

# Mendota School District 289

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Narration: Special Board Meeting - December 9, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 289, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee, was held on December 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Northbrook School Library.

Declaration: Call to Order

At 6:10 p.m. Mr. Cassidy called the meeting to order with the following Board members answering present: Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Guelde. Absent: Mrs. D'Arteaga, Mr. Borchelt.

Resolution: Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Geulde, seconded by Mr. Pohl to approve the agenda as presented. The following roll call was recorded: Ayes - Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Guelde

Discussion: Best Practices Presentation

Mrs. Pozzi and Mrs. Niles gave a PowerPoint presentation that identified 14 middle school practices and cultural characteristics that create successful schools for young adolescents. The board discussed several items related to the presentation that they would like to be included in the plan for Northbrook Middle School. These included professional development for current research-based best practices for middle schools, support for students transitioning from the elementary to the middle school, multiple learning and teaching approaches that respond to student diversity, and accountability for implementing change aligned to the middle school concept.

Discussion: Building Configuration

Mrs. Burress presented a transition plan outlining the steps that need to be considered for the movement of the fourth grade Northbrook to the new Lincoln addition. The fourth grade move will provide space needed at the Northbrook building for the middle school.

The board discussed developing detailed plans for the use of additional space in both the Northbrook and Lincoln buildings. The building administrators will be working on plans for building schedules, bus schedules, the placement of staff, and any additional needs for staff due to additional space.

Preliminary plans will be presented to the board in January.

Narration: Board member enters meeting

Mrs. D'Arteaga entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Resolution: Adjourn meeting

At 9:05 p.m. with no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Pohl, seconded by Mrs. D'Arteaga to adjourn the meeting to the regular board meeting to be held on December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Northbrook School Library. Motion was carried by voice vote.

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Mr. Cassidy, President

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Mrs. Guelde, Acting Secretary