

# **EUREKA and BOWDLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Cooperative Special Board Meeting

January 9, 2019

A special meeting of the Eureka and Bowdle Board of Education members was called to order by Eureka's Board Chairman Kappes at 7:00 p.m. on January 9, 2019 in the Eureka School Multipurpose Room with the following members present: Eureka Board members Opp, Kappes, Eberhart, Popowski and Wolff, Superintendent Eggert, and Dean of Students Billotto. Absent was Business Manager Maier. Bowdle board members Bieber, Oxner, Frickson, Stotz, Schlechter, Superintendent Serna and Business Manager Carolynn Nelson. Also present were Tara Beitelspacher representing Pride of the Prairie and NW Blade. Approximately 55 area community patrons were also present.

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

Supt. Eggert introduced himself and explained what would be discussed at the meeting. Previously the Eureka/Bowdle Co-op Board had voted to change to a 6 man football program. SDHSAA has now voted to put the 6 man football program on hold for the next 2 years. The Co-op now needs to decide what would be the best option for our schools to move forward with our football program.

Nick Weismantel then presented different options that the Co-op could take.

1. Stay in North Border Co-op
2. Go back to being Eureka/Bowdle Co-op
3. Form new Co-op with Eureka/Bowdle/Edmunds Central
4. Play a JV schedule only

Supt. Serna then went over District enrollment numbers for both boys and girls showing numbers for Eureka, Bowdle, and Edmunds Central. Current and future enrollments were explained.

The floor was then opened for comments from the community members. Many different ideas and proposals were voiced. Questions were asked and answered.

The decision for the football program needs to be applied to the SDHSAA by Wednesday. The School Boards have until their March meetings to decide on all other sports. The Boards explained that they will try their best to make an informed decision at their respective meetings Monday, January, 14, 2019.

Motion by Wolff and seconded by Frickson to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: Carolynn Nelson, Bowdle Business Manager

ATTEST: Carie Kappes, Eureka Board Chairman

ATTEST: Joell Bieber, Bowdle Board Chairman