

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024
UNAPPROVED 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 April 8, 2024. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Dooley, Kistner, Nilges, and Thompson. Absent: Weber. Administrators Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors. William Hale spoke to the board regarding his concerns for the band program with the departure of both band teachers. Nancy Hale spoke as well regarding the same concerns as William Hale and also concerns regarding fundraising opportunities as Co-Chair of the Music Boosters. Mike Oberg, E-Sports Head Coach, Owen Oberg, Eli Honner, and Chance Johnston presented their experiences with being on the E-Sports team.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dooley to approve the amended agenda.

No new conflict of interest disclosure was presented.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Nilges to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Nilges to approve the FY23 Audit Report.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the food service equipment purchase from Culinox in the amount of \$20,999.62.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dooley to approve the Sped, Food Service, and Technology surplus property requests.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Nilges to approve policy 2006, complaint procedure.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Nilges to table the 2023-24 Student Handbook revision.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the following resignations:

Resignations

1. Tricia Frerichs, Gr. 3 Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
2. Brandon Pogge, ES PE Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
3. Robin Faldmo, Gr. 7 ELA Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
4. Noah Marasco-Ayu, Gr. 7 Reading Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
5. Caitlin Pals, HS Algebra I Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
6. Heather Welch, HS Guidance Counselor, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
7. Susan Stewart, HS Science Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
8. Joe Smith, HS Custodian, effective May 17, 2024.
9. Katie Larson, UE/MS Sped Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
10. Melanie Yakel, Sideline and Comp Cheer, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

New Hires

1. Michael Whittlef, Gr. 6 Science Teacher, 2024-2025 School Year.
2. Miranda Miller, UE/MS Sped Teacher, 2024-2025 School Year.
3. Brian LeMaster, 7-12 Band Teacher, 2024-2025 School Year.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Thompson to approve the contract renewal with the YMCA Preschool, Y Club After School Program, and the YMCA for the Summer Program.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dooley to approve the maintenance and IT summer help positions.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dooley to approve the safety and security updates.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Thompson to approve the resolution for membership to the SD High School Activities Association.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Dooley to approve the resolution and agreement for participation in the ASBPT insurance program/renewal.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Nilges to approve the contract with WITCC for post-secondary education classes.

Student ambassador reports were shared.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dooley to go into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2.4 Negotiations. The board went into executive session at 6:52 pm. Dr. Warzecha, Business Manager Sponder stayed, Board Member Nilges, left the meeting. The board declared out of executive session at 7:00 pm. Board Member Nilges returned to the meeting.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Dooley to approve the certified negotiations agreement. Ayes: Dooley, Kistner, Thompson. Abstain: Nilges.

Motion by Dooley, seconded by Nilges to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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