

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 14, 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 April 14, 2025. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, and Norby. Absent: Thompson. Administrators Dr. Warzecha, Business Manager Sponder, and Kristi Maloney were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

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

No new conflict of interest disclosure was presented.

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

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve advertising for bids to replace the Elementary School dishwasher.

No student ambassador reports were presented.

Written administrator reports were received.

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

Resignations

1. Marcus Nace, HS Computer/Technology Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.
2. Tena Carpenter, HS Activities/Counseling Secretary
3. Brooke Ehlers, HS Math Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school.
4. Britney Konicek, Sped Paraprofessional
5. Shelly Norton, Kindergarten Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

New Hires

1. Sherri Beresford, Gr. 5 Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
2. George Clay, HS Math Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
3. Joseph Danner, HS Math Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Nilges to approve the Social Studies curriculum purchase for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve hotel and airfare up to \$5,000 in expenses for the students attending HOSA National Convention.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the YMCA lease agreement for the preschool program for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the YMCA Y Club afterschool programs for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve Cody Juffer for IT, Logan Brakke for custodial/maintenance, and Tina Thu custodial/maintenance summer help positions.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to approve the following updated job descriptions: Building Secretary – Upper Elementary/Middle School, Building Secretary – High School, Building Secretary – Elementary School, Building Secretary – Activities/Counseling, Alternative School Supervisor, Speech/Language Pathologist, School Nurse, School Librarian, Classroom Teacher – Special Education, Classroom Teacher – General Education, Central Office Administrative Assistant, Building Shared Secretary – ES and UE/MS, Paraprofessional – Library, Maintenance, Copy Center Assistant, Custodian, In-School Suspension Supervisor, School Counselor, Paraprofessional – Special Education, Building Assistant Principal, Activities Director, Dean of Students, Business Manager, Building Principal, Director of Technology, Director of Special Education, Director of Facilities, Superintendent.

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

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve advertising for bids to replace the UE/MS and ES building roofs.

Dr. Warzecha discussed the development of a plan for HVAC replacement, US/MS boilers, cooling tower, and heat pumps.

Dr. Warzecha presented an enrollment update.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve advertising for a 3rd grade teacher due to enrollment numbers in 3rd grade an additional section needs to be added.

Dr. Warzecha discussed a potential board strategic plan work session.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.4 for negotiations. The board went into executive session at 7:32 pm with Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder present. The board declared out of executive session at 8:14 pm.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the negotiated agreements for the administrative and certified staff. Ayes: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges. Nays: None. Abstain: Nilges

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 8:15 pm with Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder present. The board declared out of executive session at 8:51 pm.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve advertising for a Director of Facilities.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to adjourn at 8:51 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

