

Mendota School District 289
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District #289 Education Board Room 05/16/24

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee was held May 16, 2024 at 6:30pm at District #289 Education Center.

Narration: Roll Call

At 6:33 p.m Mrs. Komitas called the Board of Education meeting to order with the following Board members answering present: Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Coss, Ms. Rapp, and Mrs. Espinoza, and Mrs. Landers.

Resolution: Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder to approve the agenda as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mrs. Espinoza, Ms. Rapp, and Mrs. Komitas. Motion carried. (6-0)

Narration: Reception of Visitors and Opportunity for Public Comment

Paula Daley introduced Elizabeth LeBeau, the new Assistant Principal at Northbrook.

Resolution: Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Landers to approve the Consent Agenda including the disposition of minutes for April 2024, payment of the bills, district treasurer's report, imprest and activity fund report, cafeteria report, and personnel report. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mrs. Espinoza, Ms. Rapp, and Mrs. Komitas. Motion carried. (6-0)

Narration: Informational Items

FOIA requests - Painter District Council requested invoices for paint purchases.

Administrator Reports: Superintendent

Mr. Cox reported that District 289 partnered with MHS to hold a concert. The CSS committee is still continuing with data collection and benchmarking to create the best common consistent experience for students. 2025 expenditures include HVAC work and a new Language curriculum. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students were surveyed on different activities. Ms. Daley stated that 4 students were going to state.

Scott Engstrom introduced Morgan Red, who then presented the board with 2 HVAC packages for Northbrook and Blackstone. No work is needed at Lincoln at this time. Mr. Cox recommended not to go with Package A and he stated the work at Northbrook is urgent.

Tyler Pearce and Jodi Peterson stated that Northbrook became a targeted school due to not having the Climate Survey completed. Mr. Pearce, Mrs. Peterson and the board held a discussion on strategies for test taking, practice tests, specially for students with IEPs, formatting content to what students see and providing accommodations for special ed students such as extended time.

Consideration of Board Committees and Reports

Theresa Komitas stated that the insurance committee met twice.

Narration: Joint Annual Conference: November 22-24

Mr. Cox mentioned that registration opens on June 3rd for the Joint Annual Conference this fall.

Narration: Tennis Court MoU

Dick Chavez from Skate Illinois Valley answered the board's concerns on the new skate park in the old tennis courts in Mendota. He mentioned that Naperville donated the ramps. Lindsey Chavez and Angel Eisenberg also voiced their support for the skate park on this all inclusive sport. Roles in the maintenance of this park were discussed.

Narration: District Daycare

Paula Daley presented the board with initial conversations of a District Daycare. From previous conversations with teachers, day care providers are hard to find. Ms. Daley has been working with Annie Short and YMCA. A survey was sent out to get feedback from our district and members of the community. A section of the Lutheran Home is a possible location for the District Daycare. Mr. Cox, Ms. Daley and the board discussed this possibility.

Resolution: Press Policy 114

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza to approve the Press Policy 114 as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mrs. Espinoza, Ms. Rapp and Mrs. Komitas. Motion carried. (6-0)

Narration: Textbook Adoption

Mr. Cox summarized the new language textbook purchases stating this is a huge process involving lots of staff members. This HMH curriculum for 6-8th grade is a 7 year contract and K-5 would be using Amplify. Title funds and FY25 funds would be used to purchase textbooks.

Resolution:Textbook Adoption

A motion was made by Mrs. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder to approve the textbook adoption as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mrs. Espinoza, Ms. Rapp and Mrs. Komitas. Motion carried. (6-0)

Resolution: Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Coss to move to Executive Session at 9:00 pm for the discussion of the District Health Insurance. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mrs. Espinoza, and Ms. Rapp. Motion carried. (6-0)

Resolution: Open Session

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Coss to move to Open Session at 9:40 pm. A vote by acclamation in full was recorded. Motion carried. (6-0)

Resolution: Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Espinoza to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. A vote by acclamation in full was recorded. Motion carried. (6-0)