

Renville County West School Board Meeting
September 9, 2019

The first September meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:01 p.m. in the RCW Small Gym 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: Barb Kronlokken, Londa Swenson, Cheryl Rauenhorst, Meredith Lieser, Nathan Blad, Jackie Edwards, Mark Gleisner, Brenda Holm, Dave Eiyneck, Ashley Alsum, Gina Hagen, JoDee Driggs, Lonny Davis, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Michelle Mortensen.

Chairman Alex read the vision and mission statements. The thanked everyone that was involved with Homecoming and congratulated Lauren Wulf and Axel Zaragoza on being crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

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

No public comments or communications.

Nathan Blad and Jackie Edwards gave a presentation regarding their recent discussions of collaboration efforts between BOLD schools and the Hospital regarding a Wellness Facility. They are exploring if two entities would be more successful than one. The wellness facility would not be a subsidy of the school and the intent is for members of the county, not just the BOLD school district. Co-location talks started because the wellness facility must be on the hospital property.

The Finance Committee met and reached a tentative agreement with the EA for the 2019-2021 Master Agreement. The Policy Committee met and reviewed the Attendance Policy. MVCC met and reviewed their budget and the hiring of one person.

Leadership reports were reviewed by the Board. Bratsch requested that Chairman Alex provide a report to the Board regarding the graduation credit investigation from last year.

Motion by Negen, seconded by Bratsch to approve the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda - Chairperson

1. Approve payment of bills (Check #'s 54919 – 55007 for \$456,537.43)
2. Approve minutes from the August 12, 2019 meeting
3. Resignations:
 - a. Brian Fuller - Bus Driver
 - b. Pam Elfering - Senior Advisor
4. Hires:
 - a. Cristi Sorenson - Food Service Worker
 - b. Alex Braaten - Food Service Worker
 - c. Megan Karlgaard - Head Girls Basketball Coach

- d. Tim Tanner - Long-Term Substitute
 - e. Jordan Geiser - Knowledge Bowl Advisor
 - f. Deb Hoberg, Vanessa Tatge, Laurie Varpness - Co-Prom Advisors
 - g. Jerry Gladis - Senior Advisor
- 5. Lane Change Request
 - a. Leslie Knutson
 - 6. Leave Request
 - a. Kelly Gigstad

Motion carried.

Nothing to report for Old Business.

Motion by Negen, seconded by Lippert to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing date to December 9, 2019 at 6:01 pm in the RCW Small Gym. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Negen to table the Tri-Valley Agreement to the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch to approve the hiring of a structural engineer to give an estimate on the pool repair. Motion died due to lack of a second. A few Structural Engineers have been called and some plan to come to the pool to look. The recommendation from the Board is to review bids at the October Board meeting.

The Board discussed the Board retreat on 9/22.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Terhaar to enter into closed session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03. Motion carried.

The Board entered into closed session at 7:36 and ended at 8:30 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Liza Fagen, Clerk