

**PROCEEDING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

The School Board of Independent School District #2215 held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday February 27, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the high school gymnasium in Twin Valley, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Opsahl.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Kjono, Sather, Stene, Opsahl, Nelson, Douville.

Approximately 90 people were also in attendance.

Supt. Nudell gave a summary of the Public Input from the February 4, 2019 Long Range Planning Meeting.

Chairman Opsahl presented the 2019-2020 Facilities Presentation.

Chairman Opsahl opened up a Community Forum. Some of the Public Input was to not close the elementary school in the coming year but to wait one more year and get everything ready for a move to the high school building, the communities should work together for the betterment of the students, moving the elementary makes common sense, will rooms be ready for the start of school in the fall, try to reach students who have open enrolled out and bring them back to NCE, should invest money in curriculum and not a building, and what will happen to the elementary building.

Chairman Opsahl and Supt. Nudell answered questions dealing with contractors, quotes, and timelines. Renovation will not fall on the janitors.

Supt. Nudell presented reasons for closing of the Elementary School in Gary as a cost savings of approximately \$130,000 to offset decreased funding due to declining enrollment and recommended to the school board the closing of the Gary Elementary School as of June 30, 2019 and to operate under one building in the fall of 2019.

Motion by Douville, second by Kjono to approve the Resolution Closing the Elementary School in Gary.

Discussion: Sather stated that in one year we wouldn't recognize the savings. In order to transfer the building to someone the roof would need to be fixed costing \$10,000-\$15,000. Douville - this is a hard decision and it is a no win situation. Nelson: Projection numbers can easily change. We have a great school and incredible environment for our students.

Kjono: We need to do our homework and make the best decision for our students and district.  
Opsahl: This decision has weighed heavy on the school board and we fully understand the impact. We need to do what is right to keep our school alive. There have been many board meeting where discussion has been held about consolidating the elementary.

After no other discussion a ballot vote was taken. **YES:** Opsahl, Douville, Kjono. **NO:** Sather, Stene, Nelson. Resolution failed for lack of majority vote.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Regular Board Meeting – March 18th, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Board Room

Regular Board Meeting – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Board Room

Chairman Opsahl called for adjournment at 6:41 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN, Ross Opsahl

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CLERK, Jason Douville

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The School Board of Independent School District #2215 held its Regular Board meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in Twin Valley, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Opsahl.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Stene, Sather, Kjono, Douville, Nelson, Opsahl.

Also present: Superintendent Rob Nudell, Principal Cassandra Hoseth, Elementary Dean of Students Dustin Flaten, Athletic Director Brad Dunham, LaVon Olson, Mari jo Vik, Scott Mastin, Ivy Jorgenson, Mark Askelson, Sarah Smart, Jodi Douville, Jody Pederson, Shelly Sannes, Carrie Jirava, Julie Sather, Rhoda Habedank, and Alex Gutierrez,

Motion by Nelson second by Kjono to approved the agenda with additions of A1. American Indian Parent Advisory Committee and A2. Resignation of Jr. High Football Coach.  
Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Opsahl welcomed all visitors.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Nelson second by Kjono to approve the January 14, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and Re-Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.  
Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

**District Contributions**

None

**Consent Items**

Financial Reports/Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers and the payments of checks #36517 – 36572 and all electronic transfers and wires of \$48,644.64 (payroll), \$225,000.00(MSDLAF), Food Service (\$9,133.23) BCBS ((\$30,944.50) and Further (\$2,794.78) as presented.

General	\$ 92,118.16
Food Service	\$ 228.93
Payroll	<u>\$ 6,018.07</u>
	<b>\$ 98,365.16</b>

Motion by Kjono second by Sather to approve consent items Financial Reports/Approval of Bills/ and Electronic Transfers. Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Lake Agassiz Education Cooperative**

Scott Mastin and Ivy Jorgenson presented information to the board on their services to Norman County East from Lake Agassiz. Their physical presence in our school with their staff and our needs along with the financial help they have provided us has been a great asset to NCE.

### **Elementary Dean of Students**

Report cards have been sent out. Staff are still having Trauma Meetings. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> was the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Valentine's Day parties are being organized. Dr Seuss Night will be Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **High School Principal**

Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester has begun. Sno-Days week was a great success. Waiting to hear on a Dekko Grant for CTE classes. Won't hear until the end of May. Students took the MN Student Survey Test. PLC meetings coming up. Rhoda Habedank is taking students to a College Fair in Mahanomen at the White Earth Tribal College.

### **Athletic Director**

Basketball will soon be ending. Jr. High BB has a couple of weeks left. One Act Play was held in Crookston and they did not place. Because of weather this winter games have had to be rescheduled. Resignation of Jr. High Football Coach. Tate Hoseth and Lauren Sather represented NCE in the Triple AAA for Sub-Section 30. Tate Hoseth won the Sub-Section and Region 8 award. Softball, Baseball, and Track begin on March 11.

