

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR APRIL 10, 2006 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

**SPECIAL SESSION – 5:00 PM
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM
SPECIAL SESSION – 8:45 PM**

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

The Regular April 10, 2006 meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Gunderson at 5:00 pm. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Heeren, Reiff, Sexton and White. Superintendent Leber was also in attendance.

#0167 – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to move into executive session at 5:01 pm for administrative negotiations. Leber was included.

Leber left the session at 5:03 pm.

K. Bowman joined the session at 5:07 pm, left at 5:10 pm.

S. Steckelberg joined at 5:10 pm, left at 5:26 pm.

R. Mahon joined at 5:30 pm, left at 5:38 pm.

K. Ashmore joined at 5:41 pm, left at 6:00 pm.

H. Halverson joined at 6:00 pm, left at 6:09 pm.

B. Clements joined at 6:10 pm, left at 6:25 pm.

J. Rasmussen joined at 6:27, left at 6:42 pm.

T. Hummel joined at 6:42 pm, left at 6:58 pm.

Executive session ended at 6:58 pm.

Chairperson Gunderson called the general business portion of the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Board Members Gunderson, Heeren, Reiff, Sexton and White were still in attendance. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Hummel, Mahon, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were all in attendance along with a HS student and B. Odson of the *Leader-Courier / Two Rivers Times*.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#0168 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the agenda with additions.

“Spotlight on Education” – HS Student Dani Gerber reported on a recent High School Student Council Conference she attended.

#0169 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to amend the minutes of the Regular March 13, 2006 Board of Education Meeting as follows:

Motion #0155 – Motion by Heeren, Second by White, to approve the transfer request of Cindy Murray from custodian to maintenance worker ~~effective Monday, March 20, 2006~~ (date to be determined) at a rate of \$10.15 (Step 2) per hour.

....and to approve the Minutes of the Special March 28, 2006 Board of Education Meeting as presented.

#0170 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to approve the current bills/claims as amended.

#0171 – Motion by Sexton, second by White, to approve and file the financial statements dated March 31, 2006 as presented.

Administrative reports were reviewed.

Leber and Bietz presented a preliminary overview of the 2006-07 Capital Outlay Budget and capital projects wish list.

#0172 – Motion by Heeren second by Reiff, to **approve** the Open Enrollment Application of Mark and Velvet Jeratowski for their daughter, Hailey (6th Grade 2006-07).

#0173 – Motion by Sexton, second by White, to accept a donation of \$361.06 from Siouxland Federal Credit Union from their “Cash Back to Schools” Visa Credit Card Program. The board wished to thank the donors for their generous contribution.

#0174 – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to approve a contribution of \$250 to the “Other Revenue” Lobbying Organization.

Consideration of a request from the SD Coalition of Schools to assist in funding (\$4,500 for mid-sized schools) a lawsuit against the State of South Dakota for their failure to adequately fund education within the state, died for lack of motion.

#0175 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve an audit engagement with Quam & Berglin, CPA's to perform an independent audit of the district's financial records for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$7,500.

#0176 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve the 2006-07 School Calendar as recommended by the calendar committee.

#0177 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to set a Special Board Meeting for Monday, April 24, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Administration Center to meet with the Finance Committee for budget planning.

The board conducted 1st Reading of the following Policy Files:

- DFAA (Investment Policy)
- JFCJ (Weapons Policy)
- JFC (Interrogations and Searches)
- JHF (Student Safety)
- JP (Student Travel)
- GCA-14 (District Technology Assistant)

#0178 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to approve 2nd Reading of the following Policy Files:

- DJBB (Non-Sufficient Funds Check Collection)
- JGD/JGE (Student Suspension/Expulsion)
- JHCA/JHCB (Physical Examinations of Student/Inoculations of Students)
- JHCD (Administering Medicines to Students)
- JHCD -1 (Authorization/Permission for Administration of Medication)

Policy File: JHCC-1 (Pediculosis – Headlice) was tabled for further input.

#0179 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to approve the following personnel items effective for the 2006-07 School Year:

- Resignation of Amy Delaney as Kindergarten Teacher
- Resignation of Dena DenHerder as 7-12 Vocal Music Teacher
- Resignation of Pam Ingram as HS Guidance Counselor
- Request of Deb Farwell, School Nurse, to reduce her nurse contract to 0.5 FTE contingent upon a suitable replacement being found on or before May 29, 2006.
- Increase the contract of Bonnie Vore from 0.5 FTE to 1.0 FTE
- Maternity Leave request of Andrea Johnson
- Maternity Leave request of Jana Chadwick
- Contract for Vicki Warrad as Hearing Interpreter at a rate of \$20.25 per hour
- Todd Cook as Head Girls Softball Coach (2006 Season) in the amount of \$1,796.55 (Step 1)

- Contract for Andrew Fisher as Elementary School Guidance Counselor
- Contract for Martha Wilharm as First Grade Teacher
- Contract for Will Bisenius as Fourth Grade Teacher
- Contract for Shirley Swiatowy as Fourth Grade Teacher

#0180 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to move into executive session at 8:40 pm for continued administrative negotiations. Bietz was included in the session.

Bietz left at 9:00 pm.

Leber joined the session at 9:12 pm.

Executive session ended at 10:35 pm.

#0181 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve salaries and contract provisions as follows for administrators (effective July 1, 2006):

- Al Leber, Superintendent -- \$89,531
- Keith Ashmore, Special Services Director -- \$67,099
- Jason Bietz, Business Manager -- \$50,000
- Kathy Bowman, Central Office Assistant -- \$22,880
- Bill Clements, Activities Director -- \$11,622
- Harlan Halverson, MS Principal -- \$61,626
- Tamra Hummel, ES Principal / Curriculum Director -- \$55,171
- Rob Mahon, Facilities Director -- \$47,590
- Jerry Rasmussen, HS Principal -- \$62,566
- Shane Steckelberg, Technology Director -- \$53,814
- One year contract extensions for all administrators
- Vacation buy-back upon separation from the district (pro-rated to percent earned)

#0182 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to adjourn at 10:43 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson

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