

Renville County West School Board Meeting

January 7, 2019

The organizational meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:31 p.m. in the RCW Small Gym by Vice Chairman Carnie Alex.

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

Members absent: None.

Others present: Ashley Alsum, Meredith Lieser, Brad McLagan, Steve Agre, Londa Swenson, Maci Barker, Gina Hagen, Brian Gauer, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Michelle Mortensen.

The new Board members were sworn in by Vice Chairman Carnie Alex.

Organizational Items:

Nominations for Chair were called. Fagen nominated Alex. Bratsch nominated Negen. Vice Chairman Alex ceased nominations after no more were heard. A roll call vote was conducted. Terhaar: Alex, Lippert: Alex, Fagen: Alex, Kramer: Alex, Bratsch: Negen, Alex: abstained, Negen: abstained. Alex was declared Chair by majority vote.

Nominations for Vice Chair were called. Alex nominated Lippert. Negen nominated Bratsch. Chairman Alex ceased nominations after no more were heard. A paper ballot vote was conducted. Four members voted for Lippert and three members voted for Bratsch. Lippert was declared Vice Chairman by majority vote.

Nominations for Clerk were called. Bratsch nominated Fagen. Chairman Alex ceased nominations after no more were heard. Fagen was declared Clerk by unanimous ballot.

Nominations for Treasurer were called. Bratsch nominated Kramer. Chairman Alex ceased nominations after no more were heard. Kramer was declared Treasurer by unanimous ballot.

The following committee appointments were made with the removal of the Legislative Liaison:

- Finance: Bratsch, Terhaar, Alex
- Policy/Meet & Confer: Kramer, Lippert
- Curriculum/Community Ed Advisory: Fagen, Terhaar
- Facilities/Health & Safety: Negen, Lippert, Kramer
- MVCC Representative: Terhaar, Fagen
- MSHSL Representative: Negen
- Insurance Pool Representative: Fagen
- MRVED Representative: Kramer
- PTO Representative: Fagen
- RCW Foundation: Lippert

Bratsch asked Alex if she had pre-planned the committee appointments. She indicated she had in case she was elected Chair.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Kramer to name Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurgen, P.A. as official legal counsel. Motion carried.

Motion by Fagen, seconded by Lippert to make the Renville County Register the official newspaper. Kramer abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Fagen to name MSDLAF+, PMA-MN Trust, First Security State Bank, F & M Bank Minnesota – Renville, Dawson Coop Credit Union - Renville and F & M Bank – Sacred Heart as the official depositories for the district. Motion carried.

Motion by Fagen, seconded by Lippert to keep the official meeting day/time/location as the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the RCW Small Gym. The fourth Monday of each month will be used as a work session, for committee meetings or as an official meeting as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by Terhaar, seconded by Kramer to keep the per diem the same as 2018. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting Items:

Chairman Alex read the vision and mission statements.

Motion by Fagen, second by Lippert to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

No public comments. Alex reminded the Board of the upcoming Leadership Conference.

Steve Agre presented to the Board regarding the status of all athletic and activity programs.

The Facilities Committee reported on their recent meeting. Lippert reported on the Foundation meeting.

Leadership reports were received and reviewed by the Board. The FLY application is yet to be approved.

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

1. Approve minutes from the December 10, 2018
2. Approve payment of bills
3. Resignations:
 - a. Alex Smith – Social Studies Instructor
4. Hires:
 - a. Stacy Cole - Paraprofessional
5. Policies: 509, 512, 521, 527, 532, 613, 614, 902
6. Lane Change – Leslie Knutson
7. Donations

Motion carried.

Old business: Branding was discussed. Kramer feels we need more than just Board input on this. Fagen and Negen will sit on the committee along with others invited.

No new business.

The Board discussed the progress of the bus garage remodel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Kramer to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 13D.05, subdivision 2 (b) at 8:29 pm after a short recess following the Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Fagen, seconded by Kramer to end the closed session at 9:11 pm. Motion carried.

The regular Board meeting was re-opened at 9:11 pm.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Fagen to terminate Matt Martin's employment at Renville County West. Roll call vote: Terhaar: yes, Lippert: yes, Fagen: yes, Kramer: yes, Negen: abstained, Bratsch: no, Allex: yes. Motion carried.

The next meeting is January 28th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Liza Fagen, Clerk