

Renville County West School Board Meeting

January 8, 2024

The organizational meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. by Dale Negen in the District Board Room.

Members present: Ryan Lippert, Maria Kramer, Andrea Bakker, Phyllis Bruns, Brad Negen, Josie Cruz and Dale Negen.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Maci Markfort, Londa Swenson, Jason Stewig, Meghan Beckendorf, Brenda Holm, Corey Hebrink, Kris Egge, Peyton Mills, Tara Hinderks and Supt. Doug Froke.

Dale Negen read the vision and mission statements.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Bruns to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Organizational Items:

Nominations for Chair were called. Lippert nominated D. Negen. Nominations for chair were called two more times. D. Negen ceased nominations after no more were heard. D. Negen declared it a unanimous decision for D. Negen to be the Chair.

Nominations for Vice Chair were called. B. Negen nominated Lippert. Nominations for Vice Chair were called two more times. Chairman D. Negen ceased nominations after no more were heard. D. Negen declared it a unanimous decision for Lippert to be the Vice Chair.

Nominations for Clerk were called. B. Negen nominated Kramer. Nominations for Clerk were called two more times. Chairman D. Negen ceased nominations after no more were heard. D. Negen declared it a unanimous decision for Maria Kramer to be the Clerk.

Nominations for Treasurer were called. D. Negen nominated B. Negen. Nominations for Treasurer were called two more times. Chairman D. Negen ceased nominations after no more were heard. D. Negen declared it a unanimous decision for B. Negen to be the Treasurer.

Board Directors for 2024 will be Andrea Bakker, Josie Cruz and Phyllis Bruns.

The following committee appointments were made:

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

- MRVED Representative: Kramer
- PTO Representative: Cruz, Bakker
- RCW Foundation: Lippert

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Cruz to name Squires & Waldspurger, & Mace, P.A. as official legal counsel and Kennedy Graven as the District Bond Council. Motion carried.

Motion by Bakker, seconded by B. Negen to make the Renville County Register the official newspaper. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Cruz to name MSDLAF+, PMA-MN Trust, First Security State Bank, FM Bank and Greater Community Credit Union as the official depositories for the district. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by B. Negen to make the official meeting day/time/location the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the District Board Room. The fourth Monday of each month will be used as a work session, for committee meetings or as an official meeting as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Kramer to keep the Board member per diem the same as 2022. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting Items:

No public comments.

Nothing to report for Communications.

The Board recognized Abigail Bratsch and Keaira Morris for their Blue Jacket/Bright Futures (FFA) designation. They also recognized Fabiola Gonzalez for getting 1st place in the Spelling Bee, Eva LeGare for getting 2nd place and Easton Johnson for getting third place.

The Finance Committee continues to negotiate with the EA and ESP groups.

Leadership reports were given by Peyton Mills, Kris Egge and Supt. Froke.

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Cruz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Chairman Negen thanked Derik Johnson and Brittany Hebrink for their work in the capacities they are leaving.

1. Approve payment of bills

date	beginning check	ending check	total
1/8/2024	59939	60023	\$200,164.03
	ACH		\$200,381.38

2. Approve minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting

3. Resignations:

- A. Derik Johnson - Physical Education Instructor/Activities Director

B. Derik Johnson - Head Girls Basketball Coach

C. Brittany Hebrink - Prom Advisor

4. Hires:

A. Tim Tanner - Long-Term Substitute Elementary/Library

5. Leave Request:

A. Ashley Weidemann - Music Instructor

B. Rick Hoffman - Groundskeeper

6. Overloads:

A. Pam Elfering - 2nd Semester

7. Fundraiser:

A. Free-Throw-a-Thon for Girls Basketball

Motion carried.

Motion by D. Negen, seconded by Kramer to approve the United Community Action Partnership. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by B. Negen to approve the PACT for Families Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, seconded by Cruz to approve the 2023 – 2025 Groundskeeper Contract. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the upcoming Leadership Conference and Board Retreat.

Corey Hebrink made a public comment regarding the Small Gym Renovation.

The next meeting is a work session on January 22, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Maria Kramer
Clerk