



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61-8
6:00 P.M., JULY 13, 2026 — ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ROOM
1150 NORTHSORE DR., NORTH SIOUX CITY, SD 57049

1. Call to order *Chairperson*
 - a. Roll call: __Kistner__ Hanson __ Nilges __Norby __Thompson
2. Pledge of Allegiance *Schmidt*
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
5. Preliminary Budget Hearing FY27
6. Public Input
7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2026
 - b. Acknowledge Receipt of Financials
 - c. Approval of Bills
8. Business Manager Report
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - a. Administration of Oath of Office to Board Members *Jill Sponder*
 1. Jesica Hanson
 2. Matt Thompson
 - b. Election of 2026-2027 Board Officers *Schmidt*
 - c. Approval to Designate
 1. Parliamentary Guidelines
 2. Banking Institutions
 3. Authorized Custodians of and Signatures for Bank Accounts
 4. Authorized Signatures for District Contracts/Designations
 5. Payment of Utilities & Insurance Policies
 6. Official Purchasing Agents
 7. Official Newspaper
 8. Legal Counsel
 9. Administration of School Lunch Program
 10. Federal Programs Director
 11. Administrator of Title I, II, III, IX
 12. Truancy Officer
 13. Membership in Associated School Boards of South Dakota
 14. Membership in Large School Organization
 15. Mileage/Meal/Lodging Rates
 16. Foster Care Point of Contact
 - d. Designate \$1,000 from the School Board Members Fund for two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to be awarded to two graduates from the current senior class.
 - e. Authorize the Business Manager to utilize electronic transfer of funds for the bond payments for the district.
 - f. Authorize payment to specific vendors between board meetings
 - g. Authorize the Board Chairperson to use a signature stamp in lieu of hand signatures.

- h. Authorize the Superintendent or their designee to close school in emergency situations and in cases of inclement weather
 - i. Set School Meal Rates
 - j. Set Admission Prices
 - k. Set Board Salary
 - l. Substitute Rates
 - m. Appoint BOE Members to Committees
 - 1. Buildings and Grounds
 - 2. Finance
 - 3. Library and Technology
 - 4. Policy Committee
 - 5. NSCDV Recreation
 - 6. DVBC & ASBSD Legislative Liaison
 - 7. Hardship Fund (Sick Bank)
 - 8. Wellness
 - 9. School Improvement
 - 10. Teacher/Staff Member of the Year
 - n. Set Board of Education Meeting Dates and Times
 - o. Set Price for Photocopy and Fax Machine Usage
 - p. Set Out of State Tuition
 - q. Set Worker Stipends
 - r. Set Mileage, Meals, and Lodging Reimbursement Rates
 - s. Review of the Open Meetings Laws
 - t. Resignations
 - u. New Hires
 - v. Consider approval of Head Start contract
 - w. Policy Updates – Second Readings
 - x. Policy Updates – First Readings
 - y. 2026-2027 Student Handbook – Second Reading
 - z. JCI Contract
 - aa. Early Graduations
11. Administrative Reports
12. Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-1 Personnel
- a. Action pursuant to Executive Session, if necessary
13. Adjourn
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**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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DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD REPORT OF EXPENDITURES
July 13, 2026

<u>Item</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Fund: GENERAL FUND		
1	A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	PRINTER PER PAGE CONTRACT	1,787.06
2	AFLAC SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	3,754.64
3	ALLIED 100, LLC	AED Supplies	237.00
4	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	1,884.10
5	ASB SPORTS ACQUISITION INC	Softball Equipment	476.58
6	BENTSON PEST MANAGEMENT	PEST CONTROL	180.00
7	BOMGAARS	MAINT. SUPPLY	206.97
8	CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO.	science - plants	160.09
9	CASH	ACTIVITY GATE START UP	6,000.00
10	CERTIFIED AUTO INC	Oil Change Ford Edge	151.15
11	CHESTERMAN CO.	BUSINESS OFFICE WATER	77.00
12	CITY OF NORTH SIOUX CITY	SRO OFFICER	9,593.99
13	CNOS, PC	AT CONTRACTS	2,823.48
14	CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERVICES, LLC	TRANSLATION SERVICES	10.59
15	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF SD	INSURANCE	9,908.64
16	DV/NSC RECREATION COMPLEX	ANNUAL DONATION 26-27	5,000.00
17	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	MS SUPPLY - MOORE	507.31
18	FIRST DAKOTA INDEMNITY CO	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	22,953.00
19	FIVE STAR AWARDS	SR. DV ACRYLIC	1,843.80
20	FLEET SERVICES	FUEL PURCHASES	1,444.02
21	GARRATT-CALLAHAN CO.	June water treatment	899.93
22	GILL HAULING INC	GARBAGE FEES	2,512.50
23	GUNDERSON'S	STAFF - CLOCK	120.00
24	H20 4 U	WATER SERVICE - 172791	140.49
25	HAMILTON TOUCHLESS INC	CAR WASHES	38.00
26	HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, INC	BUSSING FUEL	15,705.82
27	HEARTLAND NATURAL GAS, LLC	GAS - 129053057	141.12
28	HILLYARD - SIOUX FALLS	Waxing Supplies	68.28
29	IMPREST	IMPREST	2,501.08
30	JOSTENS INC	DIPLOMA	41.76
31	KSB SCHOOL LAW	LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,657.50
32	LEGACY PUBLISHING	MEAL SITES AD	443.94
33	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	LIFE/LTD/STD PREMIUMS	3,732.99
34	LONG LINES	TELEPHONE SERVICE	765.50
35	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	COPIER LEASE	792.89
36	MASTER LOCK COMPANY	KEY F984 - 267075	34.88
37	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC AND GAS	24,629.60
38	MINUTEMAN TIMING	SESD SHOWCASE TIMING	950.00
39	PANTHER PRIDE INC	REIMBURSEMENT FOR TKT TAKING	180.00
40	SAPP BROS, INC	Bulk Fuel	1,074.68
41	SASD	DUES	3,149.00
42	SD DEPT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGAT	CBC FOR STEPHANIE NORTON-MCDONALD	100.00
43	SDHSAA	2025-26 RULE BOOK ORDER	208.00
44	SIOUX CITY WINNELSON CO	June Filters for HVAC	5,724.67
45	SIOUXLAND LOCK AND KEY	KEYS	4.45
46	STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICE, INC	CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE	1,946.80
47	TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB	GOLF COURSE FEES AND PASSES	994.26
48	U.S. BANK	US BANK CC STATEMENT	5,647.10
49	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	119.74
50	WAGEWORKS, INC	FSA BENEFIT	197.50
51	WELLMARK OF SOUTH DAKOTA	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	173,889.60
52	WILLIAM V. MACGILL & CO	Nurse Supplies	436.91
53	WILMES, KARI	CONFERENCE MEALS - ACDA	120.00

