

RENWICK SNAPSHOT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

— Henry Ford

This quote comes from one of the great engineering minds whose innovative ideas put our nation in motion and changed the way we travel. Although that was more than 100 years ago, Ford's take is more relevant today than ever. There's no way that first Model A built by Ford Motor Company would have ever seen the road without one key element: collaboration.

Tomorrow's workforce will definitely need to take a page from past inspiration such as this. I recently attended the national conference for Technology Education, which brought together some of the most influential minds in tech today. I had the opportunity to listen to influencers from Google, Apple, Meraki and other tech giants who basically create the future for all of us in Silicon Valley.

My biggest take away? You guessed it: collaboration.

Many of the skills in the current workforce are heavy on knowledge — we're talking about roles in careers such as doctors, lawyers or teachers. However, in the future, we're going to rely heavily on problem solvers, construction, green energy, travel, agriculture and service sectors.

Along with fellow superintendents from across Kansas and Missouri, I learned we need to do more collaboration among our staff of excellent educators to advance the curriculum of our students.

We do a great job on teaching knowledge, but we have to get better at teaching collaboration, project based learning and strong oral and written communication so our students can take these skills to solve problems of the future.

My principals and I will be — you guessed it — collaborating on ideas to get this done. Stay tuned.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the proposed bond issue for school improvements will be presented to voters in an election on Tuesday, April 2.

In the weeks leading up to the vote, the KIDS (Keep Improving District Schools) committee will be sharing information on the proposed bond issue so all voters can be informed.

Brochures, information regarding voter registration, and renderings of the bond project will be on display at all buildings during parent teacher conferences this month. In addition, there will be town hall meetings at 7 p.m. Monday, March 4 at each of the district buildings: Andale Elementary, Andale High School, Colwich Elementary, Garden Plain Elementary, Garden Plain High School and St. Marks Elementary.

We encourage all patrons to learn more about the bond and how it will impact Our Children, Our Schools, Our Future.



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

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

- Board members welcomed the Recognition of Excellence recipients for December:
 - * Tina Lies – a paraprofessional at Andale Elementary School, was nominated by two AES teachers for her exemplary attitude and her willingness to go the extra mile to get things done. “Tina is caring and compassionate ... my classroom is a better classroom with her in it,” the nomination read.
 - * Judy Redmer – a bus driver for more than 30 years with the district, was nominated for her dedication to safely transporting students to school as well as to many extracurricular activities. She even volunteers to help coaches keep books if needed at sporting events.
 - * Megan Stolz – a second grade teacher at Andale Elementary School, was honored for her dedication to students and support of colleagues by fellow teacher Katie Sheahon. “She is always willing to try something new if it is in the best interest of her students.”
 - * Mandy Knoll, Andale High School English instructor, received the excellence award for her involvement with student activities through her STUCO sponsorship. Nominated by a fellow teacher, Knoll is busy “early mornings and late nights” helping to plan details of events to enrich the student experience.
- Members approved the consent agenda, which included approval of personnel; approval of recent supplemental contracts; and first read of several BOE policy changes.
- USD 267 Board of Education members unanimously approved to extend Superintendent Mindy Bruce’s contract from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- The next regular Board Meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Renwick District Office on Monday, March 18. Please note the board approved the rescheduling of the meeting to this date so it would not fall during Spring Break.
- To view complete minutes of board meetings, please visit usd267.com and select the Board of Education tab.



Recognition of Excellence recipients honored at the February Board Meeting (left to right): AES teacher Megan Stolz, AES paraprofessional Tina Lies, and bus driver Judy Redmer. Not pictured: AHS English instructor Mandy Knoll.



MISSION STATEMENT

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