

Mendota School District 289  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District #289 Education Center 05/15/25

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee was held May 15th, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Mendota District #289 Education Center.

Narration: Roll Call

At 6:36 p.m., Mrs. Komitas called the Board of Education meeting to order with the following Board members 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: Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to move to Executive Session at 6:37 pm for the interviews of prospective school board members. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, and Mrs. Espinoza. Motion carried. (4-0)

Resolution: Open Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Landers, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to move to Open Session at 7:32 pm. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (4-0)

Resolution: Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the disposition of minutes for April 2025, payment of the bills, district treasurer's report, imprest, activity fund, cafeteria reports, personnel report, and authorize payment of remaining regular May 2025 Bills. 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 - contracts from the Local Painters Union and a parent asking for student video.

Administrator Reports: Superintendent.

Mr. Cox mentioned that the personnel report was updated with the summer help.

Consideration of Board Committees and Reports

None

Resolution: FY25 Auditor Contract: Gorenz and Associates

A motion was made by Mrs. Landers, seconded by Mrs. Coss, to approve the FY25 Auditor Contract with Gorenz and Associates as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (4-0)

Resolution: Transfer of \$4.0 from the working cash fund to Operations and Maintenance

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to approve the transfer of \$4.0M from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (4-0)

Narration: Press Policy 118

Theresa Komitas summarized the changes of Press Policy 118. 80% of the changes under the change in the language. All and the dollar amounts of capitalized expenditures were also mentioned. This is the first reading of the Press Policy 118.

Narration: Northbrook Morning Track Flow

Mr. Cox mentioned moving the parent drop-off to the inside lane and the bus drop-off to the 5th-grade door. Administration is still working on the logistics of it. Mr. Cox and the board discussed the different possibilities. Lincoln School drop-off was also discussed.

Narration: Special Education: Cross-Categorical Programming

Mr. Cox mentioned moving the cross-categorical from K-3 to Lincoln school, and 4-8 at Northbrook. This would offer better support to our students and staff and allow us to bring some of our off-site students back into our district.

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. A vote by acclamation in full was recorded. Motion carried. (4-0)

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Mrs. Komitas – Board President

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Mrs. Coss – Board Secretary