



DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61-8
BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
6:00PM — AUGUST 10, 2026 — REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ROOM
1150 NORTHSORE DRIVE, NORTH SIOUX CITY, SD

1. Call to order
 - a. Roll call: ___Kistner___ Hanson ___ Nilges ___Norby ___Thompson
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
 5. Public Input
 6. Special Services Presentation
 7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 1. July 13, 2026
 - b. Acknowledge Receipt of Financials
 - c. Approval of Bills
 8. Business Manager Report
 - a. Surplus Property
 9. Old Business
 10. New Business
 - a. Resignations
 - b. New Hires
 - c. Policy Updates (second reading)
 - d. Admission/Activity Pass Prices
 - e. Siouxland Mental Health MOU
 - f. Video Wall
 - g. Plow Quotes
 - h. Lawnmower Quotes
 - i. Distributed Antennae System (DAS)
 - j. Strength & Conditioning Job Description
 - k. 2026-27 Staff Handbook
 - l. Early Graduation
 11. Administrative Reports
 12. Adjourn
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Chairperson

Schmidt

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 13, 2026
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY BOARD ROOM

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 PM

*** All motions carried unanimously approved unless otherwise indicated.**

The annual meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kistner at 6:00 pm on July 13, 2026. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Norby (via phone), and Thompson. Absent: None. Administrators Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

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

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

Chairperson Kistner opened the public hearing for the 2026-2027 Budget. Business Manager Sponder presented the 2026-27 preliminary budget.

No public input was received for the budget hearing.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to close the public hearing.

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

Business Manager Sponder administered the oath of office to Board Members Jessica Hanson and Matt Thompson.

Superintendent Schmidt asked for nominations for office of School Board President.

Matt Thompson nominated Steve Kistner. No other nominations were made. By virtue of unanimous vote, Steve Kistner is elected as President.

Kistner assumed the Chair.

Chairperson Kistner asked for nominations for the Office of School Board Vice-President.

Andrew Nilges nominated Matt Thompson. No other nominations were made. By virtue of unanimous vote, Matt Thompson is elected as Vice-President.

Motion by Nilges, second by Hanson to approve the following designations:

1. To designate Robert's Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure for the Board Meetings.
2. To designate Liberty National Bank as the depository for school funds.
3. To authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to be the custodians of and signatures for the bank accounts.
4. To authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to be the signatures for district contracts/designations

5. To authorize the Business Manager to use an automatic payment plan to pay the utilities and insurance policies in a timely manner.
6. To authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to be the official purchasing agents.
7. To designate Dakota Dunes North Sioux City Times as the legal newspaper for the district.
8. To appoint Rodney Freeman, Huron, SD and KSB Law Sioux Falls, SD and Lincoln, NE as Legal Counsel for the 2026-27 School Year.
9. To appoint Superintendent Schmidt as School Lunch Hearing Officer and Business Manager Sponder as the administrator of the School Lunch Program.
10. To designate Linda Steele as the district's Federal Programs Director.
11. To designate Kristi Maloney as the Administrator of Title I, II, III and Bill Clements as the Administrator of Title IX.
12. To appoint the School District Liaison Officer and Union County Sheriff as Truancy Officer for all Schools.
13. To approve membership in the Associated School Boards of South Dakota
14. To approve membership in the Large School Organization.
15. To adopt the State of South Dakota's mileage, meals, lodging rates.
16. To appoint the Superintendent as the Foster Care Point of Contact.