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD REPORT OF EXPENDITURES
July 13, 2026

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

\$317,968.41

Fund: CAPITAL OUTLAY

1	ACTIVE INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	Year 2 of 3 year renewal - Website	4,230.00
2	AGILE SPORTS TECHNOLOGIES	HUDL SUBSCRIPTION	10,800.00
3	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CUSTODIAL	570.30
4	ASB SPORTS ACQUISITION INC	Football Jerseys	474.75
5	ASSOCIATED FIRE PROTECTION	SP26 Fire Inspection UE/MS and HS	12,096.50
6	BLOOKET	Annual 20 seat renewal	1,000.00
7	BOMGAARS	DROPCLOTH	112.20
8	BRIGHT ARROW	Annual Renewal	2,619.00
9	CMBA ARCHITECTS	ROOFING PROJECT	1,840.00
10	CMC NEPTUNE	ANNUAL RENEWAL	2,300.00
11	COMBINED BUILDING SPECIALTIES	HS Bleacher Inspections	1,521.00
12	CW SUTER & SON, INC	Service Calls	4,078.72
13	DISCOVERY EDUCATION, INC	Annual Renewal	1,799.00
14	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	MS OFFICE SUPPLY	156.15
15	EDPUZZLE	Renewal of Edpuzzle	2,880.00
16	EVERWAY LLC	Read and Write Renewal	3,535.30
17	FISLERDATA LLC	Annual Renewal	399.00
18	FORTE	Smart Notebook Renewal	902.70
19	FOUR WAY CONTRACTING, INC	2nd Payment for Roof Project	237,880.00
20	FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC	Renewal - Schedule	2,433.09
21	GENERATION GENIUS, INC	Annual Renewal	1,395.00
22	GIMKIT	Renewal	1,000.00
23	HAPPY NUMBERS, INC	Annual Renewal	4,950.00
24	HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, INC	BUSSING FUEL	1,968.55
25	IMPERO SOLUTIONS INC	Annual Renewal	12,344.40
26	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	FLOORING E SPORTS	54,010.41
27	INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY	FY26 Camera Rotation	25,488.64
28	JOHNSON CONTROLS BUILDING SOLUTIONS, LLC	Repairs	851.90
29	JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	D104 ES Repair	1,838.65
30	JUSTICE FIRE AND SAFETY	Annual Renewal for monitoring	1,080.00
31	JW PEPPER & SON, INC.	All State Chorus Music	247.49
32	LAMPO GROUP LLC/RAMSEY SOLUTIONS	Personal Finance Curr	12,437.19
33	MOBY MAX	Annual Renewal - Moby Max	4,795.00
34	NWEA	Annual Renewal	17,737.50
35	OVERDRIVE	Annual Renewal	1,500.00
36	PDQ INTERMEDIATE INC	Annual Renewal - Smart Deploy	11,011.00
37	PDQ.COM CORPORATION	Annual Renewal	1,402.50
38	PLANBOOK.COM	Annual Renewal - Planbook	1,376.00
39	PLUMBING AND HEATING WHOLESALE	REPAIRS	15.53
40	POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC	Annual Renewal	2,545.11
41	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	LEASE - 7.29.26-10.28.26	539.79
42	RIDDEL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP.	FOOTBALL HELMETS	6,140.80
43	RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES	Kajeet Smart Spot Renewals	14,682.00
44	ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT CO. INC	MOWER REPAIRS	879.85
45	ROCKET SPELLING	Annual Renewal	350.00
46	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT	1,625.67
47	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	Annual Microsoft Licensing	8,081.72
48	STARFALL EDUCATION	Starfall renewal	355.00
49	THOMPSON ELECTRIC COMPANY	HS LED Light Progress Bill 3	2,293.06
50	TMS, INC	Annual Renewal	6,679.08
51	TURNITIN LLC	Annual Renewal	3,526.00
52	U.S. BANK	US BANK CC STATEMENT	21.24
53	VECTOR SOLUTIONS	Renewal	1,207.50

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPORT OF EXPENDITURES July 13, 2026			
54	WEST PLAINS ENGINEERING, INC	PROJECT COOLING TOWER	1,500.00
55	ZIEGLER	Bolts for Generator	18.69
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY			\$497,522.98
Fund: SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND			
1	AFLAC SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	662.58
2	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SPED ORDER - STEELE	198.08
3	CAMP HIGH HOPES	RENTAL - ORG. ACTIVITIES FEES	960.00
4	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF SD	INSURANCE	1,748.58
5	EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE	SPEECH SERVICES - DEPOSIT	28,035.00
6	EVERWAY LLC	SPED Curriculum	6,350.06
7	FLEET SERVICES	FUEL PURCHASES	73.06
8	GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS	JUNE 2026 SUMMER	1,323.95
9	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	LIFE/LTD/STD PREMIUMS	658.76
10	RELAYHUB, LLC	IEP software	2,476.00
11	SASD	SASD - L. STEELE	812.00
12	SCHNABEL, ERIN	DRIVING HOURS	816.22
13	STAGES LEARNING	Curriculum- RISE Students	21,945.33
14	U.S. BANK	US BANK CC STATEMENT	172.24
15	WELLMARK OF SOUTH DAKOTA	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	30,686.40
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION			\$96,918.26
PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION BY DEPARTMENT			
INSTRUCTION		463,698.57	
SUPPORT		219,041.67	
EXTRA-DUTY/CO-CURRICULAR		29,287.55	
SPECIAL EDUCATION		100,992.46	
DRIVERS EDUCATION		4,666.00	
TOTAL SALARIES		817,686.25	
INSTRUCTION		101,680.44	
SUPPORT		45,356.77	
EXTRA-DUTY/CO-CURRICULAR		10,636.41	
SPECIAL EDUCATION		28,081.11	
DRIVERS EDUCATION		636.90	
TOTAL BENEFITS		186,391.63	
TOTAL CHECKING ACCOUNT #1			\$1,916,487.53
FUND: FOOD SERVICE			
1	HOBART SALES AND SERVICE	KITCHEN TEMP CONTROL	2,144.89
2	MARICK MECHANICAL	Repair of HS Merchandiser	1,364.62
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND			\$3,509.51
FUND: NEW HIGH SCHOOL BOND FUND 2015			
1	US BANK (ST. PAUL)	DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT	1,467,687.50
TOTAL NEW HIGH SCHOOL BOND FUND 2015			\$1,467,687.50

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-3
NORTH SIOUX CITY, SD
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS & CASH BALANCES

