

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR APRIL 11, 2005 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 PM
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM**

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

The Regular April 11, 2005 meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Gunderson at 6:00 pm. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Heeren, Meland and Sexton. White was absent. Superintendent Leber and Business Manager Bietz were also in attendance.

#0161 - Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to move into executive session at 6:01 pm for negotiations discussion. Leber and Bietz were included in the session.

Bietz left the session at 6:40 pm. Executive session ended at 6:58 pm.

Gunderson called the General Business portion of the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Mahon, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were all present along with B. Odson of the *Leader-Courier*.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#0162 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve the agenda as amended.

#0163 - Motion by Heeren, second by Meland, to approve the minutes of the Regular March 14, 2005 Board of Education Meeting as presented.

#0164 - Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to approve the current bills/claims as presented.

#0165 - Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve and file the financial statements dated March 31, 2005 as presented.

Administrative and board reports were reviewed.

The board wished to acknowledge Activities Director Bill Clements for being voted “Region AD of the Year” by his peers.

#0166 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to approve a one-year contract extension and 1.8% increase in contract rates with Curran Transportation, Inc. for the 2005-06 school year.

#0167 – Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to approve offering Driver Education during the Summer of 2005 and set tuition at \$250.00 per student.

#0168 – Motion by Meland, second by Heeren, to approve the open enrollment application of Sharlene Foster for her daughter, Kenzie (3rd Grade in 2005-06).

No action was taken on a \$1,300.00 pledge request from the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and School Administrators of South Dakota to conduct a study of school finance adequacy in South Dakota.

#0169 – Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to approve the Scholarship Committee request for two (2) five-hundred dollar (\$500) scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors payable for the Board Trust and Agency Fund.

#0170 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to set a Special Board Meeting with the DV Finance Committee for Monday, May 2, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Administration Center for a budget work session.

Destination Imagination Coordinator Kathy Verschoor and 5th Grade Students Mary Dick, Daniel Keppen and DJ Zapata joined the meeting at 8:00 pm and gave a brief overview of recent competitions for this month's "Spotlight on Education"

No action was taken on DVCEA negotiations.

Discussion was held regarding formal board response to students who wrote letters to the board as part of a Social Studies project.

1st Reading of the following policies was conducted:

- Revised Policy File: JFC (Student Conduct)
- Revised Policy File: GDA – 10 (Secretary to the High School Principal)
- Revised Policy File: GDA – 14-E (Elementary School Library Aide)

Staff Member Kristine Kurtz joined the meeting and addressed the board regarding a leave of absence request.

#0171 – Motion by Heeren, second by Meland, to approve a long-term leave of absence request of one-year (2005-06 School Year) for Kristine Kurtz (Elementary Teacher) contingent upon a suitable replacement being found prior to June 1, 2005.

#0172 – Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to accept the following resignations effective at the end of the current school term:

- Lisa Hoebelheinrich as SPED Educational Assistant
- Camilla Holthe as Middle School Resource Room Teacher
- Randy Nieman as High School Social Studies Teacher, Head Wrestling Coach and Middle School Football Coach
- Arynn Rasmussen as Head Softball Coach (effective 2005 Season)
- Jim Rosenbaum as Head Girls Basketball Coach and Middle School Football Coach

#0173 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve the following contract offers:

- Vicki Warrad as Hearing Interpreter with a 4% salary increase for the 2005-06 school year (\$19.50 per hour)
- Cathy Magee as HS Resource Room Teacher in the amount of \$28,665 MA (2) for 2005-06
- Ken Sinclair as Custodian in the amount of \$8.55 per hour (Step 2)
- Richard Hooks as Head Softball Coach (2005 Season) in the amount of \$1,750 (Step 1)

The board recessed at 8:28 pm and reconvened at 8:40 pm.

#0174 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to move into executive session at 8:40 pm for continued negotiation discussions.

Leber joined the session at 8:50 pm, left at 9:10 pm, rejoined at 9:30 pm and left at 9:45 pm.

Executive session ended at 9:52 pm.

#0175 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to adjourn at 9:52 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson

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