

USD 217 Board of Education
Regular Meeting
BOE Room – Hays Educational Building
Monday, April 13, 2026 – 6:30 pm

Call to Order

President Jason LaRue called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

Jason LaRue Phoebe Brummett Nick Link Daniel Dunn Maria Wiebe

Others present: Superintendent Randy Rockhold, Principal Tracy Flanagan, Board Treasurer Traci Overpeck
Staff members Steffani Perry, SaKya Milburn, Cassie Thrall, Ashlie Huber, and Board Clerk Kathy Purcell

Approval of Agenda

Jason LaRue moved to accept the agenda as presented. Phoebe Brummett seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

I Comments from Public - Staff

- 1 2026 Senior trip budget - Ashlie Huber

The Seniors will be going to South Padre Island and San Antonio for their class trip. Sponsor Ashlie Huber asked they be allowed to bump their budget up \$1769.00.

Phoebe Brummett moved to allow the students to spend an additional \$1769.00 above the budget. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- 2 Graduation Requirement Review - Steffani Perry

Steffani Perry reviewed the graduation requirements with the board. See the attached information.

Daniel Dunn moved to approve the graduation requirements as presented. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

3. Steffani Perry did inform the board that for the year 26-27 10 Pathways for CTE have been approved.

II Business

1. Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Board Minutes – March 9, 2026
 - b. Approval of USD 217 Treasurer's Report – April Bank Statement, 941 Quarterly
 - c. Approval of USD Activity Report
 - d. Authorize payments of bills

Phoebe Brummett moved to approve the consent agenda items a, b, c, and d as presented. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motion carried 5 - 0.

III Action Items

1. Declare writing lab computers as surplus

Jason LaRue moved to declare the writing lab computers as surplus. Phoebe Brummett seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

2. Accept Wes Hargreaves' Resignation effective March 28, 2026

Jason LaRue moved to accept the resignation of Wes Hargreaves with appreciation for his time of service. Nick Link seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

3. Accept Amber Shapland's Resignation effective May 15, 2026

Jason LaRue moved to accept the resignation of Amber Shapland effective May 15, 2026. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

4. Accept Ashlie Huber's Supplemental Resignation (Track) 26 – 27

Jason LaRue moved to accept the resignation of Ashlie Huber from her supplemental (Track) for 26 – 27. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

IV Communications

1. Activities Director – Cassie Thrall

Jr. High athletics going to Elkhart has been great this year, working on a contract for next year.

HS football will be with Elkhart for 26 – 27- 7 are planning to play. The coaches from Elkhart have met with the boys and discussed expectations and training.

Junior High Basketball is expecting to stay in house as there should be enough participants locally.

HS Track will have their home meet April 15 and the Junior High will have theirs the 23rd.

2. Grounds/Maintenance – Randy Rockhold

Superior HVAC will be servicing the AC units and developing a comprehensive plan to install/replace other units. At the present 3 units have been installed to bypass the geo thermal system.

Irrigation system – hasn't been maintained. Being inspected to see why unit in library isn't working and checking to make sure football field is watering correctly. Checking to see what it would cost to install irrigation system around District Office.

Mowing – 3 bids were sought 1. First person didn't have the equipment to do what was needed. 2. The second person couldn't bag the grass and wanted \$1666.00 per week to mow. 3. Person would mow everything once per week and twice if needed during the growing season for \$3,000.00

It is Mr. Rockhold's recommendation to contract for this year since equipment is in need of replacement and repairs.

Duane Greene and Donie Wasson are working on maintenance needs.

The roof was repaired by Douglas Roofing and Superior HVAC will work on the condensation updated.

Summer Plans –

Big Plan – Duane Greene will replace the exterior boards on the vehicle shed. After repairs are done the summer crew will paint the building, the track fence, and the cream color part of the HS building.

3. Principal's Report – Tracy Flanagan

Principal Flanagan is working on the checkout procedure, graduation, and all the end of the year items. The Schedule for 26 – 27 is almost complete.

95% of the State Assessment is complete and hopefully will be done by the end of the week.

Final Diagnostics testing with iReady have started. The trips planned for those meeting improvement are

Elkhart – movie - movie will be free – each student will receive a snack tray for a total of \$150.00

Big trip will be Amarillo – going to AMPS for 2 hours with cost of pair of socks for each student \$7.00 each

4. Superintendent's Report – Randy Rockhold

Received a letter to bid on Student Supplemental Insurance – Mr. Rockhold asked if it would be the wish of the board to get bids as they voted to only fund the insurance for one year. After discussion President Jason LaRue directed Mr. Rockhold to get bids.

Mr. Rockhold presented the budget he had developed. The budget centers on 3 factors

- 1. Enrollment stays the same*
- 2. State aid stays the same or would increase*
- 3. Salaries at a 2% increase*

Mr. Rockhold informed the board of the issues that were found on employee leave and that they were being cleaned up.

V Executive Session – Personnel

1. Any Action resulting

Jason LaRue requested the board enter executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motions carried 5 – 0.

Entering executive session at 8:12 pm were Jason LaRue, Nick Link, Daniel Dunn, Maria Wiebe, Phoebe Brummett, Randy Rockhold and Tracy Flanagan. The board exited at 8:22 pm.

Jason LaRue moved to extend Supplemental, Classified, and Summer Contracts as presented. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

VI Executive Session – Preliminary Discussion Relating to Acquisition of Real Property

1. Any Action resulting

Phoebe Brummett requested the board enter executive for preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property under KOMA for 5 minutes. Jason LaRue seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Entering executive session for discussion of acquisition of real property were Jason LaRue, Nick Link, Phoebe Brummett, Maria Wiebe, Daniel Dunn, Tracy Flanagan, and Randy Rockhold at 8:30 pm. The board exited at 8:35 pm.

Phoebe Brummett moved the board continue in executive session with the board only for five more minutes. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Entering executive session for discussion of acquisition of real property were Jason LaRue, Nick Link, Phoebe Brummett, Maria Wiebe, and Daniel Dunn at 8:35 pm. The Board exited at 8:40 pm.

Jason LaRue moved to allow Mr. Rockhold to start negotiations with the landowner at 300 S. Monroe for the acquisition of the property and building. Nick Link seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

VII Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation

1. Any Action resulting

Jason LaRue requested an executive session for 25 minutes for non-elected personnel exception under Koma for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation. The first 15 minutes board only, the last 10 minutes board and Mr. Rockhold. Phoebe Brummett seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Entering executive session at 8:51 pm were Jason LaRue, Daniel Dunn, Maria Wiebe, Phoebe Brummett and Nick Link. At 9:06 pm Randy Rockhold entered. And all exited at 9:13 pm.

VIII Old Business

IX New Business

Adjournment

Daniel Dunn moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 pm. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.



Jason LaRue President of the Board



Kathy Purcell, Board Clerk

Next BOE Meeting – May11, 2026 – 6:30 pm