June 30, 2026

Cash Balance or Equivalents May 31, 2026	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	ES Bond Fund	NEW HS Bond Fund	Food Service Fund	Trust & Agency	Drivers Ed Fund
	\$ 4,340,745	\$ 6,889,521	\$ 993,879	\$ 131,327	\$ 3,911,208	\$ 202,071	\$ 46,389	\$ 31,414
Receipts:								
Local Sources:								
Taxes	\$ 213,027	\$ 148,503	\$ 73,138		\$ 95,005			
Food Service Sales						\$ 4,212		
Pupil Activities	\$ 8,954						\$ 12,079	
Interest Earnings	\$ 1,216					\$ 28	\$ 18	
Transfers								
Tuition								
Other Local / Donations	\$ 14,986							
Refunded Expenditures								
Intermediate Sources:								
County Apportionment								
Other Intermediate								
State Sources:								
State Aid	\$ 395,763							
One Time State Aid								
Other State	\$ 3,392	\$ 1,099						
Federal Sources:								
Grants								
Food Service Assistance						\$ 35,860		
Total Receipts	\$ 637,339	\$ 148,503	\$ 74,237	\$ -	\$ 95,005	\$ 40,099	\$ 12,097	\$ -
Total Net Disbursements	\$ 2,265,533	\$ 1,212,900	\$ 363,686		\$ 750	\$ 57,851	\$ 30,204	\$ 5,785
Cash Balance or Equivalents	\$ 2,712,550	\$ 5,825,124	\$ 704,430	\$ 131,327	\$ 4,005,463	\$ 184,320	\$ 28,283	\$ 25,629

Account Inquiry - Date Range - Include Encumbrances

06/2026 - 06/2026

Regular; Beginning Month 06/2026; Processing Month 06/2026; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Chart of Account Number 71 415 954; Fund Number 71

Entry Date	Description	JR	Reference Number	Invoice / Cost Center	Purchase Order	Vendor ID/Name	Budgeted Amount	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Outstanding	Account Balance
Fund: 71	AGENCY FUND										
71 415 954	IMPREST					*Previous Balance					
06/10/2026	IMPREST	CR	6636			GENERALFUN GENERAL FUND		57,955.41	23,749.85		(34,205.56)
06/11/2026	10 6208 000 319	CD	3 86728	052626		KLINE KLINE RICK		166.16	1,730.06		
06/11/2026	10 6930 000 319 001	CD	3 86729	052126		LUTHER LUTHER RICH		275.00			
06/11/2026	10 6930 000 319 001	CD	3 86730	052126		MURREN MURREN MARC		382.84			
06/11/2026	10 6930 000 319 001	CD	3 86731	052126		VANGOOR VAN GOOR JOSEPH		193.20			
06/11/2026	10 6930 000 319 001	CD	3 86732	052126		WATERMAN WATERMAN TONY		372.37			
06/11/2026	10 6208 000 319	CD	3 86733	052626		WILES WILES MARY		95.74			
06/18/2026	10 6107 000 319	CD	3 86734	061626		BEELER BEELER NATHAN		196.65			
06/18/2026	10 6234 000 315	CD	3 86735	050426		DELLRAPIDS DELL RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL		120.00			
06/18/2026	10 6107 000 319	CD	3 86736	061626		MORAN MORAN MIKE		180.49			
06/18/2026	10 6136 003 315	CD	3 86737	042826		YANKTONHIG YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL		150.00			
06/18/2026	10 6105/6206 000 315	CD	3 86737	052026		YANKTONHIG YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL		100.00			
06/18/2026	10 6107 000 319	CD	3 86737	061526		YANKTONHIG YANKTON HIGH SCHOOL		88.63			
06/25/2026	10 6107 000 319	CD	3 86740	202604		COWLEY1 COWLEY JASON		150.00			
06/25/2026	10 6925 000 111	CD	3 86741	052126		POLLOCK POLLOCK MADYSEN		30.00			
71 415 954	IMPREST					*Current Activity			1,730.06		(771.02)
	IMPREST Total:						0.00	60,456.49	25,479.91	0.00	(34,976.56)
						Current Liabilities Total:	0.00	60,456.49	25,479.91	0.00	(34,976.56)

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Dakota Valley Board of Education
Board Room
July 13, 2026
Annual Meeting
6:00 PM

The Dakota Valley Board of Education will conduct a public budget hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 School Budgets at the Board Room at 6:00pm on July 13, 2026. Anyone who wishes to comment on the proposed budgets may do so at this time.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Posted July 7, 2026

Publish July 10, 2026

Dakota Valley School District 2026-27 Budget

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES:

TAXES:

AD VALOREM TAXES	4,275,193
GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES	56,279
PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES	

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS AND DEPOSITS:

INVESTMENT EARNINGS	10,000
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COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

ADMISSIONS	55,000
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OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	7,500
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
OTHER	100,000
SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY	

REVENUE FROM INTERMEDIATE SOURCES:

COUNTY APPORTIONMENT	167,081
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REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

GRANTS - IN - AID:

STATE AID	5,793,714
BANK FRANCHISE TAX	204,871
SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LANDS	143,205
MEDICAID	

REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:

RESTRICTED GRANTS-IN-AID	141,510
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	1,200,000
USE OF FUND BALANCE	144,102

TOTAL REVENUE:

12,298,455

EXPENDITURES:

INSTRUCTION:

REGULAR PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY	2,087,726
MIDDLE SCHOOL	2,201,741
HIGH SCHOOL	2,052,744

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

GIFTED AND TALENTED	
PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATIONALLY DEPRIVED	362,585
OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	40,916

SUPPORT SERVICES:

PUPILS:

GUIDANCE	364,269
HEALTH	117,011
PSYCHOLOGICAL	

SUPPORT SERVICES INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF:

IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	44,368
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA	499,831

SUPPORT SERVICES - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION	126,592
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	216,005

SUPPORT SERVICES - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	875,287
OTHER	200

SUPPORTS SERVICES - BUSINESS:

FISCAL SERVICES	255,609
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	1,398,212
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	767,340
INTERNAL SERVICES	121,092
OTHER SERVICES	

NONPROGRAMMED CHARGES:

DEBT SERVICE

COTINGENCIES

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR	217,034
MALE ACTIVITES	148,401
FEMALE ACTIVITES	132,153
TRANSPORTATION	106,250
COMBINED ACTIVITIES	163,089

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

12,298,455

SPECIAL EDUCATION

REVENUES:

TAXES:

AD VALOREM TAXES	2,070,852
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REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

GRANTS - IN - AID:

STATE AID	103,966
MEDICAID	1,000

REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:

RESTRICTED GRANTS-IN-AID	308,649
USE OF FUND BALANCE	291,512

TOTAL REVENUE:

2,775,979

EXPENDITURES:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION	2,114,473
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SUPPORT SERVICES

PSYCHOLOGICAL	110,592
SPEECH PATHOLOGY	258,394
STUDENT THERAPY SERVICES	122,297
ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES	

SUPPORT SERVICES - SPECIAL EDUCATION

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	170,223
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

2,775,979

CAPITAL OUTLAY

REVENUES:

TAXES:

