



Board of Education Member Profile

Robin Nelson

Name: Robin Nelson

Board Member Since: 2003-2016 and 2018

Family: Husband - Russell Peterson, three children, two grandchildren

Occupation: Early Childhood Education and Youth Development

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself and your background.

I have the privilege of serving as the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley, a non-profit organization that provides high-quality out-of-school programming for youth ages 5-17. I grew up in Fargo Public Schools, as did my children, and I am married to Russell Peterson, a musician and professor at Concordia.

2. What was the reason you ran for a Board position?

I am dedicated to helping children succeed in every aspect of my life, including family, career, and volunteer efforts. I was initially appointed to the board following the tragic loss of a board member and have since been elected to five terms.

3. What do you see as big challenges for the District going forward? Challenges for K-12 education in North Dakota?

The main challenge is providing all students with the high-quality education and support they need to succeed in their chosen paths after high school, despite limited resources.

4. Something you're proud of as a representative of the Fargo Public Schools:

I am proud of the dedication FPS educators show towards their students' success. Additionally, I am proud to be part of a community that recognizes and values the vital role a strong public education system plays in our society, democracy, and economy.

