



# NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS USD 212

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A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northern Valley Schools was held Wednesday, March 18, 2026, beginning at 8:00 PM in the Almena High School , 512 W Bryant Street, Almena, KS 67622.

Shanna Hammond: Present  
 Brandi Keith: Present  
 Christopher Rogers: Present  
 Laquita Smith: Present  
 Hilary Van Patten: Present  
 Rich Wenzl: Present  
 Steven Whitney: Present

Also in attendance were Amber Brown (Board Clerk) and Ken Tharman (HS Principal/ Superintendent).

## I. Call to Order

I recommend the agenda be adopted as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
 Brandi Keith: Yea  
 Christopher Rogers: Yea  
 Laquita Smith: Yea  
 Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
 Rich Wenzl: Yea  
 Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

## II. Personnel

### A. Possible Teacher Hire

I recommend that we offer the job to the young lady that came and interviewed for the Vo Ag teacher position. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
 Brandi Keith: Yea  
 Christopher Rogers: Yea  
 Laquita Smith: Yea  
 Hilary Van Patten: Yea  
 Rich Wenzl: Yea  
 Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### B. NCKSEC

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed; retaining Mr. Tharman and returning to open session in this room at 8:35 PM. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea  
 Brandi Keith: Yea  
 Christopher Rogers: Yea  
 Laquita Smith: Yea



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Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

At 8:35 PM the meeting returned to open session. I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed; retaining Mr. Tharman and returning to open session in this room at 8:45 PM. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Brandi Keith: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

At 8:45 PM the meeting returned to open session. I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed; retaining Mr. Tharman and returning to open session in this room at 8:55 PM. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Brandi Keith: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

At 8:55 PM the meeting returned to open session. I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed; retaining Mr. Tharman and returning to open session in this room at 9:00 PM. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea

Brandi Keith: Yea

Christopher Rogers: Yea

Laquita Smith: Yea

Hilary Van Patten: Yea

Rich Wenzl: Yea

Steven Whitney: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

At 9:00 PM the meeting returned to open session; no action taken.

### III. Adjournment

I recommend the meeting be adjourned. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Brandi Keith, Carried.

Shanna Hammond: Yea



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Brandi Keith:	Yea
Christopher Rogers:	Yea
Laquita Smith:	Yea
Hilary Van Patten:	Yea
Rich Wenzl:	Yea
Steven Whitney:	Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0	