### **Superintendent's Report**

A company has looked at our PA System for the gym and will get back with a quote. Waiting to hear on a quote for demo costs on the elementary. Supt. Nudell has heard quite a few statements that are false about the consolidation of the elementary and high school such as not enough room for lunch to not enough rooms for Special Education Classrooms. There are still empty classrooms that are available. Curriculums and Textbooks need to be updated and placed in a rotation. Informational CTE Meeting after Board Meeting tonight in Media Center.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Nelson, second by Sather to accept the proposed 2019-2020 School Calendar presented to the board by Supt. Nudell.

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Douville, second by Kjono to approve the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Stene, Sather, Kjono, Douville, Nelson, and Opsahl. No: None Discussion: None. Said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Opsahl. Second by Douville to accept the resignation of Bob Schultz as Jr. High BB Football Coach. The board thanked him for his coaching.

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Douville to accept the Leave of Absence for Heather Hanson. This had been approved in the January meeting was overlooked in the previous minutes.  
Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rhoda Habedank and Axel Gutierrez presented their Senior Class Trip Itinerary to the Board. They will be going to Duluth on April 6-8. Nick Hanson is also a Class Advisor and will also be going with to chaperone. Motion by Stene, second by Nelson to approve their Senior Class Trip.  
Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Kjono, second by Douville to set a Public Hearing for School Closure of Elementary on Feb. 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school.  
Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Opsahl, second by Douville to approve publication for the Public Hearing regarding School Closure in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §123B.51 Subd.5.  
Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Public Hearing regarding School Closure – February 27, 2019 – 5:00p.m. Board Room Twin Valley, MN  
Regular Board Meeting – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Board Room  
Regular Board Meeting – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Board Room

Chairman Opsahl called for adjournment at 6:05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN, Ross Opsahl

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CLERK, Jason Douville

# Norman County East Public School

ISD #2215, Norman County

Twin Valley, MN 56584

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

### Long Range Planning Meeting

February 4, 2019

6:00 pm

Elementary School Gary

#### I. Call to order

Members present: Kathy Stene, Nate Sather, Sarah Kjono,  
Jason Douville, Mike Nelson, Ross Opsahl  
Administration: Supt. Nudell, H.S. Principal,  
Cassandra Hoseth, Elem. Dean of Students,  
Dustin Flaten.

Others present: LaVon Olson, Shelly Sannes, Jody Pederson, Karena Bartlett,  
Deb Opsahl, Joel Pearson, Bonnie Werpy, Mark Askelson, Jodi Douville,  
Pat Pfund, Peggie Chisholm, Lori Thronson, Nick Pederson, Abby Stueness,  
Julie Sather, Joel Sather, Jacob Liebl, Alise Liebl, Al Clausen, Katie DeMarais,  
Dalen Thronson, Bindy Thronson, Bryan Thronson, Amada Fortier, ClaraFortier,  
Stacey Hoven, Laurie Stuhau, Jeanne Reardon, Buck Engen, Karen Carlsrud,  
Mara Halvorson, Kaylie Bekkerus, Mike Sather, Laurie Sather, Dennis  
Jacobson, Linda Engen, Leonard Engen, Sam Knutson, Marlene Knutson,  
Terri Sirjord, Dale Armstrong, Renee Armstrong, Whitney Roske, Kelsey  
Bennefeld, Taylor Bennefeld, John Wichern, Heather Wichern, Beth Strum,  
Tamara Ramstorf, Jim Murn, Miranda Pinske, Tom Nelson, Dan Buckle,  
Kelly Skaurud, Karen Tadych, Connie Hamernik, Kendell Harrell, Michael  
Anderson, Brenda Chisholm, Mike Chisholm, Jolee Habedank, Rhoda  
Habedank, Rhonda Opsahl, Tony Amberg, Amy Amberg, Timothy Gilbertson,  
Kristin Gilbertson, Mark Habedank.

#### II. Chairman Opsahl presented a Facilities Power Point regarding the Elementary School in Gary.

Administration recommendations are to close the Gary Elementary School as of the fall of 2019-2020.

Public Input was taken from the audience concerning the future of the Elementary School in Gary.

On Feb. 27, 2019 a meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the high school at which time a recommendation will be made to the school board whether or not to operate under one building and plans to proceed for the future.

#### III. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Public Input from the public:

- Why the rush to close the elementary school after this school year?
- What are the plans for the future for the school if closed?
- What is the cost to close the elementary and the savings to be made?
- Can't roof be patched for a few years?
- Concerns about the size of classrooms at the high school and if there is enough room for all the students and staff?
- What are the real costs going to be with additions, moving, and repairs at the high school?
- How many students will the district loose to other districts?
- Why are we loosing students who still live in the district?

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CLERK, Jason Douville