

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MAY 11, 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 May 11, 2026. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, and Norby. Absent: Thompson. Administrators, Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

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

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

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

Business Manager Sponder shared the Wellness Committee met and discussed the food service survey that was sent out to students in grades 4-12 and the wellness policy was distributed for review.

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

Resignations

1. Will Bisenius, Asst HS Girls Basketball Coach
2. Hannah Mosterd, MS Teacher
3. Jody Robertson, 3-Act Play Director
4. Justine Sponder, CTE Teacher, FBLA Advisor, Fall Sideline Cheer, Winter Sideline Cheer
5. Jaden Camerer, MS Asst Volleyball Coach
6. Julie Masters, Paraprofessional

New Hires

1. Jaden Camerer, 5th Gr Teacher
2. Morgan McKellep, 3 Act Play Director
3. Grace Porter, 6th Gr Science
4. Tyson Jenkins, MS Asst Track Coach, Step 1, \$1,933
5. Amy Hegvik, MS Asst Track Coach, Step 2, \$1,969
6. Madison Kenney, Asst Softball Coach, Step 1, \$2,319

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to approve a budget of \$14,915, equivalent to \$785 per student, for national convention for FBLA, FCCLA, and HOSA.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to approve a 1.4% increase in the contract rates for Erin Schnabel and ATA Enhancement.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve voting yes for the SDHSAA amendment ballots.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Nilges to approve voting for Jeff Kusters for the SDHSAA board election ballot.

Chairperson Kistner left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Board Member Nilges took over as chairperson of the meeting.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the quote from Mitchell Electric in the amount of \$57,403.16 for the transformer replacement. Ayes: Hanson, Nilges, Norby. Nays: None. Absent: Kistner, Thompson

Chairperson Kistner returned to the meeting and took over as chairperson at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Hanson to approve the quote for areas 1 and 2 from Barkley Asphalt in the amount of \$22,680 for elementary school playground asphalt resurfacing.

Business Manager Sponder presented the FY27 preliminary budget.

Superintendent Schmidt presented the recipient of the 2026 Board of Education Scholarship, Cooper Bernard.

Discussion took place regarding foreign exchange students for the 2026-27 school year.

No student ambassador report was received.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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