

# RENWICK SNAPSHOT

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Enriching, educational experiences.

Renwick offers students these opportunities every day as we work toward our district's mission to make each one of them college and career ready.

Members of a Garden Plain Middle School classroom showed Unified School District 267 Board of Education members during their September meeting just what this preparation for the 21st century looks like.

GPES Teacher Tia Jones and her students offered an energetic presentation about how they solve problems, collaborate and create in her STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math) classroom.

"My main goal is for the students to create," said Jones, who attended Project Lead the Way training this past summer. "I want them to create knowledge, create experiences, create good habits, create concrete objects, and create strategies."

It's an innovative mindset — one that Renwick is committed to sharing. Jones draws inspiration from the George Couros quote, "*We rarely create something different until we experience something different.*"

Different creations are exactly what is happening. Some students at the meeting were animated as they shared the experience of creating a dog house to protect a pet from extreme temperatures with nothing more than a \$12 budget (for the record, aluminum foil and cardboard did the trick).

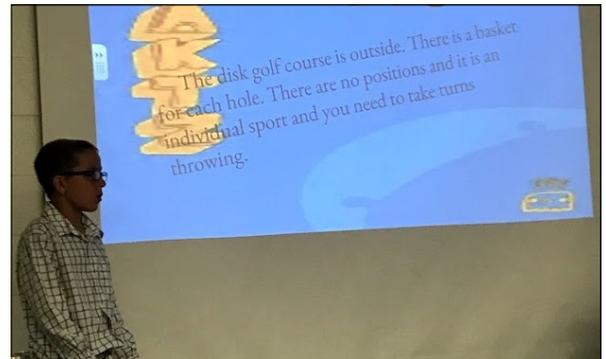
Other young presenters couldn't wipe the grin off their faces as they explained their solution to the challenge to create a "sports mash-up." VSF (volleyball, soccer, football) Golf could very well be coming to a disc golf course soon.

A tabletop game involving a catapult and a tower created from 20 index cards and a meter of tape were also on tap the first few weeks of school.

No matter what the outcome, engagement of ideas was key.

"I want them to be created and not be scare of their own ideas — their imagination," Jones told the board. "Think outside the box. There are ways to do things that have never been done before. In order to be creative — you have to practice."

As far as our students are concerned, practice makes perfect.



Blake Butterfield presents a recent project he helped develop as part of Tia Jones' STEAM classroom at GPMS. The goal of the curriculum is to actively engage students in engineering problem-solving and collaboration to better prepare them for real world success.

### 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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## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- Renwick Board of Education members approved the Consent Agenda, including the approval of out-of-state travel for Andale Elementary Principal Tad Hatfield. Hatfield will travel to Washington, D.C. in October to attend the National Distinguished Principal of the Year ceremony, where he will represent the state of Kansas. The Renwick administrator was honored last spring as the Kansas Association of elementary School Principals 2018 District 4 honoree, making him eligible for the national award. "This is a very humbling experience and I am fortunate to be working within a great community and school," Hatfield noted earlier this year. Hatfield will attend seminars during the event and plans to share new insight and information to his staff.
- The Consent Agenda also included the approval of recent supplemental contracts and final action 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.
- Kansas Honor Scholars were recognized by the Board of Education. Seniors in the top 10 percent of their class are recognized each year by the University of Kansas for this achievement. Andale High School seniors receiving the award include: Cayden Albers, Jacy Anderson, John Aschenbrenner, Ethan Baalman, Catherine Bergkamp, Jessica Bergkamp, Wyatt Blasi, Carly Brasser, Paiton Bruce, Lauren Dodson, Alivia Dome, Jaden Eck, Mason Fairchild, Samantha Hein, Jeremy Konda, Morgan Konda, Keaton Mannebach, Trevor Martin, Jayden Nilles, Josephine Randall, Sarah Reichart, Alexander Scott, Kailey Seiler, Steven Sheahon, Sawyer Simon and Cooper VenJohn. Garden Plain High recipients include: Kaden Bradshaw, Kara Heimerman, Taylor Hoheisel and Rebecca Smith.
- Renwick is looking at the possibility of planning a bond issue and has formed a committee to study the needs of each building. Those on the committee include BOE President Greg Tice and BOE members Bill Brand and Brent Dome, along with administrators and community members. The main focus would concern safety and security of district buildings. Community meetings will be scheduled once details have emerged.
- The next regular Board Meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Garden Plain High School on Monday, Oct. 12.



Andale High Seniors who attended the meeting to receive their certificates are above: Lauren Dodson, Kailey Seiler, Catherine Bergkamp and Wyatt Blasi.



GPHS students honorees pictured at left: Rebecca Smith, Kaden Bradshaw and Kara Heimerman.



### MISSION STATEMENT

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