Motion by Nilges seconded by Thompson to 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.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to authorize the Business Manager to utilize electronic transfer of funds for the bond payment for the district.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to authorize the payments to be made between board meetings to the following vendors: Lincoln Financial, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, EMC Insurance, Long Lines, City of North Sioux, US Bank, Aflac, Delta Dental, Fleet Services, MidAmerican Energy, SD Department of Criminal Investigation, Verizon Wireless, First Dakota Indemnity, US Postal Service, Gill Hauling, and Health Equity, Clover, Officials, and lunch account refunds.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to authorize the Board Chairperson to use a signature stamp in lieu of hand signatures.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to authorize the Superintendent or their designee to close school in emergency situations and in cases of inclement weather.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Thompson to approve the following school meal prices:

1. DV Student breakfast K-12 \$1.85
2. Adult/Guest breakfast \$2.80
3. DV Student lunch K-3 \$3.30
4. DV Student lunch 4-12 \$3.40
5. Adult/Guest lunch \$5.35
6. Extra lunch entrée \$2.40
7. Branded pizza \$2.90
8. Extra milk \$.60

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to set the following admission prices:

1. Single Events-Students \$3.00, Adults \$5.00, over age 62 or Veterans no charge
2. Double Header Events-Students \$4.00, Adults \$6.00, over age 62 or Veterans no charge
3. Activity Tickets-Student \$30.00, Adults \$45.00, Family \$130.00

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to set the compensation schedule for the Board of Education Members at \$65.00 for regular, special, and all board related meetings with a monthly deduction of \$25 to the board fund. \$50.00 for all board assigned committee meetings which are to be vouchered separately.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to set the rates for substitute employees to the following:

1. Teacher – Certified \$189.00 per day, \$215.00 day for long term assignments of 10 consecutive days or more
2. Teacher – Non-Certified \$150.00 per day
3. Secretary - \$18.12 hour
4. Custodial - \$18.18 hour days/\$18.98 hour nights
5. Paraprofessional – no degree \$17.51 hour
6. Paraprofessional – w/AA or Praxis \$17.68 hour
7. Paraprofessional – w/BA or BS \$18.33 hour
8. Alt School or ISS Supervisor – no degree \$17.57 hour
9. Alt School or ISS Supervisor – w/BA or BS \$18.35 hour

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to appoint the following Board Members to committees:

1. Buildings & Grounds – Matt Thompson & Steve Kistner
2. Finance – Steve Kistner & Jesica Hanson
3. Library & Technology – Emily Norby & Matt Thompson
4. Policy – Emily Norby & Andrew Nilges
5. NSC/DV Recreation – Steve Kistner
6. DVBC & Legislative Liaison – Andrew Nilges
7. Hardship Fund (Sick Bank) – Jesica Hanson
8. Wellness – Jesica Hanson
9. School Improvement – Emily Norby & Andrew Nilges
10. Teacher/Staff Member of the Year – Emily Norby

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to set the Regular Board of Education Meeting for the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00pm at the Dakota Valley Administration Center.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to set the price for photocopy machine usage at \$0.20 per copy for all photocopies, fax machine usage at \$2.50 for the 1st page and \$1.50 for each page thereafter for sending and \$1.50 per page for receiving.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to set the out of state tuition rate at \$8,112 per student per school year.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to set the worker stipends at official scorebook \$25 varsity game/\$20 sub-varsity game, time clock/shot clock \$25 varsity game/\$20 sub-varsity game, and line judge \$25 match.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Thompson to set the mileage, meals, and lodging reimbursement rates at the state rates.

Business Manager Sponder reviewed the open meetings law and shared the South Dakota Attorney General's Office "*Conducting the Public's Business in Public*". A guide to South Dakota's Open Meetings Laws with the board.

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

Resignations

1. Madison Kenney, Asst Softball Coach

New Hires

1. Drake Coupland, HS Asst Football Coach
2. Cory Gormally, HS Asst Football Coach
3. Jeremy Koenck, HS Asst Football Coach
4. Dylan Lindstrom, Asst Cross Country Coach
5. Jody Robertson, MS Drama
6. Chandee Slater, Fall & Winter Sideline Cheer Coach
7. Tiffany Wendling, Head Cross Country Coach
8. Yndira Paredes, Night Custodian
9. Erin Nilges, Annual Advisor

Ayes: Kistner, Hanson, Norby, Thompson Nays: None Abstain: Nilges

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to table the HeadStart contract.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to approve the second 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.

