

Renville County West School Board Meeting
February 11, 2019

The first February meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:02 p.m. in the Upstairs Computer Lab by Chairman Carnie Alex.

Board members present: Carnie Alex, Todd Terhaar, Darin Bratsch, Liza Fagen, Maria Kramer, Ryan Lippert and Dale Negen.

Board members absent: None.

Others present: Ashley Alsum, Maci Barker, Londa Swenson, Jenna Lecy, Andrew Naseth, Brad McLagan, Brian Gauer, Gina Hagen, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Michelle Mortensen.

Alex read the vision and mission statements.

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Lippert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

No public comments.

The Board communicated that the Science Fair and the Back to the Palms Foundation events was coming up on 2/23/19.

The Board recognized the One Act Play for getting 5th place and Melody Filzen for getting 5th place at the Regional Spelling Bee. They also recognized the Dance team that got 5th place at sections and 10th place in kick. The boys 6th and 8th graders each took 1st place at their basketball tournament.

The Finance Committee is starting to look at the budget for next year and accepting requests. The Foundation met and discussed the upcoming fundraiser. The Facilities Committee met and gave an update on their meeting.

Leadership reports were reviewed by the Board. The Board asked some questions about Acellus classes and how they are being used, Standards Based Grading questions that have come up, the Kindergarten and 1st grade class numbers and the electives being offered to the High School students.

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

1. Approve minutes from the January 7, 2019 meeting
2. Approve payment of bills
3. Retirements:
 - a. Jim Decknatel – Bus Driver
4. Resignations:
 - a. Derik Johnson – Strength and Conditioning Coach
5. Policies: 305, 616, 618, 705, 806, 807, 902.1

Motion carried.

Nothing to report for Old Business.

Motion by Negen, seconded by Fagen to approve the PACT for Families Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Terhaar, seconded by Kramer to approve the Resolution to Reduce Expenditures. Bratsch disagrees with the language. He feels we shouldn't limit this to only enrollment and finance. It needs to be opened up to include relevancy of our programs. Why are programs that aren't working continuing to happen just because we have the money? They shouldn't continue if they are no longer relevant to the advancement of our students. Motion carried.

Motion by Negen, seconded by Lippert to approve the oil contract with Cenex for seven years as presented. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Voluntary Pre-K funding and the MSBA conference.

Closed session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.01 Subd. 2 began at 8:30 pm.

Closed session ended at 9:11 PM

The next meeting is a work session on February 25, 2019 and the next regular Board meeting is March 11, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM

Liza Fagen, Clerk