AD VALOREM TAXES 3,692,085

OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES

OTHER

REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:

TRANSFER FROM ES BOND

USE OF FUND BALANCE 1,306,625

TOTAL REVENUE:

4,998,710

EXPENDITURES:

INSTRUCTION:

REGULAR PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY 92,212

MIDDLE SCHOOL 220,971

HIGH SCHOOL 178,887

SUPPORT SERVICES INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF:

IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA 24,201

SUPPORTS SERVICES - BUSINESS:

FISCAL SERVICES 35,016

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT 2,534,330

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION 228,310

INTERNAL SERVICES

SUPPORT SERVICES - CENTRAL:

TECHNOLOGY 148,670

BOARD OF EDUCATION 186,113

DEBT SERVICE

25,000

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR 125,000

NONPROGRAMMED CHARGES:

TRANSFER OUT TO GENERAL FUND 1,200,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

4,998,710

BOND REDEMPTION FUNDS

REVENUES:

TAXES:

AD VALOREM TAXES 2,698,018

USE OF FUND BALANCE (883,643)

TOTAL REVENUE:

1,814,375

EXPENDITURES:

DEBT SERVICE

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS 1,100,000

INTEREST PAYMENTS 713,375

OTHER 1,000

NONPROGRAMMED CHARGES:

TRANSFER TO CO

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

1,814,375

FOOD SERVICE

REVENUES:

SALES TO PUPILS	400,000
SALES TO ADULTS	40,000
ALA CARTE SALES	200,000
NSLP REIMBURSEMENT	200,000
DONATED FOOD COMMODITIES	45,000
CASH APPLIED	184,950
TOTAL REVENUE:	1,069,950

EXPENDITURES:

SUPPORTS SERVICES - BUSINESS:

FOOD SERVICE	1,069,950
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,069,950

DRIVERS EDUCATION

REVENUES:

TUITION	15,000
CASH APPLIED	5,000
TOTAL REVENUE:	20,000

EXPENDITURES:

SUPPORTS SERVICES - BUSINESS:

DRIVERS EDUCATION	20,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	20,000



Conducting the Public's Business in Public

A guide to South Dakota's
Open Meetings Laws
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Q: WHAT ARE SOUTH DAKOTA'S OPEN MEETINGS LAWS?

A: South Dakota's open meetings laws embody the principle that the public is entitled to the greatest possible information about public affairs and are intended to encourage public participation in government. SDCL Ch. 1-25 requires that official meetings of public bodies must be public and advance notice is to be given of such meetings. The statutes define an "official meeting" as one where a quorum of the public body is present and at which official business or public policy of the body is discussed or decided. Openness in government is encouraged.

Q: WHO DOES THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS APPLY TO?

A: The open meetings laws apply to all public bodies of the state and its political subdivisions. SDCL 1-25-1, 1-25-12(3). This includes cities, counties, school boards and other public bodies created by ordinance or resolution, such as appointed boards, task forces, and committees, so long as they have authority to exercise sovereign power. SDCL 1-25-12(2). Although no court decisions have been issued on the subject, this probably does not include bodies that serve only in an advisory capacity. The State Constitution allows the Legislature and the Unified Judicial System to create rules regarding their own separate functions.

Q: ARE TELECONFERENCES CONSIDERED PUBLIC MEETINGS?

A: Yes. The open meetings laws allow meetings, including executive or closed meetings, to be conducted by teleconference – defined as an exchange of information by audio, video, or electronic means (including the internet) – if a place is provided for the public to participate. SDCL 1-25-1.5, 1-25-12(5). In addition, for teleconferences where

less than a quorum of the public body is present at the location open to the public, arrangements must also be made for the public to listen by telephone or internet (except for portions of meetings properly closed for executive sessions). SDCL 1-25-1.6. The media and public must be notified of teleconference meetings under the same notice requirements as any other meeting.

Q: HOW ARE THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA NOTIFIED WHEN PUBLIC BUSINESS IS BEING DISCUSSED?

A: SDCL 1-25-1.1 requires that all political subdivisions (except the state and its boards, commissions, or departments as provided in § 1-25-1.3) prominently post a notice and copy of the proposed agenda at the political subdivision's principal office. At a minimum, the proposed agenda must include the date, time, and location of the meeting and must be visible, readable, and accessible to the public for 24 continuous hours immediately preceding the meeting. Also, if the political subdivision has its own website, the notice must be posted on the website upon dissemination of the notice. For special or rescheduled meetings, political subdivisions must comply with the regular meeting notice requirements as much as circumstances permit. The notice must be delivered in person, by mail, by email, or by telephone to all local news media who have asked to be notified. It is good practice for local media to renew requests for notification of special or rescheduled meetings at least annually.

SDCL 1-25-1.3 varies slightly from SDCL 1-25-1.1 and requires the State and its agencies, boards, commissions, or departments to give notice by posting a proposed agenda at least 72 continuous hours before a meeting is scheduled to start (this does not include any weekend or legal holiday). The State is also required to give notice of a public meeting by posting its proposed agenda on <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov>.

Q: WHO ARE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA?

A: There is no definition of “local news media” in SDCL ch. 1-25. “News media” is defined in SDCL 13-1-57 generally as those personnel of a newspaper, periodical, news service, radio station, or television station regardless of the medium through which their content is delivered. The Attorney General is of the opinion that “local news media” is all news media – broadcast and print – that regularly carry news to the community.

Q: IS A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REQUIRED AT PUBLIC MEETINGS?

A: Yes. Public bodies are required to provide at every official meeting a period of time on their agenda for public comment. SDCL 1-25-1. Each public body has the discretion to limit public comment as to the time allowed for each topic commented on, and as to the total time allowed for public comment. Public comment is not required at meetings held solely for an executive session, inauguration, presentation of an annual report, or swearing in of elected officials.

Q: CAN PUBLIC MEETINGS BE RECORDED?

A: Yes, SDCL 1-25-11 requires public bodies to allow recording (audio or video) of their meetings if the recording is reasonable, obvious, and not disruptive. This requirement does not apply to those portions of a meeting confidential or closed to the public.

Q: WHEN CAN A MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA?

A: SDCL 1-25-2 allows a public body to close a meeting for the following purposes: 1) to discuss personnel issues pertaining to officers or employees; 2) consideration of the performance or discipline of a student, or the student's participation in interscholastic activities; 3) consulting with legal counsel, or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or

contractual matters; 4) employee contract negotiations; 5) to discuss marketing or pricing strategies of a publicly-owned competitive business; or 6) to discuss information related to the protection of public or private property such as emergency management response plans or other public safety information. The statute also recognizes that executive session may be appropriate to comport with other laws that require confidentiality or permit executive or closed meetings. Federal law pertaining to students and medical records will also cause school districts and other entities to conduct executive sessions or conduct meetings to refrain from releasing confidential information. Meetings may also be closed by cities and counties for certain economic development matters. SDCL 9-34-19.