Superintendent Schmidt presented the first reading to update board policies: 3038 - Possession of Firearms by District Patrons, 3040 - School Safety and Security, 3059 - Investment Policy, 5009 - Adult Education, 5023.2 - Emergency Response to Life Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions, 5023.3 - Lice and Nits, 5024.2 - Self Management of Diabetes, 5035.1 - Firearms and Weapons, 5038 - Alternative Instruction Settings, 6021 - District Criteria for Selecting Evaluators to be Used for Special Education Evaluation, 6031 - Student Use of AI Tools

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2026-27 Student Handbook update.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the JCI contract.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the list of early graduations.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 7:21 pm. Business Manager Sponder left the meeting. The board declared out of executive session at 7:27 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to adjourn at 7:28 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD REPORT OF EXPENDITURES
August 10, 2026**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Fund: GENERAL FUND		
1	A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	PRINTER CONTRACT	1,787.06
2	AFLAC SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	3,992.98
3	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	7,369.01
4	AREA II SUPERINTENDENTS	DUES	175.00
5	BENTSON PEST MANAGEMENT	PEST CONTROL	180.00
6	BIO COMPANY INC	SUPPLIES	2,892.07
7	BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	250.54
8	BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 49-2	LARGE SCHOOLS GROUP DUES	1,698.95
9	CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	1,028.25
10	CERTIFIED AUTO INC	REPAIRS	1,781.83
11	CITY OF NORTH SIOUX CITY	WATER	6,748.99
12	CITY OF NORTH SIOUX CITY	SRO	2,951.46
13	CNOS, PC	AT CONTRACTS	3,105.80
14	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF SD	INSURANCE	9,196.62
15	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	4,454.94
16	EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES	INSURANCE	40,858.89
17	FENWORKS, INC	ESPORTS FEE	1,250.00
18	FIVE STAR AWARDS	SUPPLIES	115.86
19	FLEET SERVICES	FUEL	636.81
20	FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.	SUPPLIES	359.63
21	GILL HAULING INC	GARBAGE FEES	2,482.50
22	H2O 4 U	WATER	140.49
23	HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, INC	BUSSING	16,542.29
24	HEARTLAND NATURAL GAS, LLC	GAS	77.40
25	HILLYARD - SIOUX FALLS	SUPPLIES	125.16
26	IMPREST	IMPREST	80.00
27	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC	SUPPLIES	7,129.32
28	JENSEN, JUSTIN	SUPPLIES	60.93
29	LAKESHORE LEARNING	SUPPLIES	143.36
30	LEGACY PUBLISHING	PUBLISHING	757.29
31	LESSMAN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	639.86
32	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	LIFE/LTD/STD PREMIUMS	2,095.66
33	LONG LINES	TELEPHONE	765.50
34	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	COPIER LEASE	792.89
35	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC AND GAS	25,982.88
36	NORTHLAND SECURITIES INC	AGENT SERVICES	1,250.00
37	PERFORMANCE OFFICE PAPERS	PAPER	13,371.00
38	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE MACHINE	500.00
39	RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	LODGING	232.00
40	REALLY GOOD STUFF INC	SUPPLIES	194.90
41	SD DEPT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGAT	CBC	400.00
42	SDHSAA	SUPPLIES	9.90
43	SDI INNOVATIONS	PLANNERS	2,281.36
44	SEAP	DUES	250.00
45	SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	CONCURRENT CRS ENROLLMENT	10,628.14
46	SIOUXLAND LOCK AND KEY	KEYS	60.00
47	SOUTHWEST PLASTIC BINDING COMPANY	SUPPLIES	1,268.00
48	VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	119.75
49	WAGEWORKS, INC	FSA BENEFIT	213.30
50	WALSWORTH PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC	YEARBOOKS	3,373.90

