

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

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the amended agenda tabling a new hire until the July meeting.

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

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

Motion by Thompson seconded by Nilges to approve the surplus property as presented.

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

Resignations - None

New Hires

1. Lisa Dirksen, UE/MS Art Teacher
2. Rachel Keokenchanh, HS CTE (Business)

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the 2026-27 special education comprehensive plan.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the 2026-27 Lau plan.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to table the purchase of the distributed antennae system to the July meeting.

Mr. Schmidt presented the first reading of the 2026-27 student handbook.

Mr. Schmidt presented the first reading of board policies 3003.1 - Bidding for Public Improvements Financed with Federal Funds, 3004.1 - Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds, 3034 - Copying Fees for School District Records, 3056 - Guest Speakers and School Visitors, 3060 - ACH Originator Policy, 4003 - Drug Policy Regarding Drivers, 4012 - Staff Internet and Computer Use, 4051 - Staff and District Social Media Use, 4054 - Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect, 4060 - School Vehicle Use, 4063 - Staff Use of AI Tools, 5010 – Immunizations, 5016 - Student Records, and 6003 - Instructional Program

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the MS dishwasher/table bid from IS Restaurant Design & Supply for \$51,297.08. Other bids received were Central Restaurant for \$51,694.30, Culinex for \$52,224.98, and Sysco for \$55,042.79.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to approve the property and liability insurance renewal

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to table the HS video wall replacement.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 6:46 pm. Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 6:49 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the termination of Paula Streeter.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel (superintendent evaluation). The board went into executive session at 6:49 pm. Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder left the meeting. Superintendent Schmidt returned to the meeting at 7:24pm. Sponder returned to the meeting at 7:58pm. The board declared out of executive session at 7:59 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the superintendent contract renewal as amended.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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