

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2025
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY BOARD ROOM**

SPECIAL SESSION – 4:00 PM

*** All motions carried unanimously approved unless otherwise indicated.**

The special meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kistner at 4:00 pm on December 23, 2025. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson (via phone), Kistner, Nilges (via phone), and Thompson. Absent: Norby. Superintendent Schmidt, Business Manager Sponder, and Michael Oberg were in attendance.

No visitors were present.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the agenda. Roll call vote Ayes: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Thompson, Nays: None

No new conflict of disclosures was presented.

Mr. Schmidt held a discussion on a cell phone tower.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the following resignation: Roll call vote Ayes: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Thompson. Nays: None

Resignations

1. Anna Michaelson, Teacher, Annual Advisor, Newspaper, and Drama 1 Act Play, retirement effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the hearing device surplus property. Roll call vote Ayes: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Thompson, Nays: None

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to approve the cooling tower bid from Suter for \$330,000. Other bids received were MTC Mechanical \$347,924. Thompson Solutions \$338,405, Hander Plumbing and Heating \$445,470, and Midwestern Mechanical \$447,000. Roll call vote Ayes: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Thompson, Nays: None

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to adjourn at 4:15 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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