



Board of Education Member Profile

Robin Nelson

Name: Robin Nelson

Board member since: 2003-2016 and 2018

Family: Husband - Russell Peterson, three children, one grandchild

Occupation: CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley

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 youth ages 5-17 with high quality out-of-school programming. I was raised in Fargo Public Schools as were my children, and I am married to musician and Concordia professor Russell Peterson.

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

I am deeply committed in every aspect of my life to help children succeed – family, career, and volunteer efforts. I was initially appointed to serve on the board after a board member tragically lost his life and have been elected to four terms since.

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

Providing all students with the high-quality education and support they need to achieve success in whichever path they choose after high school, and doing so with limited resources.

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

I am proud of FPS educators' work ethic and commitment to their students' success, and also proud to be part of a community that recognizes the value that a strong education system brings to our society, democracy and economy.

