

Mendota School District 289
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District #289 Education Center 06/19/25

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee was held June 19th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Mendota District #289 Education Center.

Narration: Roll Call

At 6:34 p.m., Mrs. Komitas called the Board of Education meeting to order with the following Board members present: Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Espinoza and Mrs. Komitas.

Resolution: Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza, to approve the agenda as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Espinoza, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (5-0)

Narration: Reception of Visitors and Opportunity for Public Comment

None

Resolution: Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the disposition of minutes for May 2025, payment of the bills, district treasurer's report, imprest, activity fund, cafeteria reports, and personnel report. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (4-0)

Narration: Informational Items

FOIA requests - Possibly AI-generated asking about graduate information.

Administrator Reports: Superintendent.

Mr. Cox mentioned he had a meeting with the highschool on final early outs and October/March in-services. He also discussed opening day training rotations and having Mr. Strouss as Lincoln and Blackstone support for this year. He also stated that there are no more boilers and that summer work is ahead of schedule. Title II and Title III funds are being reduced significantly. He mentioned that for the 3rd year in a row, every student got a free book.

Consideration of Board Committees and Reports

None

Resolution: MoU's Additional Stipends

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to approve the MoU's additional stipends as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Espinoza, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution: Press Policy 118

A motion was made by Mrs. Espinoza, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to approve Press Policy 118 as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Espinoza, and Mrs.Coss. Motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution: Milk Bid Proposal from Prairie Farms

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Landers, to approve the Prairie Farms Milk Bid as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Espinoza, and Mrs.Coss. Motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution: FY25 Year-End Closeout Bills

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza, to approve the payment of FY25 closeout bills for final approval at the July meeting as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Espinoza, and Mrs.Coss. Motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution: Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to move to Executive Session at 6:44 pm to discuss the current board vacancies. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, and Mrs. Espinoza. Motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution: Open Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Landers, to move to Open Session at 7:51 pm. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Espinoza, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution: Appointment of New Board Members

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to move to appoint Holli Rapp and Walter Reynolds as the new school board members. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Espinoza, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (5-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Landers, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. A vote by acclamation in full was recorded. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mrs. Komitas – Board President

Mrs. Coss – Board Secretary