

Renville County West School Board Retreat / Meeting
September 22, 2019

The second September meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 5:48 p.m. at the Stoney Creek Golf Course by Chairman Carnie Alex.

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

Member absent: None.

Others present: Supt. Michelle Mortensen.

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

No public comments.

Nothing to report for Old Business.

Motion by Negen, seconded by Terhaar to approve the Levy Certification at the maximum. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Attendance Policy #429. Changes to be made on the policy were suggested to make the policy as specific as possible. Members thought more time should be given in between occurrences before discipline would occur. Supt. Mortensen will bring the revised policy to the October 14th meeting for a 1st read.

The Board discussed a planning cycle to help facilitate timelines within the District. Financial and schedule dates were suggested as additions to the cycle. Chairman Alex will update and share when finished.

The Board reviewed the strategic plan and belief statements approved February 12, 2018. The Board felt the need to keep the plan as presented and will review every June.

Goal Setting / prioritization

Two questions were posed:

1. Where should the Board be focusing? The discussion formed around properties, such as, but not limited to, tennis courts, pool, new addition, and Sacred Heart School.
2. Where should the District be focusing? The Board believed it should be student centered, staff centered, and community centered.

A review of where contract negotiations were at for each union took place.

Chairperson Alex will be looking into a possible investigation surrounding graduation requirements for the 2018 school year.

Next meeting is October 14, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

Liza Fagen, Clerk