

**USD 217 Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
BOE Room – Hays Educational Building  
Monday, February 9, 2026 – 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

*President Jason LaRue called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.*

**Roll Call**

Jason LaRue Maria Wiebe Reyna Delgado Phoebe Brummett Kim Hull  
Daniel Dunn (entered at 7:06 pm)

**Others Present**

Randy Rockhold, Superintendent, Tracy Flanagan, Principal, Sherry Pinkley, Kathy Purcell, Board Clerk

**Oath of Office**

*The Oath of Office was issued to Kim Hull by Kathy Purcell.*

**Election of Vice President**

*Jason LaRue moved to appoint Phoebe Brummett as vice-president to replace Courtney Reza. Reyna Delgado seconded. Motion carried 4-1(Phoebe Brummett).*

**Approval of Agenda**

Phoebe Brummett moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Administrative Responsibilities B – for Executive Session – Negotiations. Kim Seconded. Motion carried 5 - 0

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Approval of January 12, 2026 Minutes

*Phoebe Brummett moved to approve the January 12, 2026 minutes as presented. Jason LaRue seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.*

**Treasurer's Report**

- a. USD 217 Treasurer's Report  
b. USD 217 Activity Report

*Jason LaRue moved items A and B be accepted as presented with the understanding not all the General Fund Treasurer's Report was presented. Reyna Delgado seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

Daniel Dunn arrived 7:06 pm.

**Appoint BOE Policy Committee Member**

*Jason LaRue asked for any volunteers to fill the BOE policy vacancy. Reyna Delgado volunteered.*

*Jason LaRue moved to place Reyna Delgado on the BOE Policy Committee. Kim Hull seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.*

**Appoint Negotiation Committee Member**

Jason LaRue asked for any volunteers to fill the negotiation committee vacancy. Kim Hull volunteered.

**Jason LaRue moved to place Kim Hull as the new negotiation member to fill the vacancy. Maria Wiebe seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**

### **Activities Director –**

1. Recommendations for Football Participation Policy 26 – 27

**Jason LaRue moved to adopt the football participation policy release and waiver for 26 – 27 with the addition of adding the year. Kim Hull seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**

### **Grounds/Maintenance – Randy Rockhold**

Mr. Rockhold informed the board the HVAC previously voted on for the concession area was replaced but not at the cost quoted but at additional costs because the company was never told of the acceptance of the bid.

Elementary Roof – the roof has not been maintained properly. He has contacted a company to do maintenance to seal the issues and it will be done February 13 – 15.

Condensation from the HVAC is an issue and leaks into the building. The condensation pipe needs to be extended to the end of the roof.

The roofs are well built but need to be maintained. It is his recommendation that the board take a step back on the bond issue since the roof was a major concern.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Rockhold presented a copy of the budget that he is inputting into Apta Fund for this year and future years.

### **Principal's Report**

Tracy Flanagan informed the board Kelpa testing begins in February followed by state assessments. Site Council will meet March 5, 2026. Fantasy Game Night has transitioned into an Escape Room. Laura Hines Hull's culinary class will set up a Taco Bar for the event.

Benchmark testing is finished

KSDE Audit will begin February 20

Teachers are looking at new Science Material.

Sherry Pinkley presented some changes that are being considered for next years 3 and 4 year old classes. Three year olds will come to school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all day.

Four year olds will come to school Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – absolutely No Fridays

Fridays will be used for preparation planning, work day.

Sherry Pinkley did ask the board to reconsider the weather policy to discretion of the teachers instead of by temperature.

### **Administrative Responsibilities**

- A. Koma Non-elected personnel executive session

**Jason LaRue moved the board, Tracy Flanagan, Randy Rockhold enter executive session for non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 5 minutes. Kim Hull seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Entering executive session at 8:05 pm were Jason LaRue, Daniel Dunn, Maria Wiebe, Reyna Delgado, Phoebe Brummett, Kim Hull, Tracy Flanagan, and Randy Rockhold. Executive session ended at 8:10 pm.**

**Phoebe Brummett moved the board, Tracy Flanagan, Randy Rockhold continue in executive session for non-elected personnel exception under Koma for 5 minutes. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Entering executive session at 8:11 pm were Jason LaRue, Daniel Dunn, Maria Wiebe, Reyna Delgado, Phoebe Brummett, Kim Hull, Tracy Flanagan, and Randy Rockhold. Executive session ended at 8:16 pm.**

**No action was taken.**

**B. Negotiations**

Negotiated Agreement Committee will meet February 17 at 5pm. Mr. Rockhold built an allowance of \$750.00 to the base and steps in the budget.

**Old Business**

1. Discussion of US 217 needs related to Bond Issue  
Due to all the economic situation with the county this has been taken off the table
2. Approval of 2026 – 2027 Calendar  
**Jason LaRue moved to accept the 26 – 27 calendar as presented. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**
3. USD 218 Petition, Elkhart  
**Jason LaRue moved to not support the withdrawal of Elkhart from HPEC as presented. Phoebe seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**  
**Daniel Dunn moved to modify the motion presented earlier in the year for out of district students acceptance of 17 students to 15 for the district. Jason LaRue seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**
4. Football Participation Policy 26-27  
Action taken care of under Activities


**New Business**

1. Recess Weather Policy  
**Jason LaRue moved to modify the recess policy to the discretion of the employer and the teacher. Daniel Dunn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.**

*Maria Wiebe asked about the rentals the school district owned and the procedure that takes place if a vacancy occurs. Phoebe Brummett explained that when a rental comes open all renters renting at the time are asked if they want to move to the rental coming available. If none want to move than it goes to the staff first and if no staff member wants to move in than it can be advertised to the community or the list of those wanting to rent.*

**Adjournment**

**Daniel Dunn moved the meeting be adjourned. Kim Hull seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.**

  
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**Jason LaRue, President of the Board**

  
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**Kathy Purcell, Board Clerk**