

RENWICK SNAPSHOT

JANUARY 2019

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Practical, applicable skills.

At USD 267, we're not solely preparing students for careers. We're giving them the tools to successfully navigate life.

No matter what career or vocation they pursue, there will always be bills to pay, insurance options to decide and unforeseen expenses. Personal finance can be challenging – even for experienced adults. Accordingly, our Board of Education approved the addition of personal finance as a requirement for all graduates of the class of 2021 and beyond.

The inclusion of Personal Finance as a graduation requirement is necessary to prepare our students for the financial situations that they will face in life after graduation. With our district mission statement – to prepare all students to be college and career ready for the 21st century – students need the skills to be financially literate. I am pleased that our district sees this as a critical skill for all students.

While I'm on the topic of providing a curriculum rich in experiences to help students navigate future challenges and opportunities, I would like to say how proud I am of the presentations Renwick students are making at monthly Board of Education meetings.

Each school has been assigned a meeting to speak to the Board about projects or classroom activities. It can be a daunting task for adults – let alone young students – to address an audience. Our students are not only rising to the challenge – they are excelling.

While I am thrilled to see their engaging presentations, I am even more excited to think about how they will use these communication skills when they transition into their future professions. What a mark these Renwick students will make.

Our district's teachers and administrators strive to enrich our students with real-world knowledge every day in addition to the necessary curriculum. It takes a wealth of knowledge to succeed, but also a variety of skills to build the foundation of success.

As we kick off a new calendar year, these are just two reminders of how Renwick students are continually challenged and enriched every day.



Andale Middle School students discuss their Lego Robotics project with BOE members during the January monthly meeting. Presentations at Board meetings is another way the district enhances curriculum with additional skills and experiences.

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.

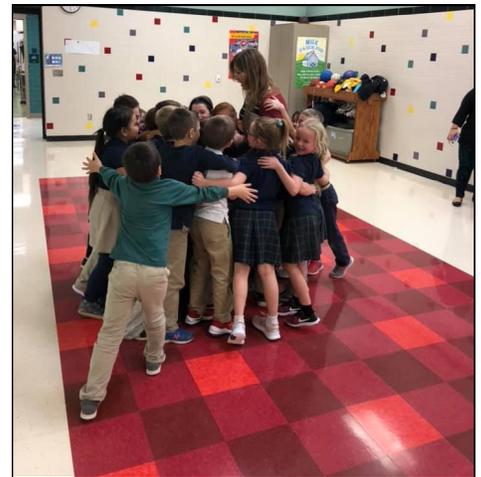
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— Superintendent Mindy Bruce

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- The Consent Agenda included the approval of recent supplemental contracts.
- Board members welcomed the Recognition of Excellence recipients for December:
 - * Ann Butler, cook at Garden Plain Elementary, was nominated for her dedication to helping out in the absence of a head cook. She stepped up and did all the paperwork associated with the position when the kitchen needed it the most.
 - * Cena Harvey, special education paraprofessional at Garden Plain High School, was nominated for the help that she provides to students, going above and beyond by holding study sessions at 7am to even giving out her cell phone number so students can contact her if they need help with homework.
 - * Heather Daerr, science teacher at Garden Plain High School, was nominated for being a leader in the building and always going above-and-beyond to provide her students with exceptional learning experiences.
 - * Crystal Hein, kindergarten teacher at St. Marks Elementary, was nominated by a parent for helping her highly anxious student be comfortable coming to school.
- Paige Towey, St. Marks first grade teacher, was recognized for being named a 2019 Horizon Award recipient by the Kansas State Department of Education. Kansas Commissioner of Education Randy Watson delivered the news to Towey in a phone call earlier this month. Out of hundreds of applicants, only 32 are chosen for the honor. Towey will attend a reception with fellow exemplary educators across the state in February.
- USD 267 Board of Education members unanimously approved a resolution to bring a Bond Project to voters in an April 2 election. The proposed bond question is a result of meetings with community members, staff and parents as they assessed facilities and determined needs of the district. The proposed bond project addresses safety and security issues, as well as improvements and additions. Parents and patrons will also have the opportunity learn about the bond during presentations in all four communities of the district in the coming weeks.
- Board members approved the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year – with first day of Aug. 22, 2019 and last day May 22, 2020. The 2020-2021 school year calendar was also approved – with first day of Aug. 20, 2020 and last day May 21, 2021.
- Approval was also given to accept the bids from Buckley Roofing for both St. Mark’s library roof and Andale Elementary Gym roof.
- The next regular Board Meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Renwick District Office on Monday, February 11.
- To view complete minutes of board meetings, please visit usd267.com and select the Board of Education tab.



St. Marks First Graders celebrate the selection of Teacher Paige Towey as a KSDE Horizon Award Winner.



MISSION STATEMENT

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