

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 16, 2007
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM

*** All motions are carried and unanimously approved unless otherwise indicated.**

The Regular Meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Sexton at 7:00 pm on April 16, 2007. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Heeren, Reiff and Sexton. Gunderson and White were absent. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Hummel, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were also present along with staff member M. Brodersen.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the acts of violence at Virginia Tech University.

#0167 - Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the agenda with additions.

“Spotlight on Education” – None

#0168 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve the minutes of the Regular March 12, 2007 and Special April 5, 2007 Board of Education meetings as presented.

White joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

#0169 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the currents bills/claims as presented.

#0170 – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to approve and file the financial statements dated March 31, 2007 as presented.

Budget supplements and contingency transfers were tabled.

Administrative and board reports were reviewed.

M. Brodersen, 1st Grade Teacher, presented a proposal to “job-share” her teaching assignment. The consensus of the board was the approve the concept as a pilot program for the 2007-08 school year provided a suitable partner can be found. The program will be evaluated at the end of the year for future viability.

#0171– Motion by White, second by Heeren, to **approve** the open enrollment applications of Jennifer Wittrock for her daughter Ashley Woehler (Grade 10) and son Colton Gamet (Grade 6) and Dina Archibald for her daughter Ainslee Archibald (Kindergarden 2007-08).

#0172 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to approve the Home School Application of Student #6014.

#0173 – Motion by White, second by Reiff, to approve the early graduation request of Colleen Willoughby for her daughter Sydney Hoffman. Sydney wishes to graduate with the Class of 2008 instead of 2009.

#0174 – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to accept a donation in the amount of \$512.00 from Siouxland Federal Credit Union for the VISA “Cashback to Schools” Program. The board wished to thank the donor for this generous donation.

#0175 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to declare numerous technology items as surplus property as presented.

#0176 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve 2nd Reading of the following policy files:

- Revised Policy: DIE (Audits)
- Revised Policy: DJ (Purchasing)
- Revised Policy: DJB (Petty Cash Accounts)
- Revised Policy: DJBA (Incidental Accounts – Trust and Agency)
- Revised Policy: DJC (Bidding Requirements)
- Revised Policy: DJF (Purchasing Procedures)
- Revised Policy: DK (Payment Procedures)
- Delete Policy: DJC-E (Bidding Requirements Checklist)
- Delete Policy: DJG (Vendor Relations)

#0177 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve the following personnel items (All resignations effective upon completion of the 2006-07 School Year unless otherwise noted):

- Resignation of Austin Hellbush as 6th Grade Science Teacher, Head Boys Basketball Coach and Head Boys Golf Coach
- Resignation of Suzanne Johnson from her MS Volleyball Coaching assignment
- Resignation of Laura Libby, PT Custodian effective March 26, 2007
- Resignation of Amanda Washinowski as 3rd Grade Teacher
- Resignation of Sandy LaFleur as Guidance/AD Secretary retroactive to Friday, April 13, 2007
- Resignation of Kelly Knutson as Physical Education Teacher, Asst. Girls Basketball Coach, Asst. Track Coach

- Resignation of Stacey Coates as Speech Language Clinician
- Contract renewal for Vicki Warrad as Hearing Interpreter in the amount of \$20.95 per hour.
- Contract offer for Katie Rasmussen as Head Softball Coach for the 2007 Season in the amount of \$1,928.50 (2)
- Authorize advertisement for a Full-Time Behavioral Interventionist position
- Authorize advertisement for a 0.5 FTE Lead Teacher for Curriculum Management
- Increase the contract time of Kathy Verschoor, Talented and Gifted, from 0.5 FTE to 0.6 FTE
- Increase the contract time of Mary Shuey, HS Science, from 0.5 FTE to 0.625 FTE
- Increase the contract time of Roger Venaas, MS Band, from 0.8 FTE to 1.0 FTE

#0178 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to move into executive session at 8:25 pm for negotiations and personnel discussions. Rasmussen was included in the session.

Rasmussen left at 8:32 pm

Mahon joined at 8:37 pm

Bietz joined at 9:05 pm, left at 9:20 pm

Mahon left at 9:35 pm

Leber joined at 9:37 pm, left at 9:52 pm

Executive session ended at 10:05 pm

#0179 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve one-year contract extensions and salaries for the following administrative and salaried employees

- Al Leber, Superintendent, \$93,112
- Keith Ashmore, Special Services Director, \$69,783
- Jason Bietz, Business Manager, \$52,000
- Jerry Rasmussen, HS Principal, \$65,069
- Harlan Halverson, MS Principal, \$64,091
- Tami Hummel, ES Principal, \$57,378
- Shane Steckelberg, Technology Director, \$57,581
- Bill Clements, Activities Director, \$12,087
- Barbara Christopher-Holt, Technology Asst., \$24,960
- Stacey Foskuhl, Central Office Asst., \$23,400
- Brenda Saunders, Central Office Asst., \$23,400

#0180 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to adjourn at 10:12 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson

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