

# BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2019-2020 BOARD OF EDUCATION



**RENEE ULLOM**

**PRESIDENT**

Renee Ullom and her family have lived in the Brandon Valley School District for 27 years. 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 junior 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/Wellness Committee, and as a member of the Transportation and Personnel Committees. She is the Board President of Teachwell Solutions, also known as East Dakota Educational Cooperative. Her term will continue through June of 2022.



**ELLIE SAXER**

**MEMBER**

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 who will be a fourth-grader at Brandon Elementary.

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 a chair of City Affairs and Legislation Committee, and Chair of the Personnel Welfare Committee; and a member of the Alternative Education Committee; Student Activities, Curriculum & Technology Committee in the upcoming year. Her term will continue through June of 2020.



**GREGG ODE**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

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, the Transportation Committee, and as a member of the Safety Committee. His term will continue through June of 2021.



**DAN KLUMPER**

**MEMBER**

Dan Klumper and his wife, Abby, a 5th grade ELA/Social studies teacher at Brandon Valley Intermediate School, have three daughters: Olivia (16), Isabel (14) and Hazel (5).

Dan is a professional educator who has spent time in a variety of roles. For nine years, Dan taught 6th grade social studies at Brandon Valley Middle School. After earning his Master's in Education Technology from Dakota State University, he accepted a position as middle school social studies instructional coach with the Sioux Falls School District. Currently, Dan is in his fourth year as an instructor in the College of Education at Dakota State University. He is passionate about engaging kids in learning experiences and is excited to be a part of the Brandon Valley School District once again.

Dan will serve as the chair of the Student Activities, Curriculum and Technology Committee, and serve as a member of the Child Nutrition/Wellness and City Affairs & Legislation Committees. His term continues through June of 2021.



**Gregg Talcott**

**MEMBER**

Dr. Gregg Talcott and his wife Kami have lived in Brandon since 1999. They have two sons who are both graduates of BVHS, Jack (2017) and Evan (2019).

Dr. Talcott is the recently retired principal of Brandon Valley High School where he served the district for nineteen years as high school principal and three years as assistant high school principal. Dr. Talcott has 37 years of experience as an administrator, teacher and coach at Brandon Valley, Viborg and Sioux Falls O'Gorman.

Dr. Talcott will serve as chair of the Safety Committee and will be a member of the Alternative Education and Buildings and Grounds Committees. His term will continue through June of 2022.