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TOTAL GENERAL FUND			\$182,802.47
	Fund: CAPITAL OUTLAY		
1	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT	14,563.92
2	ASSOCIATED FIRE PROTECTION	EXCISE TAX	246.38
3	AVANTIS EDUCATION INC	RENEWAL	769.00
4	BARKLEY ASPHALT, INC	ES Playground Resurface	22,680.00
5	BOMGAARS	REPAIRS	10.99
6	BURKE ENGINEERING SALES	REPAIRS	417.60
7	CDW-G GOVERNMENT INC	TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT	100,782.50
8	COMMONLIT, INC	CURRICULUM	87,900.00
9	CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES LLC	RENEWAL	2,123.75
10	CW SUTER & SON, INC	REPAIRS	47,269.45
11	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	VACUUMS	8,719.70
12	EXPLORE LEARNING	RENEWAL	2,795.60
13	FLINN SCIENTIFIC, INC.	INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT	3,471.75
14	FOLLETT SOFTWARE, LLC	RENEWAL	4,350.60
15	FOUR WAY CONTRACTING, INC	ROOF PROJECT	484,500.00
16	HARLOW'S SCHOOL BUS SERVICE, INC	BUSSING	2,511.76
17	IMAGINE LEARNING LLC	RENEWAL	8,111.25
18	INFINITE CAMPUS	RENEWAL	7,857.50
19	INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY & SECURITY	RENEWAL	2,251.25
20	JOHNSON CONTROLS BUILDING SOLUTIONS, LLC	REPAIRS	24,333.92
21	K & D BUSING, INC	LEASE	1,826.55
22	LIBRARYTRAC LLC	RENEWAL	275.00
23	MCGRAW-HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION	CURRICULUM	5,383.04
24	MENARDS	REPAIRS	644.23
25	MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL TRI-STATE INC	REPAIRS	692.12
26	MITCHELL ELECTRIC	Transformer Replacement	57,403.16
27	NOREDINK	CURRICULUM	41,395.00
28	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	Elevator Repair	1,950.00
29	PIONEER VALLEY BOOKS	CURRICULUM	1,243.00
30	PLAINS BOILER SERVICE	Water Heater	23,650.97
31	RIVERSIDE ACE HARDWARE	REPAIRS	123.90
32	RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES	Chromebook	92,118.00
33	ROBERTSON IMPLEMENT CO. INC	REPAIRS	290.03
34	SCHOOL SPECIALITY	INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT	85.76
35	SCREENCASTIFY LLC	RENEWAL	1,917.00
36	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT	558.00
37	TYPING CLUB	RENEWAL	1,265.40
38	W.W. NORTON & COMPANY, INC	Curriculum	2,464.80
39	WEST PLAINS ENGINEERING, INC	Engineer Fee	1,160.00
40	ZANER BLOSER, INC	CURRICULUM	5,569.85
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY			\$1,065,682.73
	Fund: SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND		
1	AFLAC SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	704.64
2	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	2,595.19
3	DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF SD	INSURANCE	2,299.16
4	FLEET SERVICES	FUEL	71.37

