

Renville County West School Board Meeting  
August 13, 2018

The first August meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:03 p.m. in the RCW Small Gym 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: Becky Ditterich, Cheryl Rauenhorst, Londa Swenson, Jamie Golberg, Jenna Lecy, Ashley Alsum, Rick Hoffman, Brad McLagan, Gina Hagen, Brian Gauer, Dale Negen, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Michelle Mortensen.

Dahlager read the vision and mission statements.

Motion by Allex, seconded by Fagen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

No public comments.

Chairman Dahlager reminded the Board about the Notice of Filing for School Board deadline. He also indicated he would not be re-filing.

The Music Task Force and the Finance Committee reported on their recent meetings.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's contract regarding evaluations and the Board's responsibility to conduct her evaluations at the appropriate times.

The Board thanked Dale Negen for his years of service in Education and with RCW. He represented the District very well and will be hard to replace. The Board wished him well in his retirement.

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

1. Approve minutes from the July 23, 2018 meeting
2. Approve payment of bills – Check #'s 53724 – 53800 for \$393,647.01
3. Retirement:
  - a. Dale Negen – IT Director
4. Resignations:
  - a. Brittany Danielson – Paraprofessional
  - b. Bhasker Jakkula – ESL Instructor
5. Hires:
  - a. Meredith Lieser – Special Education Instructor
  - b. Ashley "Lola" Hormann – Elementary Education Instructor
  - c. Rachel Ebbers – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
6. Lane Change:
  - a. Londa Swenson
  - b. Jamie Golberg
7. Leave Request
  - a. Molly Williams (leave extension)

Motion carried

Nothing to report for old business.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Fagen to approve the School Resource Officer agreement for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the FLY program. Motion by Alex, seconded by Bratsch to approve the FLY resolution as read by Superintendent Michelle Mortensen. Roll call vote. Fagen: Yes, Kramer: Yes, Alex: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Terhaar: Yes, Bratsch: Yes, Dahlager: Yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed giving RCW supporters age 65 and older a Golden Ticket to get into all activities at no cost. Some felt that it is a good idea, but was a bit late to start a new program considering the Parent/Student Handbook had already been approved and school was starting soon. There was discussion about the rules that will be associated with receiving a ticket. Motion by Alex, seconded by Kramer to create a Golden Ticket for RCW supporters aged 65 and older to be used as a lifetime pass into all RCW activities at no cost and to amend the section regarding the Senior Pass in the 2018 – 2019 Parent/Student Handbook. Motion carried.

Motion by Terhaar, seconded by Fagen to approve the United Community Action Partnership/Head Start Agreement for the 2018 -2019 school year. Motion carried.

The Board discussed contracting out lawn service for the remainder of the season. There was some discussion about our rights with regard to hiring contracted services as well as the ability of the contracted service to get the work done with the equipment they have. This is a temporary service to get us through the rest of this season. The District will then re-evaluate our Grounds needs for next year to determine if we would hire someone directly to assist with Grounds or to contract it out. Motion by Lippert, seconded by Alex to approve Dawn's Lawns Plus for our Grounds contracted service. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Bus Garage remodel. There was discussion regarding the need for individual Grounds space within the additions. Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Lippert to approve the west building addition at \$41,500. Motion carried.

Chairman Dahlager discussed the upcoming Open House.

The next meeting is August 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Liza Fagen, Clerk