

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2026
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 6:00 pm on February 9, 2026. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Nilges, Norby, and Thompson. Absent: Kistner. Administrators, Superintendent Schmidt, Business Manager Sponder, and Michael Oberg were in attendance.

Vice-Chairperson Thompson welcomed the visitors.

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

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

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

Motion by Nilges, to charge students for breakfast during Donuts w/Grownups event. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to approve free breakfast for students attending their building's Donuts w/Grownups event.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve 2026-27 school calendar.

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

Resignations

1. Nicole Carson, Sped Paraprofessional.
2. Renee Gunderson, Sped Paraprofessional.
3. Carli Serrano, CTE Teacher, FCCLA Advisor, NHS Advisor, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
4. Brandon Pogge, CTE Teacher, MS Head Girls Basketball Coach, Driver's Ed Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.
5. Jason Jund, MS Asst Track Coach

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the following new hire:

New Hires

1. Jeff Hamm, HS Principal, beginning 2026-27 school year, \$110,000

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Nilges to approve renewing administrator contracts for 2026-27 with salaries to be determined at a later date.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve the base bid and all three alternates from Four Way Contracting for ES and UE/MS roof replacement for a total of \$1,487,540.00.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2026-27 technology purchase as presented.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to approve a budget of up to \$42,000 to replace the MS water main fire hydrant.

Mr. Schmidt shared a legislative update.

Student ambassador report was received.

Written administrator reports were received.

Mr. Schmidt recognized the board for School Board Recognition Week, which is February 16-20, 2026.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 7:20 pm. Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 7:55 pm.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve the non-renewal of teacher 2026-27 contracts for Joseph Danner and Allison Miller, and to terminate Daniel Bottger, custodian, effective immediately.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Matt Thompson
Vice-Chairperson

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