

# RENWICK SNAPSHOT

APRIL 2019

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

### RENWICK BOE

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The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Find agendas, meeting minutes at [usd267.com](http://usd267.com)

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On April 2, the Renwick bond issue received 69 percent approval from voters.

These patrons voted YES for our children.

YES for our schools.

YES for our future.

On behalf of our district staff and students, I want to thank all voters who supported the issue at the polls earlier this month. It's also important to recognize the USD 267 Board of Education, district administrators, KIDS (Keep Improving District Schools) committee and community members who joined together to create a vision for these improvement plans to provide safety and security, educational enhancements, and additional classroom and support space for Renwick students.

With voter approval, the real work now begins. At their meeting on April 8, board of education members unanimously approved the resolution for the sale of the bonds. Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture, the firm hired by the board, will begin creating the drawings for the various bond projects, while Law Company, the construction managers hired by the board, will start working on a timeline.

While many will be anxious to see the shovels breaking ground and initial work beginning, it is important for us to proceed in a careful, studied manner to ensure we are proceeding in the best way possible. We will offer communication about the progress on our efforts as we begin this exciting journey. The regular board meetings (*which are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and open to the public*) will feature a bond update presentation. In addition, be sure to like, follow and share the Renwick USD 267 Bond Issue Facebook page for information as well.

Throughout the process of the bond election, it was encouraging to see how much all six of our communities care about Renwick students and the schools that work each day to bring the best education to all children who walk through our doors. Countless conversations were had prior to the election about how these improvements will impact the value of the education that we offer. We have a long, proud tradition of excellence in USD 267, and it is thrilling to know this bond issue will serve students well for years to come.

Parents send us the best they have — their children. They deserve nothing less than the best education we can offer them. Thank you again for your support in the bond issue that will help us achieve this goal.



## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- Board members welcomed the Recognition of Excellence recipients for March: Brendon Rolfs, Garden Plain Elementary 6-8 math teacher; Brian Lavery, Andale High School vocal music teacher; Kay Penner, payroll/benefits clerk; and Michelle Hopkins, St. Mark's Elementary paraprofessional.
- Members approved the consent agenda, which included approval of personnel; approval of recent supplemental contracts; out-of-district students; Out-of-District Students; Supplemental Contracts; Out-of-State Travel Requests; Board Policy: KFD-S Renwick Parent Observation, Action; Student Material Fee; Student Technology Fee; Athletic Participation Fee; Testing Fee; Instrument Rental; Band Fee; Kansas Association of School Boards Legal Assistance Fund Contract.
- A special board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 at 15400 W Breezy Lane, Colwich. The purpose of the meeting is a Board of Education workshop – discussion only. The next regular Board Meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 13 in the District Office Conference Room, 600 W. Rush, Andale. Meetings are open to the public.



## ST. MARK'S LEANS INTO LEARNING WITH STRATEGIES

"The little kids can look up to the big kids and the eighth, seventh and sixth graders can be an example to the little kids."

This is just one student's opinion of the popular "House Fridays" – where grades K-8 come together in groups of St. Mark's Elementary Houses to work on community tasks, compete against one another in games and participate in activities.

It's just one of the many engagement programs the school has been working on this year, as board members heard from a presentation of SMES staff at the April meeting. In addition, SMES teachers provided information on how small group tiers are helping them meet students at their level and help them made great strides. Bal-A-Vis-X – a series of Balance/Auditory/Vision exercises is being used in several classrooms to promote engagement of both sides to the brain. "It helps the right and the left side work together," explained third grade teacher Staci Simon, who has seen an impact on student performance. "It keeps those synapses firing."

SMES Yoga classes improve focus and concentration, reduces stress and anxiety, improves memory and attention span, encourages self love and self care, and improves self control. Para Michelle Hopkins works with 6-8th students once a week.

"I teach what you learn about yourself on the mat -- you can take from the mat and take it out into the world. Patience, acceptance, compassion, honesty," Hopkins said.

Principal Chris White said SMES students are fortunate to be in a school with such caring teachers and staff.

"The faculty and staff at St. Mark's collaborate very well – all in the best interest of the students," she said. "There is always a positive feeling of team work among the staff that helps to create a productive and positive learning environment."



### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of USD 267 is to prepare all students to be college and career ready for the 21st century.



