, Raquel Dugan-Dibble, Denise Lagasse & Nathan Casavant.

President Pederson called the retreat to order at 2:01 p.m. No action can be taken at this retreat, rather discussion on strategic planning for the district and to advise on use of ESSER funds.

The members reviewed the mission statement of the district.

Discussion on data used to measure success of the students and learning loss data. How does the district ID the full potential of students? Data used: ND State Assessment; MAPS; ESGI; Dibbles; Choice Ready; Graduation rates; College stats; ACT. Does the board need to set district goals? Things to consider: tech vs book learning, choice ready already in place, graduation rate average of 3 years, dual credit, STEAM days. Discussion on interdisciplinary vertical alignment, with teachers from K-12 working together to meet district goals, making sure students are ready to move to the next level. Possibly professional development for elementary staff to prep 5th-6th graders for junior high. Staff to student ratio is high compared to larger schools.

ESSER funding discussion.

Building & grounds needs: Outdoor upkeep (possibly hire out), heating/cooling air exchange, parking lot lighting, more cameras, entry fobs, science room upgrades, greenhouse, locker rooms, lockers in elementary, portable building for weight room, central offices, more outlets in old building. Intervention teacher, para-professional, credit recovery, math books, teacher laptops, set aside for chrome books/iPads in 2024. Concerns about over staffing now and RIF later. Staff retention bonuses a possibility. Board would like to see a pre-k program. Get Johnson Controls in to look at heating needs/upgrades.

Pederson asked Casavant, as a city council member how the city and district can work together to upkeep playground and ball fields for district/community use. Possibly contact American Legion for financial help in hiring or outsourcing someone to mow/spray weeds.

Discussed the returned surveys from staff, board, and community. Low survey return. From the survey results, in order of wants/needs: 1. Credit Recovery 2. Para(s) 3. Interventionist 4. Tutoring 5. Professional Development 6. Increased CTE 7. Space/Tech Support (tied) 8. Activities 9. Summer School 10. Smaller Classes 11. Parent/Community Supports. Credit recovery started this summer. An interventionist has been hired. Tutoring is already available before and after school. Advertising for a para. Business teacher would be nice, but can the district student numbers support it? Full time technology coordinator hired. Possibly put up a green house for VoAg, portable for weight room and move offices to old junior high area. Possibly transport students after activities/tutoring.

President Pederson adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVED: Ryan Pederson, President; ATTEST: Michele Grenier, Business Manager