

USD 217 Board of Education

Regular Meeting

BOE Room – Hays Educational Building

Monday, September 14, 2026 – 6:30 pm

Call to Order

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

Roll Call:

BOE Members present:

Maria Wiebe, Jason LaRue, Phoebe Brummett, Nick Link

Daniel Dunn entered the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Kimberly Hull entered the meeting at 6:49 PM.

Others Present:

Randy Rockhold, Superintendent; Tracy Flanagan, Principal; Traci Overpeck, Board Treasurer; SaKya Milburn, Board Clerk; Cassie Thrall, Athletic Director & Dean of Students

Priscilla Milburn, Parent; Tosha Wasmuth, Freshman Class Sponsor; Cambreya Milburn, Freshman Student; Charlotte Wood, Freshman Student; Hudson Wasmuth, Freshman Student

Approval of Agenda

Phoebe Brummett approved the agenda as presented. Jason LaRue seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

I. Comments from Public – Staff

a. Cambreya Milburn & Charlotte Wood – Cheerleading

- a. Proposal to bring back HS cheerleading, discussion of a potential sponsor, acknowledgment of past undoing of cheer program, expressed commitment to this proposal and the act of cheering, stated their expectations for cheerleading and the season when prompted, discussion of tryouts, sponsor stipend/payment**

No action taken.

b. Class of 2030

- a. Presentation of fundraiser ideas; request for permission spanning until 2030 for proposed fundraiser ideas; BOE acknowledgment of the Class of 2030's above-and-beyond behavior and willingness to achieve**

No action taken.

c. Rolla Recreation Commission – Cassie Thrall

- a. Met with the auditor, Rachel Thoof, who stated the necessity of a 7 mill rate rather than the current 5 mill rate. Rolla Recreation Commission was previously published at a 5 mill rate. The Board of Education will discuss this matter more thoroughly at next month's meeting.

No action taken.

II. Business

1. Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Board Minutes – August 24, 2026
 - b. Approval of USD 217 Treasurer's Report – July Bank Statement
 - c. Approval of USD Activity Report
 - d. Authorize payment of bills

Phoebe Brummett approved the consent agenda's items A, B, and D as presented, tabling item C's approval for next month's meeting due to the absence of the activities report at the board meeting. Jason LaRue seconded; motion carried, 5-0.

III. Communications

1. Activities Director/Dean of Students – Cassie Thrall
 - a. JH and HS fall sports update, highlighted how hard our athletes are working, current and projected participation numbers, future possibility of fully co-oping athletically with USD 218 Elkhart Schools. Cassie Thrall proposed the necessity of bigger/more transportation options for this co-oping arrangement to get students to and from practices/games. The Board of Education requested insight from Cassie Thrall on how the kids are benefiting from this arrangement. Cassie Thrall also stated fear of the students beginning to go elsewhere for better athletic opportunities if USD 217 can not continue to sustain the current arrangement with USD 218 Elkhart Schools. Reminding the Board of Education of September 24th evening full of Rolla activities: JH and HS sporting events.
2. Grounds/Maintenance – Randy Rockhold
 - a. Update on communal elementary bathroom sink: still waiting on order; Randy Rockhold went ahead and modified the existing order from a foot-pedal operated sink to an automatic sink due to the projected wait time for the foot-pedal operated sink. Continued work and progress are being made regarding our many different HVAC units in our buildings.
3. Principal's Report – Tracy Flanagan
 - a. Rusty Tuman, USD 217 Technology Coordinator, is working on getting the district a quote for 22 replacement iPads for the primary and secondary end of the elementary school building, with plans to have it ready at next month's meeting. Academic accountability protocols are working swimmingly; discussion of KESA cohort groups, update on how the state's 'Bell-To-Bell' law is working within our school buildings.
4. Superintendent's Report – Randy Rockhold
 - a. BOE Needs Assessment discussion and Q/A

IV. Old Business

1. Approve BOE Needs Assessment and Posting of Needs Assessment 2026-27.

Phoebe Brummett approved and consented to the posting of the BOE Needs Assessment as discussed and evaluated. Jason LaRue seconded; motion carried, 6-0.

V. New Business

1. Action Related to Cheerleading Request.
2. Action Related to Class of 2030 Request.
3. Action Related to Rolla Recreation Commission Request.

The Board of Education moved to table items 1-3 for one month due to needing more time to deliberate on these proposals and gather more information. Randy Rockhold will reach out to the Rolla Recreation Commission's auditor, Rachel Thooft, to discuss her request to raise their current mill rate.

VI. Executive Session

Phoebe Brummett moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and for the board to return at 9:00 p.m. Jason LaRue seconded the request; motion carried 6-0. The Board of Education entered executive session for five minutes. No action taken; discussion only.

Adjournment

Kimberly Hull moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Next BOE Meeting – October 12th, 2026 – 6:30 pm

Jason LaRue, President of the Board

SaKya Milburn, Board Clerk