

BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION



RENEE ULLOM
PRESIDENT

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Renee Ullom and her family have lived in the Brandon Valley School District since 1992. Renee, an RN, PA-C and her husband, Ron, a Senior Fire Safety Technician, are both employed at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

They have two daughters; Haley graduated from USD in 2019 with her MBA and is currently employed at CorTrust Mortgage as a Loan Processor. Emily will start her senior year at USF, majoring in Nursing.

Renee continues to support the BVHS Marching Lynx Band Program, the Fine Arts Boosters, enjoys helping backstage with the Musicals and was active for many years in the Brandon/Valley Springs/Garretson Girl Scouts.

She will serve as chair of the Alternative Education Committee and Child Nutrition and Wellness Committee, and as a member of the Personnel Welfare Committee. She is the Board Chairperson of Teachwell Solutions, also known as East Dakota Educational Cooperative. Her term will continue through June of 2025.



ELLIE SAXER

MEMBER

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Ellie Saxer is returning to the Brandon Valley School district where she spent many of her elementary school years. She is thrilled to be back 'home' with her husband Travis, and her son, Braxton, a sixth grader at Brandon Valley Intermediate School.

Ellie has been involved in the community and in the classroom for several years as a volunteer in various capacities. She finds it an incredibly humbling and an honor to serve the Brandon Valley School District as a board member because of all that each administrator, teacher, and support staff member pours into the lives of the students. Ellie brings her transferable skills of being a Corporate Account Director in Biotech to the board; thus finds strategic planning and collaborative partnerships necessary for future success and sustaining excellence.

She will serve as chair of City Affairs and Legislation Committee and Personnel Welfare Committee. She will be a member of Alternative Education Committee and Child Nutrition & Wellness Committee this upcoming year. Her term will continue through June of 2023.



GREGG ODE
VICE PRESIDENT

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Gregg Ode has spent his entire life living in the Brandon Valley School District. Gregg and his wife, Jane are the parents of two children, Alex graduated from BVHS in 2005 and from SDSU in 2010 and Elisabeth graduated from BVHS in 2010 and from SDSU in 2014.

Gregg is currently involved, with his brother, in a dairy and grain farming operation.

He will serve as chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, and as a member of the Transportation Committee and Student Activities, Curriculum & Technology Committee. His term will continue through June of 2024.



Nick Scott
MEMBER

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Nick Scott was born and raised on their farm south of Valley Springs. He is blessed to be married to his wife Rebekah since 2003. They have four children, Gus (9th grade), Iversyn (5th grade), Rozelyn (3rd grade at VSE), and Pixyn (Kindergarten at VSE)!

Nick is a '98 BV graduate who was involved in sports, music, and student council. He attended SDSU and received a degree in General Ag/Ag Business. Nick is self-employed in both the construction and farming industries. Nick says his passion for kids came from being a youth pastor and camp counselor for 16 years. He looks forward to this appointment.

Nick will Serve as chair of the Transportation Committee, and member of the City Affairs and Legislation Committee and Safety Committee. His term will continue through June 2024.



DAVID BELL
MEMBER

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David Bell and his wife Mandy are both 2002 graduates of Brandon Valley. They moved back to Brandon in 2013 to start a family and now have three boys. Ethan (Class of '32), Isaac (Class of '36) and Eli (Class of '38).

David has been involved in establishing and sitting on the board of multiple non-profits to assist children in need. His professional background in finance, strategic planning and community support will be helpful on the board. Currently, he is the Executive Director of Family Services in Sioux Falls.

David will serve as chair of Safety Committee and Curriculum & Technology Committee. He will be a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. His term will continue through June of 2025.