

Mendota School District 289
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District #289 Education Board Room 01/16/25

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee was held January 16, 2025 at 6:30pm at District #289 Education Center.

Narration: Roll Call

At 6:39 p.m Mrs. Komitas called the Board of Education meeting to order with the following Board members answering present: Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Komitas.

Resolution: Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder to approve the agenda as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (4-0)

Narration: Reception of Visitors and Opportunity for Public Comment

None

Resolution: Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Landers, seconded by Mrs. Coss to approve the Consent Agenda including the disposition of minutes for December 2024, payment of the bills, district treasurer's report, imprest, activity fund, and cafeteria reports, 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 - Illinois Retired Teacher Association

Administrator Reports: Maintenance Director, Auditor

Dustin Kent, the District Maintenance Director, presented the board with some improvements he has been working on. These range from bathroom renovations and floor stripping to custodial training and creating SOPs. He keeps up with preventative maintenance and aims to complete projects in house to reduce expensive outsourcing. Examples of these were the shed renovations at Lincoln and Blackstone, lighting, and front entrance at Northbrook.

Russ Rumbold, from Gorenz and Associates, summarized the FY24 audit. He mentioned his team was pleasantly surprised with our District as this is the first year they audit M289. He highlighted key points based on capital projects and we rated a 3.2 out 4. We also received an unmodified opinion, which means that the auditor concludes that the financial statements were reported fairly.

Mr. Cox presented the board with the Northbrook activity tryout numbers by grade level. Several activities have many students tryout and only few make the teams. Mrs. Komitas suggested that a conversation be held with MHS on possible opportunities to expose students to sports.

Consideration of Board Committees and Reports

None.

Resolution: IGA with Mendota High School, Algebra

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder to approve the IGA with Mendota High School for Algebra as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (4-0)

Resolution: 2025-2026 School Calendar

A motion was made by Mrs. Landers, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (4-0)

Narration: Upcoming Board Meetings

Mr. Cox reminded the board members that the February board meeting will be held at Lincoln, March board meeting will be held at Northbrook, and April board meeting will be held at Blackstone.

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. A vote by acclamation in full was recorded. Motion carried. (4-0)

Mrs. Komitas – Board President

Mrs. Landers – Board Secretary