DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 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 Vice-Chairperson Thompson at 6:01 pm on December 8, 2025. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner (via phone), Nilges, Norby, and Thompson. Absent: None. Administrators, Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Vice-Chairperson Thompson welcomed the visitors. Nick Taylor, Craig Bryan, Kosta Antonopoulos, Tegen Hoffman, Anthony Payne, Christopher Margeas, Mike Peck, Chuck Emrich, Austin Janssen, JR Smith, Chris Becker, and Carl Reinhardt spoke regarding the head football coaching position.

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

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

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

Business Manager Sponder shared on site work for the annual audit was held on December 4, 2025, off site work continues and the report will be received in a couple of months.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the proposed placement of a cell phone tower by Verizon.

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

Resignations
1. Adam Shanks, JH Head Boys Basketball Coach

New Hires
1. Kennedy Wineland, HS Asst Softball, Step 1, $2,319
2. Jody Robertson – Three Act Play Director, Step 4, $3,367

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve the election date of June 2, 2026.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to table the vehicle purchase.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to table the salt spreader.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the cooling tower RFB.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve to make an emergency procurement purchase for repairs to the middle school main water line due to a current leak and potential for it to burst and flood the building with a budget of up to $70,000 to allow for consideration of timeline to prevent the need for a shut down.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the governor's budget address.

Committee reports were received.

Student ambassador report was received.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Jill Sponder Business Manager	Matt Thompson Vice-Chairperson

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