

RENWICK SNAPSHOT

AUGUST 2018

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Build strong relationships.

Sounds simple, right? But as I stated to USD 267 staff members at the district-wide in-service this month, there's nothing more vital to our success. I shared with staff two experiences from my own life to illustrate how meeting a person where they are in life with concern and care can mean the difference between breaking another person down — or building them up.

Here, at Renwick, we aim to build others up.

That's why relationships are among my three goals for USD 267 as we begin 2018-2019. Relationships with students, parents, patrons and anyone involved with our schools is crucial. We must reach out to students and determine their individual needs and what will make them successful. We have developed Individual Plans of Study for all students grades 6 through 12. These plans are a pathway to guide students toward what will make them successful once they leave Renwick after graduation and begin to make their own contributions in the world.

Focus will also be placed on efficiency this year, as we have dropped enrollment by 53 students. While this is concerning, I know our district will meet this challenge by remaining mindful of our operations and continually seeking better ways to manage our resources.

The third goal is simply #RenwickProud. Each and every day our schools, staff and students are doing amazing things. I have encouraged all the staff to shout their everyday successes from the rooftops. Get the good news about USD 267 out there via social media by using #RenwickProud. With exceptional students and staff, as well as a supportive community, we have quite a story to share.



In addition to recognizing new staff, several current staff members were also recognized for years of service at the Aug. 13 inservice. Renwick employees shown above are celebrating five years with the district.

RENWICK BOE

President Greg Tice (rep. Colwich/St. Marks)

VP Joanna Fair (rep. Andale)

Bill Brand
(rep. Andale)

Joe Camp
(rep. at-large)

Brent Dome
(rep. Colwich/St. Marks)

Chris Heimerman
(rep. Garden Plain)

Craig Nelson
(rep. Garden Plain)

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Find agendas, meeting minutes at usd267.com

Renwick Snapshot provides a summary of meeting highlights and does not serve as official meeting minutes, which are approved at the following month's meeting and posted online. To view minutes and supporting documents visit usd267.com and select Board Docs—Public under Board of Education. From there, select the meeting you wish to view.

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— Superintendent Mindy Bruce

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- During Superintendent's Comments, Mindy Bruce reported USD 267 has been named a recipient of a Kansas State Department of Education Safe and Secure Schools Grant in the amount of \$33,654. The grant proposal, written this summer, will fund safety locks on classroom doors at Andale Elementary/Middle School for use in the event of a crisis situation. The grant was written to fund this added security measure in the Andale Elementary/Middle School facility as all other classrooms in the district already have safety locks on classroom doors. Superintendent Bruce noted it is another important step in the district's continued efforts to prioritize the safety and security of its students and staff.
- Renwick Board of Education members approved the Consent Agenda, which included supplemental contracts and a first read of two board policy updates. An update to the board policy regarding unpaid meal charges stipulates that any unpaid school food service debt will be compiled, annually, on June 1st and turned into the business department.
- Among its action items, approved the 2018-2019 budget. This year's mill levy — as in the past few years — decreased. With a decrease of 1.331, taxpayers will have a mill levy of 57.001 mills for the current fiscal year.
- BOE members also approved a salary increase for certified staff and administrative staff. The average increase was 2.93 percent. Classified staff in the district received a 50 cents/hour raise, with all classified staff raised to a minimum rate of \$10/hour.
- Five buses in Renwick's fleet were approved by board members to be sold on the Purple Wave auction site following action in Monday's meeting. The five vehicles — all older than 25 years — are part of the district's continuing efforts to ensure its fleet vehicles are safe, reliable and efficient for the transportation of students and staff.
- The next regular Board Meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Garden Plain High School on Monday, Sept. 10.
- To view minutes of board meetings, please visit usd267.com and select the Board of Education tab.



MISSION STATEMENT

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