DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 13, 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 Chairperson Kistner at 6:00 pm on April 13, 2026. 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.

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

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

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

Business Manager Sponder shared we had two open school board vacancies and received two petitions therefore there we will not have an election.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the surplus property request.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to approve the audit report.

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

Resignations

1. Brittany Calvillo, EL Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year
2. Madison Craighead, Asst HS Girls Basketball Coach
3. Laura Dohrer, 5th gr Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year
4. Kylee Full, 3rd gr Teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year
5. Jaclyn Hanson, UE/MS Art, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year
6. Justine Sponder, Head Competitive Cheer Coach
7. Kennedy Wineland, Asst HS Softball Coach
8. Kennedy Wineland, Asst HS Volleyball Coach
9. Julieth Brieva, Night Custodian
10. Michael Broderson, Custodian

New Hires

1. Jerry Koenck, 3rd gr Teacher
2. Stephanie Norton-McDonald, HS Math Teacher
3. Susan Tighe, Night Custodian, Step 10, $20.67 hr.
4. Peggy Ter Wee, HS Sped Teacher

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve not making up the snow day, keeping the 2025-26 the same.

Business Manager Sponder presented information regarding open records requests fees.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the Western Iowa Tech Community College agreement.

Consideration of summer help positions was moved to after the executive session.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2026-27 YMCA Preschool Program lease agreement.

No action was taken on the 2026-27 Y Club program lease agreement.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to schedule a board work session on April 29th, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to approve the ASBPT Participation Agreement adoption and renewal.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve the SDHSAA Membership Resolution.

Superintendent Schmidt discussed graduation plans.

Student ambassador report was received

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.4 for negotiations. The board went into executive session at 6:50 pm. Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 7:08 pm.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to approve the certified, classified, and administrator's negotiations proposals. Ayes: Hanson, Kistner, Norby, Thomspon. Nays: None. Abstain: Nilges

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 7:09 pm. Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 7:39 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to approve 2 full-time and 1 part-time seasonal and 1 part-time IT summer positions.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Jill Sponder	Steve Kistner
Business Manager	Chairperson

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