

Renville County West School Board Meeting
November 13, 2018

The first November meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:02 p.m. in the Upstairs Computer Lab by Chairman Eric Dahlager.

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

Board members absent: None.

Others present: Brad McLagan, Tamara Deutz, Krista Schrupp, Lauren Marcus, April Soupir, Deidra Lecy, Laura Rosen, Londa Swenson, Cheryl Rauenhorst, Rick Hoffman, Faye Schmidt, Kathy Froland, Ashley Alsum, Gina Hagen, Brian Gauer, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Michelle Mortensen.

Dahlager read the vision and mission statements.

Motion by Terhaar, seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Rick Hoffman made a public comment thanking the Board for their support of the Grounds department. Bratsch thanked Rick for all of his hard work and dedication to the District.

Supt. Mortensen thanked the Board for the flowers and well wishes regarding her recent surgery.

Dahlager reminded the Board that the Leadership Conference is coming up in January.

Tamara Deutz from Hoffman and Brobst presented the audit report.

No committee reports to give.

The Board recognized all of the hard work that went into the fall sports/activities.

Leadership reports were reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Hagen gave a review of the upcoming parent meeting happening on 11/15.

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

1. Approve minutes from the October 8, 2018 meeting
2. Approve payment of bills (check #'s 53990 – 54096 for \$454,673.36)
3. Donations
4. EA Seniority List
5. ESP Seniority List
6. Resignations:
 - a. Missy Hansen – Paraprofessional
 - b. Megan Groen – Jr. High Volleyball Coach
 - c. Tim Tanner – Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach
7. Hires:
 - a. Jim Siewart – Temporary Custodian
 - b. Frances Lacy – Paraprofessional
 - c. Brianna McNelly – Paraprofessional
 - d. Betty Garza – Paraprofessional
 - e. Nikki Hoberg - Paraprofessional
8. Policies: 403, 408, 409, 413, 414, 415, 503

Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Alex to approve the hiring of a Kindergarten Teacher as a push in to the current Kindergarten classes. Roll call vote. Kramer: yes, Bratsch: yes, Terhaar: no, Lippert: yes, Alex: yes, Fagen: no, Dahlager: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Alex to get quotes for the outside blue light system, new doors, and the keyless entry to those doors. Motion carried.

Motion by Alex, seconded by Kramer to approve the Service Animal Policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Alex, seconded by Lippert to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Terhaar to canvas the 2018 School Board election results. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Bratsch to approve the 2019 Music Tour. Motion carried.

Motion by Alex, seconded by Lippert to approve the Assurance of Compliance Prohibiting Discrimination. Motion carried.

Motion by Fagen, seconded by Kramer to approve the Big Stone Therapy Athletic Trainer Contract. Alex abstained. Motion carries.

Motion by Terhaar, seconded by Fagen to approve the Staff Development Advisory Council. Dahlager abstained. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the results of the Board Self Evaluation.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Terhaar to approve Sarah Huseby's child care leave for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the progress of the bus garage remodel and projects.

The World's Best Workforce public meeting is set for December 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the RCW Small Gym.

The Board discussed branding and our new logo. The Board would like to see some other examples of what other schools have done that have Jaguars as their mascot. This will be researched and brought back to the December meeting.

The next meeting is November 26th with a Truth in Taxation hearing at 6:01 p.m. The Board meeting will take place immediately following the Truth in Taxation hearing and the work session will follow the Board meeting.

The regular Board meeting took a break at 10:07 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 13D.05, subdivision 2 (b).

The Board re-opened the regular meeting at 11:00 pm. Supt. Mortensen read the resolution. Motion by Terhaar, seconded by Lippert to approve the resolution proposing discipline of an employee with the result of a 10 day unpaid suspension. Roll call vote: Kramer: yes, Bratsch: no, Terhaar: yes, Alex: yes, Lippert: yes, Fagen: yes, Dahlager: yes. Motion carried.