

Mendota School District 289
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District #289 Lincoln School AP Room 02/20/25

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee was held February 20, 2025 at 6:30pm at Lincoln School AP Room.

Narration: Roll Call

At 6:31 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, Mrs. Espinoza and Mr. Williams by phone.

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, Mrs. Espinoza, Mr. Williams and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (6-0)

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 January 2025, 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, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Espinoza, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (6-0)

Narration: Informational Items

FOIA requests - none

Administrator Reports: Lincoln, Superintendent

Mrs. Albers, Lincoln Principal, shared with the board pictures of different activities that they do to make learning fun at Lincoln School such as Fist Bump Friday, Pie the Principal, Principal for the Day, Paw Pride, Grandparent's Day, Community Involvement, 4th Grade Musical, Christmas at Lincoln, The Masked Reader, Guns & Hoses, Cheering the Trojans, 100th day of School, Out and About activities such as Veteran's Day, Mendota Library, and Princeton Movie Theater.

Mr. Cox notified the board that the winter fastbridge scores are in and math is higher than it has ever been while reading is higher since Covid. He also gave the board the Mendota #289 Financial Update.

Consideration of Board Committees and Reports

Mrs. Komitas mentioned that the Health Insurance Committee will be beginning and will be discussing health insurance costs. Numbers look a lot better this year with around 10% increase. They will be discussing options to help mitigate the costs.

Narration: Working Cash Bonds

Kevin Wills summarized the current bond process and mentioned that the bonds have been sold. A closing date of March 11th, 2025 was briefly talked about.

Resolution: Working Cash Bond Issuance

A motion was made by Mrs. Landers, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder to provide for the issue of \$3,505,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, of Community Consolidated School District Number 289, LaSalle, Lee, and Bureau Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Bernardi Securities, Inc. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Espinoza, Mrs. Landers and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (6-0)

Resolution: RIF/Seniority List

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza to approve the RIF/Seniority List as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Espinoza and Mrs. Coss. Motion carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Landers, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. A vote by acclamation in full was recorded. Motion carried. (6-0)

Mrs. Komitas – Board President

Mrs. Landers – Board Secretary