

Renville County West School Board Meeting
December 11, 2017

The first December meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:02 p.m. in the RCW small gym by Chairman Eric Dahlager.

Board members present: Eric Dahlager, Todd Terhaar, Darin Bratsch, Liza Fagen, Maria Kramer, Ryan Lippert and Carnie Allex.

Board members absent: None.

Others present: Ashley Alsum, Dale Negen, Gina Hagen, Brian Gauer, Londa Swenson, Cheryl Rauenhorst, Maci Barker, Laura Rosen, Jenna Stephenson, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Michelle Mortensen.

Dahlager read the vision and mission statements.

Motion by Bratsch requesting to move all contracts to Discussion. There wasn't a second. Motion failed.
Motion by Allex, seconded by Fagen to approve the agenda as presented. Bratsch opposed. Motion carried.

No public comments.

The Board congratulated the Special Education staff for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for due process in Special Education.

The Policy Committee, Finance Committee and Meet and Confer members all met recently. Meet and Confer will be meeting again soon to get clarification on some of the concerns brought forward. There was some discussion on the timing of contracts being brought to the Board for approval.

Leadership reports were reviewed by the Board. They discussed E-Learning days and online video streaming.

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Lippert to approve the consent agenda.

1. Approve minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting
2. Approve payment of bills
3. Resignations:
 - a. Sheree Halvorson - Paraprofessional
4. Hires:
 - a. Danette Hendrickson – Math Masters Advisor
5. Policies 413, 414, 415, 423, 428, 503, 806, 807

Motion carried.

Nothing to report for old business.

Motion by Allex, seconded by Kramer to approve the updated World's Best Workforce plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Fagen, seconded by Lippert to approve the Combined Polling Places Resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Fagen to approve the Levy at the maximum. Motion carried.

Motion by Terhaar, seconded by Lippert to approve the 2017-2019 Principal contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Terhaar to approve the Coordinator of Educational Services Contract. Motion carried.

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the Superintendent contract. Motion by Alex, seconded by Kramer to approve the 2018-2021 Superintendent contract as presented. A roll call vote was requested. Kramer: yes, Terhaar: No, Bratsch: No, Lippert: yes, Fagen: yes, Alex: yes, Dahlager: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Alex, seconded by Terhaar to approve the 2018-2019 Curriculum Coordinator agreement. A roll call vote was requested. Kramer: yes, Terhaar: yes, Bratsch: yes, Lippert: yes, Fagen: yes, Alex: yes, Dahlager: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Lippert to approve the Activities Director contract. A roll call vote was requested. Kramer: yes, Terhaar: yes, Bratsch: yes, Lippert: yes, Fagen: yes, Alex: yes, Dahlager: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Fagen to recess the Board meeting for the Truth in Taxation hearing. Motion carried.

The Truth in Taxation hearing opened at 6:02 p.m. Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Lippert to close the Truth in Taxation hearing at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried.

The World's Best Workforce public meeting opened at 6:06 p.m. Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Alex to close the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried.

The School Board meeting resumed at 6:12 p.m.

The Board discussed having MSBA come in and work with the Board and the Superintendent on forming better relationships between them. The goal being to become a stronger Board for the District. Motion by Fagen, seconded by Kramer to approve the purchase of the MSBA Board training. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the bus garage. The Facilities Committee reviewed new building specs that RA Morton presented. Motion by Lippert, seconded by Bratsch to go out for bids again this spring with the new specs. Motion carried.

The next meeting is a work session on December 18th. The next official Board meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Liza Fagen, Clerk