

EUREKA and BOWDLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Cooperative Board Meeting

January 3, 2018

A special meeting of the Eureka and Bowdle Board of Education members was called to order by Bowdle's Board Chairman Bieber at 7:00 p.m. on January 3, 2018 in the Bowdle School math room with the following members present: Eureka Board members Deurmier, Kappes, Eberhart, and Wolff, Superintendent Bo Beck, Business Manager Tonya Maier, and Dean of Students Billotto. Bowdle board members Bieber, Oxner, Frickson, Stotz, Schlechter, Superintendent Serna and Business Manager Carolynn Nelson. Edmunds Central board members Haerter, Bukaske, and Secker, Superintendent Fox, Business Manager Hinz and Athletic Director Heyne. Also present were Tara Beitelspacher representing Pride of the Prairie and NW Blade and many community patrons from Bowdle, Eureka and Edmunds Central.

Board President Bieber asked if there were any additional items or changes to the agenda. None were added. Motion by Deurmier and seconded by Frickson to adopt the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Introductions were made.

The floor was opened to Edmunds Central to explain their proposal to enter into a sports cooperative with Eureka/Bowdle in the sports of boys and girls basketball and volleyball. Those present discussed the Pros and Cons of a three school joint Co-op. Pros being more competition and that practice would be easier with more participants and Con would be transportation. Mr. Beck went over the current Co-op and how it works. Mr. Beck also went over SDHSAA rules as to how it is decided what class schools are in by joint school size. He stated that we need to look at the ADM from the 2016-17 school year and the current year grades 9, 10, 11 roster for each sport to determine if we would be class A or B. He stated that the current numbers are showing we would be class B. He also went over projected enrollments, next year's game schedules, and sports participation numbers.

Open discussion followed with many questions and concerns talked about. If the three school Co-op is to be formed the application would have to be made to SDHSAA by April. It was suggested that each school poll students and parents to get input from them about the three school Co-op.

Motion by Schlechter and seconded by Wolff to adjourn at 8:10. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mike Deurmier, Eureka Chairman and Joell Bieber, Bowdle Chairman

ATTEST: Tonya Maier, Eureka Business Mgr; Carolynn Nelson Bowdle Business Mgr.