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5	IMAGINABLE SOLUTIONS, INC	Guided Hands Bundle	1,061.76
6	LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	LIFE/LTD/STD PREMIUMS	523.91
7	NCS PEARSON, INC (CLINICAL)	Examiner Record Booklets	276.02
8	SCHNABEL, ERIN	DRIVING HOURS	1,438.72
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION			\$8,970.77
PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION BY DEPARTMENT			
	INSTRUCTION	421,475.05	
	SUPPORT	206,106.03	
	EXTRA-DUTY/CO-CURRICULAR	41,020.11	
	SPECIAL EDUCATION	92,447.91	
	DRIVERS EDUCATION	1,131.00	
	TOTAL SALARIES	762,180.10	
	INSTRUCTION	102,644.00	
	SUPPORT	48,329.59	
	EXTRA-DUTY/CO-CURRICULAR	10,869.58	
	SPECIAL EDUCATION	29,542.99	
	DRIVERS EDUCATION	154.38	
	TOTAL BENEFITS	191,540.54	
TOTAL CHECKING ACCOUNT #1			\$2,211,176.61
FUND: FOOD SERVICE			
1	ANEMA, CHAD OR CORINA	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	37.90
2	BAILEY, DEBORAH	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	17.75
3	HALL, KRISTINE	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	132.30
4	HEADID, RICH OR JESSICA	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	63.30
5	HILLYARD - SIOUX FALLS	Dishwasher Hookup	40.01
6	HOBART SALES AND SERVICE	Repair	1,276.82
7	INFINITE CAMPUS	RENEWAL	6,329.75
8	MITCHELL ELECTRIC	Dishwasher Work	2,557.15
9	RESTAURANT DESIGN EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	2,475.80
10	SALTZMAN, SHENNAN OR KATHLEEN	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	113.90
11	SMITH, LINDA	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	21.70
12	SMOLENTSEV, IVAN	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	15.50
13	SORENSEN, DUSTIN OR BROOKE	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	85.04
14	THOMPSON, AMY OR MATT	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	102.77
15	VAUGHAN, TERI	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	92.92
16	WEISE, SAM OR KELLY	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	44.75
17	WERKU, MELAKU	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	2.55
18	WINGERT, TORREY OR BRANDI	LUNCH ACCOUNT REFUND	42.31
TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND			\$13,452.22
FUND: DRIVERS EDUCATION			
1	FLEET SERVICES	FUEL	178.68
TOTAL DRIVERS EDUCATION			\$178.68

DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
NORTH SIOUX CITY, SD
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS & CASH BALANCES

July 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
Cash Balance or Equivalents June 30, 2026	\$ 2,712,550	\$ 5,825,124	\$ 704,430	\$ 131,327	\$ 4,005,463	\$ 184,320	\$ 28,283	\$ 25,629
Receipts:								
Local Sources:								
Taxes	\$ 38,998	\$ 23,797	\$ 11,719		\$ 15,224	\$ 951		
Food Service Sales								
Pupil Activities	\$ 1,333							
Interest Earnings	\$ 972					\$ 27	\$ 17	
Transfers								
Tuition								
Other Local / Donations	\$ 9,462							
Refunded Expenditures								
Intermediate Sources:								
County Apportionment								
Other Intermediate								
State Sources:								
State Aid	\$ 402,121							
One Time State Aid								
Other State	\$ 46,700							
Federal Sources:								
Grants								
Food Service Assistance								
Total Receipts	\$ 499,586	\$ 23,797	\$ 11,719	\$ -	\$ 15,224	\$ 978	\$ 17	\$ -
Total Net Disbursements	\$ 220,620	\$ 152,543	\$ 82,701		\$ 1,467,688	\$ 15	\$ 12,060	\$ 1,285
Cash Balance or Equivalents	\$ 2,991,516	\$ 5,696,378	\$ 633,448	\$ 131,327	\$ 2,552,999	\$ 185,283	\$ 16,240	\$ 24,344

Regular; Beginning Month 07/2026; Processing Month 07/2026; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Chart of Account Number 71 415 954

Entry Date	Description	JR	Reference Number	Invoice / Cost Center	Purchase Order	Vendor ID/Name	Budgeted Amount	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Account Balance
Fund: 71	AGENCY FUND									
71 415 954	IMPREST	CR	6643		*Previous Balance	IMPREST IMPREST		35,056.58	2,501.08	(35,056.58)
07/23/2026	IMPREST				*Current Activity				2,501.08	2,501.08
71 415 954	IMPREST Total:						0.00	35,056.58	2,501.08	(32,555.50)
					Current Liabilities Total:		0.00	35,056.58	2,501.08	(32,555.50)

Dakota Valley School District 61-8
SURPLUS PROPERTY

Date: 8/4/2026

Building: Dakota Valley Elementary School

Please list the item(s) which should be discarded and removed from our inventory. These items are normally broken beyond repair; just worn-out; or they are being replaced with more modern/updated equipment and are no longer useful to the Dakota Valley School District.

