

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025
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 January 13, 2025. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Kistner, Nilges, Norby, and Thompson. Absent: Dooley. Administrators Dr. Warzecha, Business Manager Sponder, Kristi Maloney, Niki Herzog, Ben Blaeser, Erik Sommervold, Jeff Hamm, Linda Steele, Michael Brzostowski, and Michael Oberg were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the agenda.

No new conflict of interest disclosure was presented.

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

Business Manager Sponder shared information on the nutrition fund spend down plan. Considerations for expenditures are changing reduced priced meals to be free, free breakfast for all students during National School Breakfast Week and replacing the dishwashers in the elementary and middle schools.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the spend down plan as presented.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the following resignations and new hires:

Resignations

1. Amanda Valbuena, HS Spanish Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year

New Hires

1. Daniela Gonzalez, Night Custodian, Step 4, \$19.14

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to set the school board election date for April 15, 2025.

The Board and Dr. Warzecha held a discussion on the 2025-26 school calendar with the Board providing input on various topics. The Board will adopt the 2025-26 school calendar at the February Board meeting.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve Steve Kistner and Matt Thompson as the school board negotiators.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve an update to policy 5014 Homeless Students.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Thompson to approve the updated LAU plan.

Student ambassador reports were presented.

Written administrator reports were received.

Letters of interest in the school board vacancy position were received from Andrew Gould, Scott Cole, Mallory Hertz, Jesica Hanson, and Aaron Tyler.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 6:29 pm with Dr. Warzecha and Jill Sponder present. Everyone interested in the board vacancy position entered the executive session one at a time. The board declared out of executive session at 7:21 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to appoint Jesica Hanson to fill the school board vacancy position.

Business Manager Sponder gave the Oath of office to Jesica Hanson.

Motion by Thomspson, seconded by Norby to adjourn at 7:23 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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