

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MAY 12, 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 May 12, 2025. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Norby, Thompson. Absent: None. Administrators Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder 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 Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the bid from IS Restaurant Design Equipment and Supply for \$50,418.25 to replace the Elementary School dishwasher and dish table.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the surplus property as presented.

Student ambassador reports were presented.

Written administrator reports were received.

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

Resignations

1. Adam Shanks, Gr. 4-8 Computer Teacher, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

New Hires

1. Levi Gebhard, Gr. 7-12 Band Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
2. Faith Sersland, Gr. 5 Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
3. Sarah Jamieson, Gr. 5 Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
4. Nicole Thomas, Gr. 4 Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
5. Simon Jamieson, HS Special Education Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
6. Kathy Sweisberger, HS Activities/Counselor Secretary
7. Amanda Valbuena-Gingery, CO-Prom Advisor, Step 1, \$290
8. Madison Craighead, HS Asst Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to submit a district response of do not sanction at this time for the baseball survey.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the Fenworks Contract for Esports.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the FBLA request for support for hotel and flights for students up to \$5,000 for the National Convention.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Thompson to approve the FCCLA request for support for hotel and flights for students up to \$5,000 the National Convention.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the SDHSAA 2025 Board of Directors election ballots.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the SDHSAA 2025 Constitution/By-Laws Amendment ballots.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the request from Mr. Diaz for payment of his F1 Visa Fee.

Business Manager Sponder presented the 2025-26 preliminary budget.

Dr. Warzecha presented the 2025 Board of Education Scholarship Recipients, Austyn Koedam and Ethan Hamm.

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 7:44 pm with Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder present. The board declared out of executive session at 8:02 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the negotiated agreement and issue work agreements for the classified staff.

Motion by Thompson seconded by Norby to adjourn at 8:03 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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