#	Description of Item(s)	Model #	Serial # (optional)	Reason for Disposal	Method for Disposal
6	Rectangle Lunch Tables	n/a	n/a	Broken beyond repair (they are unable to be put up and down, seats cracked/unstable, etc.)	Disposal
1	Horseshoe Table	n/a	n/a	Broken beyond repair (legs are unstable and have been repaired multiple times and can no longer be fixed)	Disposal
4	Library Bookshelves	n/a	n/a	Broken beyond repair (bookshelves are broken and unstable which make them unsafe for students)	Disposal

Signed: Kristi Maloney

Please submit this form to:

Business Manager

Dakota Valley Schools

1150 Northshore Drive

North Sioux City, South Dakota 57049



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

MRS. MALONEY

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

Building Updates

- Kudos to our custodial and maintenance department for their hard work and dedication to ensuring our students and teachers have the best building to come back to!

Back-to-School Night Appointments

- The JK-3rd grade students will be welcomed back to school during 15-minute individual appointments this fall instead of the Open House format used in the other buildings. Parents/guardians have been busy signing up to visit their child's new classroom and teacher! One of the benefits of this model is the comfortability that teachers, parents, and, most importantly, students, felt after coming in to visit in a more one-on-one fashion.

New Staff at DVES

- This year we are welcoming one new staff member to the elementary building and one of our current ES teachers is transitioning to a new role.
 - Jeremy Koenck will be teaching 3rd grade (Jeremy is new to DV, but he did student teach 3rd grade at DVES two years ago)
 - Holly Lansink will be our new EL teacher (moving from 2nd grade)



UE/MS – AUGUST 2026

MS. HERZOG & MR. WHITTLEFF

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

South Dakota Middle Level Educator's Conference

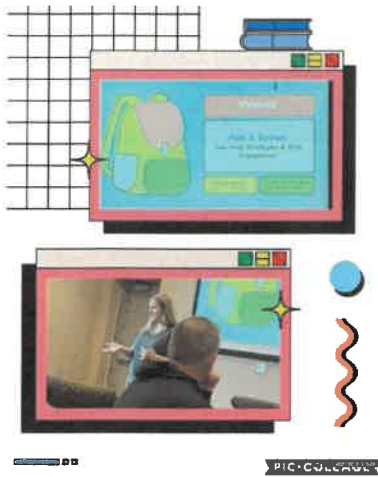
Ms. Herzog, Mr. Whittleff, and a small group of teachers attend this year's Middle Level Educator's Conference in Sioux Falls, where two of our teachers led breakout sessions. These breakout sessions were among the best attended and the best presented, and we are so very proud of our leaders.



Mrs. Stokes presented on creating thinking classrooms in mathematics, leading the attendees through highly engaging math practices that reach every learner. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many asking for follow-up advice, strategies, and contact information to continue the conversations and learning together.



Mrs. Danner presented Eduprotocols and strategies to engage learners while also checking information, getting student feedback, and data that show student progress. This was the most highly attended breakout session in the entire conference, and Mrs. Danner provided an absolute wealth of information for those who attended. They left with many quick and easy strategies to make learning fun, and she has already been contacted by several attendees for more advice and information.



6th Grade Transition

We know how scary that transition between Upper Elementary and 6th grade – Middle School is, especially the lockers! To support our Panthers and help ease some of that anxiety, we are offering our 6th graders time on Wednesday, August 12th to come in for a quick tour of the MS so they can learn where their classes are, and the chance to get their locker assignments and combinations early. We will have our NJHS and STUCO leaders available to provide tours, answer questions, and help students with combinations and locker set-ups. We are hopeful that this will give our newest middle school students a little less to worry about as they begin the new year.

New Enrollments

We are thrilled to see so many new families enrolling with us for the 26-27 School Year! To help with this transition, we will partner each new-to-DV student with a student leader for the first day of school. This student leader will help the students find their classes, assist with lockers, learn what we have to offer, and generally be their support system as they transition to DV. Our goal is to make sure our newest Panthers feel embraced by DV right away.



AUGUST 2026

HIGH SCHOOL

MR. HAMM AND MR. BLAESER

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New Teacher Workshop

On Wednesday, July 29th, DV hosted a new teacher workshop. The high school has 6 new staff members this school year. We are excited for them to join the team and look forward to a great school year.

