

Renville County West School Board Meeting

January 4, 2021

The organizational meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:03 p.m. in the RCW Small Gym by Dale Negen.

Members present: Ryan Lippert, Maria Kramer, Darin Bratsch, Phyllis Bruns, Brad Negen, Josie Cruz (remotely) and Dale Negen.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Ashley Alsum, Derik Johnson, Londa Swenson, Pam Peterson, Jason Stewig, Jammie Schneider, Meredith Lieser, Gina Hagen, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Doug Froke.

Organizational Items:

Supt. Froke read the Oath of Office and the new Board members were sworn in.

Nominations for Chair were called. Bratsch nominated Negen. Bratsch made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Negen to be the Chairman. Kramer seconded. Roll call vote. Bruns: yes, B. Negen: yes. Lippert: yes, Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Nominations for Vice Chair were called. Kramer nominated Lippert. Chairman D. Negen ceased nominations after no more were heard. Bratsch made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Lippert to be the Vice Chairman. Roll call vote. Bruns: yes, B. Negen: yes. Lippert: yes, Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes.

Nominations for Clerk were called. Bratsch nominated Kramer. Chairman D. Negen ceased nominations after no more were heard. Roll call vote. Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Kramer: yes, Bratsch: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Nominations for Treasurer were called. Lippert nominated Bratsch. Chairman D. Negen ceased nominations after no more were heard. Roll call vote. Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Kramer: yes, Bratsch: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

The following committee appointments:

- Finance: Bratsch, D. Negen, Lippert
- Policy/Meet & Confer: Bruns, D. Negen, Bratsch
- Curriculum/Community Ed Advisory: Bruns, Cruz
- Facilities/Health & Safety: B. Negen, Lippert, Kramer
- MVCC Representative: Bruns
- MSHSL Representative: Bratsch
- Insurance Pool Representative: B. Negen
- MRVED Representative: Kramer
- PTO Representative: Cruz
- RCW Foundation: Lippert

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Lippert to approve the representative appointments. Roll call vote. Bruns: yes, B. Negen: yes, Lippert: yes, Kramer: yes, Bratsch: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Kramer to name Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A. as official legal counsel. Roll call vote: Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Bratsch to make the Renville County Register the official newspaper. Roll call vote. Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded Bratsch to name MSDLAF+, PMA-MN Trust, First Security State Bank, F & M Bank Minnesota – Renville, Dawson Coop Credit Union as the official depositories for the district. Roll call vote. Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kramer, 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. Roll call vote. Bruns: yes, Kramer: yes, Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bratsch: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Kramer to keep the per diem the same as 2020. Roll call vote. Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting Items:

Chairman Negen read the vision and mission statements.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda. Roll call vote. Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Lippert: yes, Brad: yes, Phyllis: yes, Cruz: yes, Negen: yes. Motion carried.

No public comments.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Lippert to appoint the Finance Committee to work with Doug Froke on a Superintendent Contract. Roll call vote. Lippert: yes, Kramer: yes, Bratsch: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Kramer to approve a short recess to go look at the Old Gold Gym. Roll call vote. Kramer: yes, Bratsch: yes, Lippert: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bruns: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bratsch, seconded by Lippert to resume the regular meeting. Roll call vote. Lippert: yes, Kramer: yes, Bruns: yes, B. Negen: yes, Bratsch: yes, Cruz: yes, D. Negen: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Kramer to approve the Gold Gym as the competition gym for the 2021 – 2022 school year with the notion that if the remodel is not complete by that time, the Blue Gym will still be used

until the project is complete. Roll call vote. Bratsch: yes, Kramer: yes, Lippert: yes, Brad: yes, Phyllis: yes, Cruz: yes, Negen: yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is January 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm. A special Board meeting will take place January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Maria Kramer, Clerk