Note that SDCL 1-25-2 and SDCL 9-34-19 do not require meetings be closed in any of these circumstances.

Any official action based on discussions in executive session must, however, be made at an open meeting.

Q: WHAT IS THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS?

A: Motions for executive sessions must refer to the specific state or federal law allowing for the executive session i.e. “pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3).” Also, best practice to avoid public confusion would be that public bodies explain the reason for going into executive session. For example, the motion might state “motion to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purposes of discussing a personnel matter,” or “motion to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for the purposes of consulting with legal counsel.”

Discussion in the executive session must be strictly limited to the announced subject. No official votes may be taken on any matter during an executive session. The public body must return to open session before any official action can be taken.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF THE MEDIA OR PUBLIC IS IMPROPERLY EXCLUDED FROM A MEETING OR OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAWS OCCUR?

A: Excluding the media or public from a meeting that has not been properly closed subjects the public body or the members involved to: (a) prosecution as a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 30 days in jail, a \$500 fine or both; or (b) a reprimand by the Open Meeting Commission ("OMC"). The same penalties apply if the agenda for the meeting is not properly posted, or other open meeting violations occur.

Also, action taken during any meeting that is not open or has not been properly noticed could, if challenged, be declared null and void.

Q: HOW ARE ISSUES REFERRED TO THE OPEN MEETINGS COMMISSION ("OMC")?

A: Persons alleging violations of the open meetings laws must make their complaints with law enforcement officials in the county where the offense occurred. After a signed and notarized complaint is made under oath, and any necessary investigation is conducted, the State's Attorney may: (a) prosecute the case as a misdemeanor; (b) find that the matter has no merits and file a report with the Attorney General for statistical purposes; or (c) forward the complaint to the OMC for a determination. The OMC is comprised of five State's Attorneys or Deputy State's Attorneys appointed by the Attorney General. The OMC examines whether a violation has occurred and makes written public findings explaining its reasons. If you have questions on the procedures or status of a pending case, you may contact the Attorney General's Office at 605-773-3215 to talk to an assistant for the OMC. Procedures for the OMC are posted on the website for the Office of Attorney General.
<http://atg.sd.gov/>.

Q: WHAT DOES THE TERM "SOVEREIGN POWER" MEAN?

A: The open meetings laws do not define this term, but it generally means the power to levy taxes, impose penalties, make special assessments, create ordinances, abate nuisances, regulate the conduct of others, or perform other traditional government functions. The term may include the exercise of many other governmental functions. If an entity is unclear whether it is exercising "sovereign power" it should consult with legal counsel.

Q: MAY AGENDA ITEMS BE CONSIDERED IF THEY ARE ADDED LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE A MEETING?

A: Proposed agendas for public meetings must be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The purpose of providing advance notice of the topics to be discussed at a meeting is to provide information to interested members of the public concerning the governing body's anticipated business. Typically, the public body adopts the final agenda upon convening the meeting. At the time the final agenda is adopted, the governing body may add or delete agenda items and may also change the order of business. See *In re Yankton County Commission, Open Meetings Commission Decision # 20-03*, December 31, 2020. New items cannot be added after the agenda has been adopted by the governing body.

Public bodies are strongly encouraged to provide at least 24 hours' notice of all agenda items so as to be fair to the public and to avoid dispute.

For special or rescheduled meetings, public bodies are to comply to the extent circumstances permit. In other words, posting less than 24 hours in advance may be permissible in emergencies.

Q: ARE EMAIL DISCUSSIONS "MEETINGS" FOR PURPOSES OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS?

A: The definition of an "official meeting" in SDCL 1-25-12(1) specifically includes meetings conducted by "electronic means, including electronic mail, instant messaging, social media, text message, or virtual meeting platform[.]" A quorum of a public body that discusses official business of that body via electronic means is conducting an official meeting for purposes of the open meetings laws. Electronic communications made solely for scheduling purposes do not fall within the definition of an official meeting.

Q: WHAT RECORDS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLIC MEETINGS?

A: SDCL 1-25-1.4 requires state boards, commissions, or departments to make public meeting materials available on <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov>. SDCL 1-27-1.16 requires that any other public body must post meeting materials on the public body's website or make those materials available to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the hearing or when made available to the members of the public body, whichever is later. Finally, SDCL 1-27-1.17 requires that draft minutes of public meetings must be made available to the public at the principal place of business for the public body within 10 business days after the meeting (or made available on the website for the public body within five business days).

These laws are in addition to any specific requirements for public bodies (i.e., publication requirements in state laws pertaining to cities, counties, or school districts). Enforcement of public records laws contained in SDCL Ch. 1-27 are handled by separate procedures found in SDCL 1-27-35, et. seq. rather than the open meeting procedures described above. Violations of SDCL 1-27-1.16 and 1-27-1.17 are also Class 2 misdemeanors.

Q: WHAT REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS?

A: Task forces and committees that exercise "sovereign power," and are created by statute, ordinance, or proclamation are required to comply with the open meetings laws. SDCL 1-25-12(1). Task forces, committees, and working groups that are not created by statute, ordinance, or proclamation, or are advisory only, may not be subject to the open meetings laws, but are encouraged to comply to the extent possible when public matters are discussed. Ultimately, if such advisory task forces, committees and working groups present any reports or recommendations to public bodies, the public bodies must wait until the next meeting (or later) before taking final action on the recommendations. SDCL 1-27-1.18.

Q: ARE PUBLIC BODIES REQUIRED TO REVIEW THE OPEN MEETINGS LAWS?

A: Public bodies must annually review an explanation of the open meetings laws provided by the Attorney General, along with any other material pertaining to the open meetings laws made available by the Attorney General. SDCL 1-25-13. Each public body must report in its minutes that the annual review of the open meetings laws was completed.

PERTINENT S.D. OPEN MEETINGS STATUTES

(other specific provisions may apply depending on the public body involved)

1-25-1. OPEN MEETINGS. An official meeting of a public body is open to the public unless a specific law is cited by the public body to close the official meeting to the public.

It is not an official meeting of one public body if its members provide information or attend the official meeting of another public body for which the notice requirements of § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3 have been met. It is not an official meeting of a public body if its members attend a press conference called by a representative of the public body.

For any event hosted by a nongovernmental entity to which a quorum of the public body is invited and public policy may be discussed, but the public body does not control the agenda, the public body may post a public notice of a quorum, in lieu of an agenda. The notice of a quorum must meet the posting requirements of § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3 and must contain, at a minimum, the date, time, and location of the event.

The public body shall reserve at every official meeting a period for public comment, limited at the public body's discretion as to the time allowed for each topic and the total time allowed for public comment, but not so limited as to provide for no public comment.

