

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY BOARD ROOM**

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 PM

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

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kistner at 6:00 pm on March 13, 2023. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Dooley, Kistner, Nilges, Thompson and Weber (arrived at 6:11 pm) Absent: None. Administrators Dr. Warzecha, Kristi Maloney, Niki Herzog, Ben Blaeser, Eric Sommervold, Jeff Hamm, Bill Clements, Mike Oberg, Linda Steele, and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

President Kistner welcomed the visitors. Rebekah Bryan spoke about the Middle School CTE program. She is in favor of discontinuing the CTE program and going back to separate Reading and English classes. She also expressed her support of an additional Middle School Guidance Counselor.

#0099 Motion by Dooley, seconded by Nilges to approve the amended agenda.

No new conflict of interest disclosure was presented.

#0100 Motion by Nilges seconded by Thompson to approve the consent agenda.

#0101 Motion by Nilges seconded by Dooley to approve disposing the high school refrigerator surplus property.

#0102 Motion by Nilges seconded by Thompson to approve the YMCA lease agreement for the preschool program and the Summer 2023 program.

Business Manager Sponder reported that we had two school board member positions up for election and received two petitions to run for the open positions, therefore we will not need to hold an election. The two petitions were received from Jeff Dooley and Matt Thompson.

#0103 Motion by Dooley seconded by Nilges to approve an additional certified EL teacher.

#0104 Motion by Thompson seconded by Dooley to approve an additional SPED teacher.

Board Member Sara Weber arrived at 6:11 pm.

#0105 Motion by Thompson seconded by Nilges to approve the discontinuation of the MS CTE program.

#0106 Motion by Dooley seconded by Nilges to approve an additional 4-8 school counselor.

#0107 Motion by Nilges, seconded by Weber to approve the following resignations and contracts:

Resignations

1. Mitchel Klundt, Teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-23 School Year
2. Eddie Vongsiprsam, Head Boys' Soccer Coach
3. Andrew Stewart, Concessions Supervisor

New Hires

1. Elizabeth Parks, Special Education Teacher, 2023-24 School Year
2. Katie Larson, Special Education Teacher, 2023-24 School Year
3. Joseph Smith, Custodian, Step 3 \$15.94
4. Yahaira Orozco Custodian, Step 5, \$16.35

#0108 Motion by Nilges seconded by Thompson to approve the adoption of the Dakota Valley Standards of Excellence.

#0109 Motion by Thompson seconded by Nilges to approve the Dakota Valley Strategic Plan.

#0110 Motion by Thompson seconded by Nilges to approve the Dakota Valley Continuous Improvement Efforts: Mission & Vision.

#0111 Motion by Nilges seconded by Thompson to approve the development of the new Teacher of the Year Committee with Sara Weber appointed as the board representative on the committee.

#0112 Motion by Dooley seconded by Nilges to approve the SRO contract renewal with the North Sioux City Police Department.

#0113 Motion by Dooley seconded by Nilges to approve the appointment of Matt Thompson for Union County, Andrew Nilges for Big Sioux, Jeff Dooley for Jefferson, and Sara Weber for City of North Sioux to the Board of Equalization Representatives.

#0114 Motion by Nilges seconded by Weber to approve the 2023-24 certified teacher contract renewals and classified staff work agreements with salaries to be determined.

Board discussion was held regarding classes and dual credit options at the Sioux City Career Academy. No motion was made.

Board discussion was held regarding an E-Sports program. No motion was made.

Written administrative reports were received.

Dr. Warzecha presented a legislative update.

#0115 Motion by Dooley seconded by Weber to go into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2.5 contract pricing. The board went into executive session at 7:52 pm with Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder present. The board declared out of executive session at 8:30 pm.

#0116 Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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