

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 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 February 10, 2025. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Norby, and Thompson. Absent: None. Administrators Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors. Bennett Jensen spoke about the update to the Wellness Policy 5052.

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

No new conflict of interest disclosure was presented.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the revision of Wellness Policy 5052 as presented.

Dr. Warzecha recognized the board for School Board Recognition Week, February 17-21, 2025.

Student ambassador reports were presented.

Written administrator reports were received.

Dr. Warzecha presented a legislative update.

Dr. Warzecha reviewed the elementary land washout restoration plan.

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

Resignations

1. Erik Krenz, HS Head Volleyball Coach.

New Hires

1. Steven Cross, HS Asst Track Coach, Step 5, \$3,429
2. Brian Valerio, Evening Custodian, Step 5, \$19.34 hr.
3. Yvon Fitch, UE/MS Counselor for the 2025-26 school year

Chairperson Kistner asked for nominations to fill the position of Vice-Chair due to the resignation of Jeff Dooley. Nilges nominated Matt Thompson as the Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received, nominations ceased. By virtue of a unanimous vote, Matt Thompson is elected as Vice-President.

Dr. Warzecha requested nominations to fill the board representative position on the sick bank committee due to the resignation of Jeff Dooley. Thompson nominated Jessica Hanson to serve as the board representative on the sick bank committee. By virtue of a unanimous vote, Jessica Hanson is appointed to the sick bank committee.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the quote from American Fence Company in the amount of \$44,395.26 to replace the UE/MS playground fence funded with a Homeland Security Grant pending clarification that posts will be set in concrete and where the fence crosses concrete, posts are bolted to hard surface.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2025-26 school calendar.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to not send out an RFP for a property/liability insurance broker.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the UE/MS Chromebook purchase for the 2025-26 school year from RTI in the amount of \$163,416.00.

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 7:09 pm with Dr. Warzecha present. The board declared out of executive session at 8:16 pm.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Thompson to approve renewing administrator contracts for the 2025-26 school year for Kristi Maloney, Niki Herzog, Ben Blaeser, Erik Sommervold, Jeff Hamm, Bill Clements, Linda Steele, Michael Oberg, Jill Sponder, and Dr. Tonia Warzecha.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Jill Sponder  
Business Manager

Steve Kistner  
Chairperson

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