

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR FEBRUARY 14, 2005 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM

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

The Regular February 14, 2005 meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Gunderson at 7:00 pm. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Heeren, Meland and Sexton. Board Member White was absent. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Mahon, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were also present along with DV Students, Staff, B. Odson of the *Leader-Courier* and D. Thul of the *Two Rivers Times* and members of the community.

Gunderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Members Janet Merrigan, Barbara Christopher-Holt and 2nd Grade Student Faye Buckley presented an overview of the Elementary School Penguin Project as this month's "Spotlight on Education."

The board wished to recognize and **congratulate** the following students who were introduced and gave a brief summary of their respective activities:

- **Honor Band**
 - Alison Gamm (8th Grade)
 - Rachel Morford (6th Grade)
- **Honor Chorus**
 - Elizabeth Hemmingsen (4th Grade)
 - Rachel Jensen (5th Grade)
 - Andreas Thul (5th Grade)
- **Middle School Geography Champion**
 - Mckenzie Jordan (8th Grade)

#0125 - Motion by Heeren, second by Meland, to approve the minutes of the Regular January 10, 2005 Board of Education Meeting as presented.

#0126 - Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve the current bills/claims as presented.

#0127 - Motion by Meland, second by Heeren, to approve and file the financial statements dated January 31, 2005 as presented.

Administrative and board reports were reviewed.

#0128 – Staff Members Heather Sperlich and Larry Becker (along with Staci Haag and Angie Smith) presented the 2005-06 proposed calendar (as approved by majority vote of the Dakota Valley Education Association.) Following discussion, motion by Heeren, second by Meland, approve the calendar as presented with the understanding that in-service dates may change as necessary. Roll call: Gunderson – No; Heeren – Yes; Meland – Yes; Sexton – Yes; White – absent. **Motion carried 3-1.**

#0129 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to table the following Open Enrollment Applications until after Kindergarten Roundup:

- Greg and Corrine Marx for their son, Ethan (Kindergarten in 2005-06)
- Rolli Sexton for her daughter, Abigail (Kindergarten in 2005-06)
- Laura Fuehrer for her daughter, Brianna (Kindergarten in 2005-06)

#0130 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to move into executive session at 8:10 pm for discussion of a student matter. Leber, Halverson and Rasmussen were included in the session.

Halverson left at 8:12 pm. Rasmussen left at 8:17 pm.

Executive session ended at 8:26 pm.

#0131 – Motion by Sexton, second by Meland, to accept the following Open Enrollment Applications effective immediately.

- Ruth Brand for her children, Derek (3rd Grade) and Michael (4th Grade)
- Lori Ruiz for her son, Salvador Lara (9th Grade)

#0132 – Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to approve final payment application from DLR Group for architectural fees associated with construction of the elementary school in the amount of \$9,833.97. Roll Call: Gunderson – Yes; Heeren – No; Meland – Yes; Sexton – Yes; White – absent. **Motion carried 3-1.**

#0133 – Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to close Fund 42 (Capital Projects Fund – Elementary School) and transfer the remaining balance of \$263.02 to the General Fund.

#0134 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$151.32 from Siouxland Federal Credit Union for the VISA “Cash back to Schools” Program. Funds will accrue to the General Fund with appropriation(s) to be determined.

#0135 – Motion by Meland, second by Heeren, to approve 2nd Reading of the following policy files:

- Revised Policy File GCA-1A (Curriculum Director Job Description)
- Revised Policy File GCA-5 (Director of Special Services Job Description)
- Revised Policy File GCA-9 (Librarian Job Description)
- Revised Policy File GDA-13 (HS/MS Library Aide Job Description)

#0136 – Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to approve the following personnel items:

- Contract offer for Lisa Hoebelheinrich as Special Education Paraprofessional in the amount of \$8.30 (BA, step 1) per hour.
- Contract offer for Jeff Vandenhul as High School Baseball Coach in the amount of \$1,750 (1).
- Contract offer for Mandie Weinandt as Winter Cheer Advisor in the amount of \$1,566 (3).
- One-year contract extensions for administrators: Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Hummel and Rasmussen with salary and benefits to be negotiated at a later date.
- One-year contract extensions for salaried employees: Bowman, Mahon and Steckelberg with salary and benefits to be negotiated at a later date.

#0137 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to move into executive session at 8:40 pm. Leber was included in the session.

Craig and Gina Dam and Halverson joined the session at 8:55 pm. Craig and Gina Dam left the session at 9:15 pm. Halverson left at 9:55 pm.

Executive session ended at 10:14 pm.

#0138 – Motion by Sexton, second by Meland, to change the start time of the Regular March 14, 2005 Board of Education Meeting to 5:00 pm at the Administration Center. The board will meet in executive session for administrative contract negotiations. Regular session will begin at approximately 7:00 pm.

#0139 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to adjourn at 10:18 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson

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