

Renville County West School Board Meeting

October 14, 2024

The October meeting of the Board of Education of ISD #2890, Renville County West, was called to order Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the RCW district conference room by Chairman Dale Negen.

Members present: Brad Negen, Dale Negen, Andrea Bakker, Josie Cruz and Ryan Lippert

Member absent: Maria Kramer, Phyllis Bruns

Others present: Meredith Leiser, Ross Okins, Peyton Mills, Kristen Egge, Kimberly Garza, Jiana Robertsdahl, Maci Markfort, Londa Swenson, Malinda Klaassen, Cory Hebrink, Krista Schrupp and Supt. Brad Johnson.

Motion by Lippert, second by Bakker to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Kimberly Garza presented to the board on behalf of Taher, the school's food service provider. She discussed current programs and future plans for the food service department.

Chairman Negen recognized the following businesses for their contributions to RCW: Hefty Seed – fertilizer, Hoffman Lawn Service – fertilizer spreading, Farmward Cooperative – forklift work as needed and MVTV Wireless – internet service for Danube fields.

Committee reports and Leadership reports were presented.

Motion by Lippert, second by Cruz to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting
2. Approve payment of bills

date	beginning check	ending check	total
10/14/2024	60745	60875	\$445,598.46
	ACH		\$364,622.51

3. Resignations:
 - A. Tara Hinderks - HR/Payroll Coordinator
 - B. Caitlyn Ahrenholz - Paraprofessional
 - C. Megan Ridler - Head Softball Coach
 - D. Dean Ehlebracht - Concessions Ordering
4. Hires:
 - A. Dean Ehlebracht - Scoreboard Advisor (67%)
 - B. Amanda Person - Scoreboard Advisor (33%)
 - C. Roberto Garza - Custodian
 - D. Pam Peterson - Long-Term Substitute - 1st Grade
5. Fundraisers:
 - A. Student Council - Homecoming Shirts
6. Donations

Date	Amount	From	Purpose
8/20/2024	\$300.00	FM Bank	donation
9/26/2024	\$874.92	Jaguar Juniors Volleyball	Net, volleyballs

9/26/2024	\$10,000.00	ACH Seeds	Ag Dept / FFA
9/30/2024	\$200.00	Ebenezer Presbyterian Church	school supplies

D. Negen thanked all for their service to RCW, with special thanks to Tara Hinderks for her years of service. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Negen, second by Lippert to approve the United Community Action/Head Start Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, second by B. Negen to approve the 2024-2025 Transportation Handbook with updated wages and conversion to hourly rates vs. route rates. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Negen, second by D. Negen to approve the staff recognition program initiated by Supt. Johnson that will provide Difference Maker shirts to selected staff using community donations. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Negen, second by Cruz to approve the FY25 CMCS Transportation agreement. Lippert opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, second by Bakker to approve the quote from MEI for \$95,605.41 for the north elevator repair. Motion carried.

Motion by Lippert, second by B. Negen to approve the quote from Hamline Construction Inc for \$29,854 plus the additional \$300 if needed for the north elevator fire system repair. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Negen, second by Lippert to approve the MOU with ESP member Pam Peterson for participation in the Short-Call Substitute Teacher Pilot Program. Motion carried.

The Flexible Learning Year survey results were discussed. A majority of participants preferred the before Labor Day start. Some participants preferred a 4 day school week. The board will begin discussing how the 4 day week could impact the district's operations.

The next meeting will be on Monday October 28, 2024, at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Maria Kramer, Clerk