Public comment is not required at an official meeting held solely for the purpose of meeting in executive session, an inauguration, presentation of an annual report to the public body, or swearing in of a newly elected official, regardless of whether the activity takes place at the time and place usually reserved for an official meeting.

If a quorum of township supervisors, road district trustees, or trustees for a municipality of the third class meets solely for purposes of implementing previously publicly adopted policy; carrying out ministerial functions of that township, district, or municipality; or undertaking a factual investigation of conditions related to public safety; the meeting is not subject to the provisions of this chapter.

A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-1.1. PUBLIC NOTICE OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. Each political subdivision shall provide public notice, with proposed agenda, that is visible, readable, and accessible for at least an entire, continuous twenty-four hours immediately preceding any official meeting, by posting a copy of the notice, visible to the public, at the principal office of the political subdivision holding the meeting. The proposed agenda shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting. The notice shall also be posted on the political subdivision's website upon dissemination of the notice, if a website exists. For any special or rescheduled meeting, the information in the notice shall be delivered in person, by mail, by email, or by

telephone, to members of the local news media who have requested notice. For any special or rescheduled meeting, each political subdivision shall also comply with the public notice provisions of this section for a regular meeting to the extent that circumstances permit. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-1.3. PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE. The state shall provide public notice of a meeting by posting a copy of the proposed agenda at the principal office of the board, commission, or department holding the meeting. The proposed agenda shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting, and be visible, readable, and accessible to the public. The agenda shall be posted at least seventy-two hours before the meeting is scheduled to start according to the agenda. The seventy-two hours does not include Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays. The notice shall also be posted on a state website, designated by the commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management. For any special or rescheduled meeting, the information in the notice shall be delivered in person, by mail, by email, or by telephone, to members of the local news media who have requested notice. For any special or rescheduled meeting, the state shall also comply with the public notice provisions of this section for a regular meeting to the extent that circumstances permit. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-1.5. TELECONFERENCE MEETING. Any official meeting may be conducted by teleconference. A teleconference may be used to conduct a hearing or take final disposition regarding an administrative rule pursuant to § 1-26-4. A member is deemed present if the member answers present to the roll call conducted by teleconference for the purpose of determining a quorum. Each vote at an official meeting held by teleconference may be taken by voice vote. If any member votes in the negative, the vote shall proceed to a roll call vote.

1-25-1.6. TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION. At any official meeting conducted by teleconference, there shall be provided one or more places at which the public may listen to and participate in the teleconference meeting. For any official meeting held by teleconference, that has less than a quorum of the members of the public body participating in the meeting who are present at the location open to the public, arrangements shall be provided for the public to listen to the meeting via telephone or internet. The requirement to provide one or more places for the public to listen to the teleconference does not apply to official meetings closed to the public pursuant to specific law.

1-25-2. EXECUTIVE SESSION. Executive or closed meetings may be held for the sole purposes of:

(1) Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term, employee, does not include any independent contractor;

(2) Discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student or the eligibility of a student to participate in interscholastic activities provided by the South Dakota High School Activities Association;

(3) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters;

(4) Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives;

(5) Discussing marketing or pricing strategies by a board or commission of a business owned by the state or any of its political subdivisions, when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business; or

(6) Discussing information pertaining to the protection of public or private property and any person on or within public or private property specific to:

(a) Any vulnerability assessment or response plan intended to prevent or mitigate criminal acts;

(b) Emergency management or response;

(c) Public safety information that would create a substantial likelihood of endangering public safety or property, if disclosed;

(d) Cyber security plans, computer, communications network schema, passwords, or user identification names;

(e) Guard schedules;

(f) Lock combinations;

(g) Any blueprint, building plan, or infrastructure record regarding any building or facility that would expose or create vulnerability through disclosure of the location, configuration, or security of critical systems of the building or facility; and

(h) Any emergency or disaster response plans or protocols, safety or security audits or reviews, or lists of emergency or disaster response personnel or material; any location or listing of weapons or ammunition; nuclear, chemical, or biological agents; or other military or law enforcement equipment or personnel.

However, any official action concerning the matters pursuant to this section shall be made at an open official meeting. An executive or closed meeting must be held only upon a majority vote of the members of the public body present and voting, and discussion during the closed meeting

is restricted to the purpose specified in the closure motion. Nothing in § 1-25-1 or this section prevents an executive or closed meeting if the federal or state Constitution or the federal or state statutes require or permit it. A violation of this section is a class 2 misdemeanor.

1-25-6. DUTY OF STATE'S ATTORNEY. If a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 1-25 is made pursuant to § 23A-2-1, the state's attorney shall take one of the following actions:

(1) Prosecute the case pursuant to Title 23A;

(2) Determine that there is no merit to prosecuting the case. Upon doing so, the state's attorney shall send a copy of the complaint and any investigation file to the attorney general. The attorney general shall use the information for statistical purposes and may publish abstracts of such information, including the name of the government body involved for purposes of public education; or

(3) Send the complaint and any investigation file to the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission for further action.

1-25-6.1. DUTY OF STATE'S ATTORNEY (COUNTY COMMISSION ISSUES). If a complaint alleges a violation of this chapter by a board of county commissioners, the state's attorney shall take one of the following actions:

(1) Prosecute the case pursuant to Title 23A;

(2) Determine that there is no merit to prosecuting the case. The attorney general shall use the information for statistical purposes and may publish abstracts of the information as provided by § 1-25-6;

(3) Send the complaint and any investigation file to the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission for further action; or

(4) Refer the complaint to another state's attorney or to the attorney general for action pursuant to § 1-25-6.

1-25-7. REFERRAL TO OMC. Upon receiving a referral from a state's attorney or the attorney general, the South Dakota Open Meetings Commission shall examine the complaint and investigatory file submitted by the state's attorney or the attorney general and shall also consider signed written submissions by the persons or entities that are directly involved. Based on the investigatory file submitted by the state's attorney or the attorney general and any written responses, the commission shall issue a written determination on whether the conduct violates this chapter, including a statement of the reasons therefor and findings of fact on each issue and conclusions of law necessary for the proposed decision. The final decision shall be made by a majority of the commission members, with each member's vote set forth in the written decision. The final decision shall be filed with the attorney general and shall be provided to the public entity and or public officer involved, the state's attorney,

and any person that has made a written request for such determinations. If the commission finds a violation of this chapter, the commission shall issue a public reprimand to the offending official or governmental entity. However, no violation found by the commission may be subsequently prosecuted by the state's attorney or the attorney general. All findings and public censures of the commission shall be public records pursuant to § 1-27-1. Sections 1-25-6 to 1-25-9, inclusive, are not subject to the provisions of chapter 1-26.

1-25-8. OMC Members. The South Dakota Open Meeting Commission is comprised of five state's attorneys or deputy state's attorneys appointed by the attorney general. Each commissioner serves at the pleasure of the attorney general. The members of the commission shall choose a chair of the commission annually by majority vote.