- Stehanie Norton - High School Math
- Morgan McKellep - High School English
- Shane LaDage – High School Computers/Strength Training
- Rachael Keokenchanh – High School Business
- Peggy Ter Wee- High School Special Education
- Kaitlin Kuhnert – High School FACS

Schedule Changes

Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Hamm have been working on student schedule changes for the past week. Students were able to come in for schedule changes starting on July 26th.

Important Dates

Homecoming week – September 28th – October 3rd

Week of Work (Career Day) – Wednesday, October 14th



AUGUST BOARD REPORT

SPECIAL SERVICES

LINDA STEELE

Extended School Year Services

Five teachers (Morgan Hinds, Abby Voss, Madison Kenney, Sam Jaacks and Madison Dooley) conducted Extended School Year services for our students this summer. Students were given 1:1 or very small group instruction on the goals that are identified in their IEP. This keeps students from falling back over summer break. The areas of instruction are in math, reading and writing.

Best Buddy Program

Madison Kenney (school sponsor), India Orr, Emily Olhausen, Payten Konopasek, Ty Emrich, Ian Weber, and Logan Brondon of the Best Buddy program attended the National Conference in Indiana. They were able to gain a lot of information and ideas to implement back at our school.



Panther Academy

All five students in the program participated in Goodwill Industry's work program this summer. Our Occupational Therapist, Erin Schnabel, supported the students during this process. They worked 4 hours per week learning job skills and also getting paid for the jobs that they completed there.

New Staff Orientation

This year the Special Services Program had one new certified special education staff members at our annual new staff orientation, Peggy Ter Wee (High School Resource Teacher). We are excited to have Mrs. Ter Wee join us. Her years of experience in Nebraska as a high school special education teacher and as special services director will be a great benefit to our district.

We also have one new English Language Program teacher, Holly Lansink, who has been an elementary teacher for years with the district, will serve as our PK-3 EL teacher. We are so excited to have Mrs. Lansink in this capacity!

The Mission of the Dakota Valley School District is:

TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE AN ENRICHED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

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Physicals: Heartland Chiropractic, CNOS, DV Nurses and NSC Fire Dept. staff provided physicals for student-athletes grades 7-12 at the reduced cost of \$30.00 on Aug. 5th. The Physical team performed 100 physicals in 2 hours consisting of five Heartland Chiropractic doctors, one NSC Fire Dept EMT's, Tessie Oberg and two trainers from CNOS.

Fall Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting: On Aug. 3rd the Athletic Department hosted its annual Fall sport parent/athlete meeting. It was very well attended. Joe Melton was our guest speaker. Joe is the owner and founder of Ducksworth Solutions consulting firm. Joe has works with several Fortune 500 companies including several of the top 25 constructions contractors in North America. His message of "Know your Role" was well received by parents, athletes and coaches.

Fall Sports Bash: The Fall Sports Bash is scheduled for August 21st starting at 5:30 with a meal provided by the booster club. The volleyball team will kick the night off with their scrimmage at 6:00. We are planning on performances from the dance team as well as recognition of the cross country, golf, and soccer teams. We will wrap the evening up with a football scrimmage. The booster club will also be selling clothing and memberships that evening.

Academic Team Awards-The following activities received the SDHSAA Academic Team Award for achieving or exceeding a GPA of 3.0 or higher:

All-State Chorus	Band Solo/Ensemble Group		
Boys Basketball	Boys BB Cheer	Boys Track & Field	Debate & Individual Events
Esports	Girls Basketball	Girls BB Cheer	Girls Track & Field
Girls Wrestling	Large Group Band	Large Group Chorus	
One-Act Play	Softball	Student Council	Vocal Solo/Ensemble Group
Yearbook	Boys Cross Country	One-Act Play	Competitive Dance
Football	Football Cheer	Girls Cross Country	Girls Golf
Girls Soccer	Volleyball		



Technology

Technology staff completed several major summer projects to prepare for the upcoming school year. A total of 36 classroom projectors were replaced, and 280 elementary Chromebooks serving grades 1–3 were rotated on classroom carts. Preventative maintenance was also completed on the 4th and 5th grade Chromebook carts to ensure devices are ready for student use.

