

Mendota School District 289
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: District #289 Education Center 08/21/25

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community School District #289, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee was held August 21st, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Mendota District #289 Education Center.

Narration: Roll Call

At 6:32 p.m., Mrs. Komitas called the Board of Education meeting to order with the following Board members present: Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Ms. Rapp, Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Komitas.

Resolution: Approve Agenda

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

Narration: Reception of Visitors and Opportunity for Public Comment

None

Resolution: Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the disposition of minutes for July 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. Coss, Mrs. Landers, Mr. Reynolds, and Ms. Rapp. Motion carried. (6-0)

Narration: Informational Items

FOIA requests - Public data search, Starve Ridge, and Teri Mertens

Administrator Reports: Superintendent

Superintendent Cox and the board held a discussion on the delegate assembly and processions for the Joint Annual Conference. He also presented the board with the projection enrollment. There are 5 grade levels with less than 100 kids. Mr. Cox is working on bringing some of the out of place students back soon. He also talked about the wellness initiative in efforts to bring health care costs down. The summer HVAC is complete and working. He stated that 5th grade teachers are loving the departmentalized schedules.

Consideration of Board Committees and Reports

None

Resolution: Tentative FY26 Budget

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Schroeder, to approve the tentative FY26 budget as presented.. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mr. Reynolds, and Ms. Rapp. Motion carried. (6-0)

Resolution: Annual EIS Report

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

Resolution: Press Policy 119

A motion was made by Mrs. Coss, seconded by Ms. Rapp, to approve the Press Policy 119 as presented.. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes – Mrs. Komitas, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Coss, Mr. Reynolds, and Ms. Rapp. Motion carried. (6-0)

Narration: Tennis Courts

Superintendent Cox and the board held a discussion on the possibility of giving the tennis courts to the City of Mendota. Upkeep, parking during school events, amongst other issues were discussed.

Narration: Board Social

A survey was sent to the board to plan a social with the MHS board. Several ideas were discussed.

A motion was made by Ms. Rapp, seconded by Mrs. Coss, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. A vote by acclamation in full was recorded. Motion carried. (6-0)

Mrs. Komitas – Board President

Mrs. Coss – Board Secretary