1-25-12. DEFINITIONS. Terms used in the open meetings laws mean:

(1) "Official meeting," any meeting of a quorum of a public body at which official business or public policy of that public body is discussed or decided by the public body, whether in person or by means of teleconference or electronic means, including electronic mail, instant messaging, social media, text message, or virtual meeting platform, provided the term does not include communications solely to schedule a meeting or confirm attendance availability for a future meeting;

(2) "Political subdivision," any association, authority, board, municipality, commission, committee, council, county, school district, task force, town, township, or other local governmental entity, which is created by statute, ordinance, or resolution, and is vested with the authority to exercise any sovereign power derived from state law;

(3) "Public body," any political subdivision or the state;

(4) "State," each agency, board, commission, or department of the State of South Dakota, not including the Legislature; and

(5) "Teleconference," an exchange of information by any audio, video, or electronic medium, including the internet.

1-25-13. ANNUAL REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAWS. Any agency, as defined in § 1-26-1, or political subdivision of this state, that is required to provide public notice of its meetings pursuant to § 1-25-1.1 or 1-25-1.3 must annually review the following, during an official meeting of the agency or subdivision:

(1) The explanation of the open meeting laws of this state published by the attorney general, pursuant to § 1-11-1; and

(2) Any other material pertaining to the open meeting laws of this state provided by the attorney general.

The agency or subdivision must include in the minutes of the official meeting an acknowledgement that the review was completed.

1-27-1.16. MEETING PACKETS AND MATERIALS.

If a meeting is required to be open to the public pursuant to § 1-25-1 and if any printed material relating to an agenda item of the meeting is prepared or distributed by or at the direction of the governing body or any of its employees and the printed material is distributed before the meeting to all members of the governing body, the material shall either be posted on the governing body's website or made available at the official business office of the governing body at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting or at the time the material is distributed to the governing body, whichever is later. If the material is not posted to the governing body's website, at least one copy of the printed material shall be available in the meeting room for inspection by any person while the governing body is considering the printed material. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to any printed material or record that is specifically exempt from disclosure under the provisions of this chapter or to any printed material or record regarding the agenda item of an executive or closed meeting held in accordance with § 1-25-2. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to printed material, records, or exhibits involving contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

1-27-1.17. DRAFT MINUTES. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

1-27-1.18. WORKING GROUP REPORTS. Any final recommendations, findings, or reports that result from a meeting of a committee, subcommittee, task force, or other working group which does not meet the definition of a political subdivision or public body pursuant to § 1-25-1, but was appointed by the governing body, shall be reported in open meeting to the governing body which appointed the committee, subcommittee, task force, or other working group. The governing body shall delay taking any official action on the recommendations, findings, or reports until the next meeting of the governing body.



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School Achievement Through Libraries Award

We have been awarded the School Achievement Through Libraries (SATL) Award. Mrs. Nilges will be recognized at this year's Teacher of the Year banquet. This distinction is well earned and deserved through all the ways Mrs. Nilges, along with our paraprofessionals, Mrs. Konopasek and Mrs. Bruns, continues to find innovative approaches, new ways to get students invested in reading and the resources our library provides, tutoring services, opening our school store, and so many other ways she serves us and our community.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State Library Recognizes Excellence in School Libraries

Dakota Valley Upper Elementary/Middle School has been awarded the School Achievement Through Libraries (SATL) Award for 2026-2029 by the South Dakota State Library, a division of the Department of Education. The award honors the outstanding work of school librarian Erin Nilges, with strong support from school administrator Niki Herzog.

The SATL Award recognizes school libraries that make a significant impact on student learning and school culture. Highly effective school libraries support the whole child: encouraging reading for academic and personal growth, fostering the development of research and information literacy skills, teaching ethical digital participation, and cultivating a lifelong love of learning.

Each year, the South Dakota State Library selects awardees who demonstrate exemplary performance in all three pillars of school librarianship: Program, Place, and Professional. Through a rigorous application process, librarians submit evidence showing how their libraries meet and exceed South Dakota's school library guidelines.

Award status is valid for three years. Recognized schools receive statewide recognition and access to a promotional toolkit to help celebrate their achievement at the school, district, and community level.

A full list of 2026-2029 award recipients can be found on the SATL Award page: <https://library.sd.gov/LIB/SLC/satl.aspx>

For more information about the SATL Award and South Dakota's school library programs, visit the South Dakota State Library website at library.sd.gov.





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International HOSA Conference

The 2026 International HOSA Conference was held in Indianapolis, IN from June 17th to June 20th. This conference brought together over 10,000 future health professionals from across the globe and featured competitive events in various categories, including health science, health professions, emergency preparedness, and leadership. Participants showcased their skills in practical applications, received recognition for their achievements, and engaged in professional development workshops. The competition is aimed at inspiring and preparing the next generation of healthcare leaders.

Congratulations to the Dakota Valley High School students who qualified for the International HOSA competition. In total we had 7 students that attended the conference.

National FBLA Conference

From June 28th - July 2nd, 6 student members of the Dakota Valley chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members attended the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The conference was an opportunity for students to participate in motivational general sessions, network with individuals from across the globe, and challenge themselves academically through competitive events. Our students participated in 3 separate competitive events.

- 1 student competed in the Economics objective test event.
- 2 students competed in the Introduction to Business Presentation event. This event required them to research and present on the advantages and challenges of using artificial intelligence (AI). They had to consider how AI tools can help businesses, as well as the potential concerns related to privacy, accuracy, and over-reliance. Their presentation was centered on the question "What role should AI play in business and how can it be used responsibly?"
- 3 students competed in the Business Plan event. This event requires competitors to develop and present a comprehensive plan for launching a new business. Their business concept was a subscription based, AI-powered web service which would offer farmers insightful, decision-making prescriptions by using raw data.

Although our students did not place in the top 10 at the conference, which is highly competitive, they represented Dakota Valley well and utilized a variety of academic knowledge and skills in the process.

National FCCLA Conference

Every year, FCCLA hosts conferences that bring together FCCLA Members, Advisers, and supporters from across the nation to learn, compete, and network. FCCLA's conferences offer enriching experiences that provide attendees with the opportunity to hear from motivational speakers, attend rewarding workshops, connect with youth leaders, and develop skills for life. This year, 2 Dakota Valley students attended the National FCCLA conference in Washington, D.C. from July 6th – July 10th.



ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT BILL CLEMENTS

PREPARING EVERY LEARNER TO ENGAGE FULLY AND COMPETITIVELY IN EDUCATION TO ACCOMPLISH EXEMPLARY SUCCESS AND ELEVATED EXPERIENCES IN LIFE.

