

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

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors. The EL department presented information on their program including progression of EL students towards proficiency, the 12 languages we have at Dakota Valley, participation rates in extra-curricular activities, and the green cords for graduation signifying bilingual certification.

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

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

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

Business Manager Sponder shared the annual audit will be held onsite December 4-5, 2025.

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

Resignations

1. Tiffany Wendling, Head CC Coach
2. Phil Breed, Asst CC Coach
3. Chris Schmidt, Asst HS Boys Basketball Coach

New Hires

1. Brandon Pogge, Head MS Girls Basketball, Step 9, \$ 2,673
2. Sarah Blaeser, Asst MS Volleyball Coach, \$ 992.56
3. Amber Schipper, Head MS Volleyball Coach, \$ 1,190.73
4. Jacob Sittig, Asst HS Boys Basketball Coach, Step 11, \$ 3,802

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the CMBA proposal.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the Ecobot 50 purchase from Eakes for \$40,407.76. Ayes: Hanson, Kistner, Norby. Nays: Nilges

Mr. Schmidt discussed the district report card.

Mr. Schmidt presented an enrollment update.

Mr. Schmidt presented information on a cell phone tower that Verizon is looking to place in the school campus area.

Student ambassador report was received.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 7:04 pm. Mr. Schmidt entered the meeting at 7:38 pm. The board declared out of executive session at 8:04 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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