At Dakota Valley Middle School, Chromebooks for grades 6–8 have been prepared, assigned, and will be delivered to homerooms prior to the first day of school. At the high school, all 1:1 student laptops were reimaged and updated for the 2026–2027 school year. This year, laptop distribution will take place in the High School Theater to improve the pickup process.

Additionally, 10 new Special Education iPads were received and will be deployed once the assigned students return for the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

Middle School Transformer

The Middle School transformer replacement project has been completed. The existing 120/240-volt transformer was decommissioned and removed from the property, and the new transformer has been placed into service.

The project required two planned power outages to safely complete the work: a three-hour outage on July 16 and a full-day outage on July 21. Careful coordination with MidAmerican Energy and district staff helped minimize disruptions while ensuring the project was completed safely and efficiently.

This capital improvement strengthens the reliability of the district's electrical infrastructure and provides access to modern, readily serviceable equipment, helping ensure dependable electrical service for years to come. Concrete restoration in the excavated areas is scheduled to be completed before teachers return on August 11.

Carpet and Paint

Several classrooms and instructional spaces throughout the district received new paint and flooring upgrades this summer, with the primary focus on the Middle School. These improvements refreshed aging classrooms and enhanced the overall appearance and functionality of the learning environment.

Operations staff completed all painting work in-house, while carpet installation was performed by Innovative Office Systems. Completing the painting with district staff allowed the district to maximize available resources while maintaining high-quality results and reducing overall project costs.

These upgrades help extend the life of our facilities, improve the appearance of instructional spaces, and provide students and staff with a clean, modern, and welcoming environment as they begin the 2026–2027 school year.

UE/MS Mechanical Room Water Heater

The domestic water heater serving the Upper Elementary/Middle School was replaced during the week of July 6. Located in the building's mechanical room, this unit provides hot water for food service operations and had been in service for approximately 11 years.

The replacement was completed proactively to reduce the risk of an unexpected equipment failure that could disrupt daily kitchen operations. By replacing the unit before it reached the end of its service life, the district helps avoid emergency repair costs, unplanned downtime, and potential interruptions to meal preparation and food service.

This project reflects the district's continued commitment to preventative maintenance and the strategic replacement of aging infrastructure to ensure the reliable operation of critical building systems.

Roof Project

The Middle School roof replacement project reached substantial completion during the week of July 27–31. Remaining work includes installation of select edge metal components and completion of a small punch list identified during the final walkthrough with CMBA Architects.

Throughout the project, both CMBA Architects and the manufacturer's warranty representative conducted multiple inspections to verify the installation met all applicable quality and warranty requirements. The contractor will complete final cleanup of remaining tools, materials, and equipment this week.

The Middle School parking lot is scheduled to reopen for teacher parking by August 10, ensuring the area is fully accessible before staff return for the start of the school year.

Northshore Dr

Construction on Northshore Drive continues to progress on schedule, and the project is anticipated to be fully open and ready for the start of the school year.

As of the morning of August 3, construction crews were on site completing final subgrade preparation in advance of concrete placement. The district will continue to monitor the project's progress and coordinate with the contractor to help ensure the roadway is open prior to students and staff returning.

Ticketing System Report

Since the last board meeting (7/6/2026 – 8/3/2026):

- **Technology Department:** 55 tickets closed, up from 43 last month (27.9%)
- **Facilities Department:** 55 tickets closed, up from 29 last month (+90%)
- **Total open tickets:** 110, up from 46 (+139.1%)

The average ticket resolution time across all departments decreased from **8.51 business days** last month to **2.9 business days** during the current reporting period. This improvement is primarily attributable to the nature of the work completed during the month, which consisted of a higher volume of smaller service requests rather than larger, long-term projects.