Softball-The Dakota Valley Softball Team captured the 2026 SDHSAA State Title in Aberdeen on June 6. The Panther's defeated Elk Point-Jefferson in the championship game 9-6. The team's state title run started on Thursday with a 7-2 win over Sioux Valley and earned their spot in the championship game on Friday with a 10-6 win over Tri-Valley. Emma Barnett, Parten Konopasek, Mia Riibe and Brennan Trotter were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Softball All State Selections-Mia Riibe-Catcher, Paige Moffatt-Infielder, Emma Barnett-Pitcher, Anne Bourne-Pitcher

Golf Outing-The Activities Department is hosting our 22nd annual golf outing on Friday, July 10th at Two Rivers Golf Course. As of this report we have 24 teams participating. We are pleased with the turnout and look forward to having another great event. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help with summer performance coach, hosting state events, camps, clinicians, camp scholarships, equipment and other items that are not part of the school's general fund budget.

Volleyball Tryouts- Due to increased participation in the high school volleyball program, the coaching staff will conduct tryouts for the 2026 season. The purpose of the tryout process is to establish roster sizes that are appropriate and manageable for effective instruction, skill development, and supervision at each of the program's three competitive levels.

Tryouts will be held during the first three days of the official season, beginning August 13. Following the completion of the evaluation process, rosters will be finalized for the upcoming season.

Weight Room-The summer strength training has been going well. Our registration numbers are at 165 athletes. We were averaging 100-120 athletes a day in the month of June. July 1-7 was a mandatory dead week per SDHSAA rules. The summer program will run until July 31 before switching to preseason workout starting in August.

Important Dates: Aug. 3

	Cheer/Dance/Soccer Practice Starts
	Head Coaches Meeting
	Annual Coaches Meetings (All Coaches)
	Fall Sport Parents Meeting
Aug. 5	Sport Physicals at HS
Aug. 10	CC-GF-FB Practice Starts
Aug. 13	VB Practice Starts
Aug. 21	Fall Sports Bash

Coaching Openings-Currently, we have 9 coaching vacancies to fill for the 2026-27 school year. (2) MS Head Volleyball, (2) MS Asst. Volleyball, HS Asst. Volleyball, Head Competitive Cheer, HS (2) Asst. Girls Basketball, MS Head Track.



Technology

The Technology Department continues to support summer operations while preparing systems, devices, and infrastructure for the 2026-2027 school year.

Work has included device preparation, account management, network maintenance, software updates, and support for summer programs. Planning efforts are also underway to ensure all classroom technology is ready for staff and student use prior to the start of school.

A significant summer technology project included the replacement of 34 security cameras at the High School. These cameras replaced aging equipment with modern technology that supports advanced AI-assisted detection capabilities and Axis Zipstream compression technology. The upgraded cameras provide improved image quality while reducing storage and bandwidth requirements, helping maximize the effectiveness of the district's video surveillance system.

This camera replacement project represents the first phase of a long-term district-wide modernization effort. Dakota Valley currently operates 139 security cameras across all facilities, and camera replacements will continue in a phased approach until all cameras have been upgraded to the new platform.

Technology staff continue to monitor cybersecurity best practices, maintain system backups, and address support requests submitted through the district's ticketing system.

Middle School Transformer

Work is scheduled to replace the aging electrical transformer located on the west side of the Middle School within the fenced playground area. The existing transformer is a 120/240-volt, three-phase open-delta system that has become increasingly difficult to maintain due to the limited availability of replacement parts and support.

As part of this project, the outdated transformer system will be eliminated and electrical services will be consolidated with the existing 277/480-volt, three-phase transformer located adjacent to the boiler room on the west side of the building. This upgrade will improve the reliability and maintainability of the school's electrical infrastructure while reducing the risk associated with operating obsolete equipment.

In addition to improving system reliability, the project enhances campus safety by removing aging electrical equipment from the playground area and ensuring replacement parts and technical support remain readily available for future maintenance needs.

Carpet and Paint

Several classrooms and instructional spaces throughout the district received new paint and flooring upgrades this summer. The primary focus of this year's refresh efforts was the Middle School, where aging rooms were updated to improve the overall learning environment and appearance of the facility.

Operations staff completed all painting work in-house, while carpet installation was performed by Innovative Office Systems. By utilizing district staff for the painting portion of the project, the district was able to maximize available resources while maintaining high-quality results.

These improvements help extend the life of the facilities, enhance the appearance of instructional spaces, and provide students and staff with a more welcoming and updated learning environment as they return for the upcoming school year.

UE/MS Mechanical Room Water Heater

The domestic water heater located in the Upper Elementary/Middle School mechanical room was replaced the week of July 6th. This water heater serves the food service operations for the building and has been in service for approximately 11 years.

The replacement is being completed as a proactive measure to reduce the risk of an unexpected equipment failure that could disrupt daily kitchen and food service operations. By addressing the water heater before a failure occurs, the district can avoid potential downtime, emergency repair costs, and interruptions to meal preparation and service.

This project is part of the district's ongoing commitment to preventative maintenance and the replacement of aging infrastructure to ensure reliable operation of critical building systems.

Roof Project

The roof replacement project continues to progress on schedule. Work is currently focused on the Middle School/Upper Elementary roof before the contractor returns to the Elementary building to complete the remaining work. Both CMBA and the manufacturer's warranty representative have conducted multiple inspections throughout the project to verify that the installation meets all warranty requirements. To date, the project is progressing smoothly and remains on track for completion prior to the start of the school year.

Summer Cleaning Schedule

Building maintenance and summer deep cleaning efforts have begun across the district. The Upper Elementary, Elementary and High Schools all have been deep cleaned and their common areas waxed. The Gyms started getting their floors refinished on June 30 and will be completed on July 14th.

Lead Testing in Schools Initiative

Dakota Valley has enrolled in the South Dakota Department of Health and Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Lead Testing in Schools Initiative. On May 27, I participated in an introductory video conference that provided an overview of program requirements, testing procedures, available grant funding, and educational resources related to lead awareness and drinking water safety.

Following the meeting, Dakota Valley's drinking water source and infrastructure mapping information was compiled and submitted to support participation in the program. As an early volunteer, the district is currently eligible for grant funding that covers both initial testing and any necessary remediation efforts at no cost to the district, subject to available grant funds.

At this time, I do not anticipate significant long-term costs associated with participation in the program. Any future expenses are expected to be limited to periodic testing requirements following the completion of any initial corrective actions, if needed.

Initial testing is scheduled to begin in July. Updates will be provided to the Superintendent and Board as results become available.

Ticketing System Report

Since the last board meeting (6/1/2026 – 7/6/2026):

- **Technology Department:** 43 tickets closed, up from 40 last month (7.5%)
- **Facilities Department:** 29 tickets closed, up from 95 last month -69.5%)
- **Total open tickets:** 46, down from 84 (-45.2%)

The average resolution time across all departments increased 8.51 days down from 10.5 days last month. This is due to the nature of the tickets – room painting, repairs, and ordering.