

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 9, 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 6:04 pm on June 9, 2025. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Norby, Thompson. Absent: None. Administrators Dr. Warzecha, incoming Superintendent Garrett Schmidt, and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

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

No new conflict of interest disclosure was presented.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the surplus property, furniture, and curriculum books/materials as presented.

Written administrator reports were received.

Dr Warzecha presented a June 2024 flood recovery update.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into the executive session at 6:17 pm with Dr. Warzecha, Business Manager Sponder, and Garrett Schmidt present. The board declared out of executive session at 6:26 pm.

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

Resignations

1. None

New Hires

1. Lisa Cooper, UE/MS Secretary.
2. David Ebner, HS Math Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
3. Ashley Runge, HS Math Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
4. Brandon Pogge, HS Tech Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.
5. Brian Aviles, Lead Night Custodian
6. Laura Murray, 5th Gr. Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the special education comprehensive plan.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to approve the LAU plan.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the contract with a 1.25% increase for Erin Schnabel, Occupational Therapist Services.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Thompson to approve the contract with Teachwell for SLP services.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the contract with Rock Valley Physical Therapy Specialists.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the contract with a 1.25% increase for Tim Geels, ATA Enhancement Services.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the contract with Johnson Controls for HVAC maintenance.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the insurance renewal from EMC Insurance and First Dakota Indemnity Company pending the receipt of other quotes are not greater than a 10% savings.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve updated board policy 4040 criminal history record information.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the job description for the Lead Night Custodian position.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the run-off ballot for the SDHSAA East River At-Large Rep.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.4 for negotiations. The board went into executive session at 6:46 pm with Dr. Warzecha and Garrett Schmidt present. The board declared out of executive session at 7:18 pm.

Business Manager Sponder returned to the meeting.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve a \$2,500 increase in the business manager's salary.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 7:19 pm with Dr. Warzecha, Business Manager Sponder, and Garrett Schmidt present. The board declared out of executive session at 7:36 pm.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve Director of Operations position and job description.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to approve Michael Oberg as the Director of Operations and contract as negotiated.

The Director of Facilities position will not be filled.

Motion by Norby seconded by Nilges to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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