

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 10, 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 August 10, 2026. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, and Thompson. Absent: Norby
Administrators Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

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

No new conflict-of-interest disclosures were presented.

No public input

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to approve the surplus property.

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

Resignations

1. Marcela Dietrich, Administrative Assistant
2. Candy Moore, ES and UE/MS Secretary

New Hires

1. Marcela Dietrich, Night Custodian, Step 9, \$20.68 hr.
2. Isabel Lovejoy, Head MS Volleyball, Step 1, \$2,319
3. Grace Porter, Asst MS Volleyball, Step 1, \$1,933
4. Brooke Schmidt, Asst MS Volleyball, Step 1, \$1,933
5. Emma Westphal, Head MS Volleyball, Step 1, \$2,319
6. Candy Moore, Administrative Assistant, \$20.72 hr.
7. Will Bisenius, Head MS Girls Basketball and Head MS Boys Basketball, Step 25, \$3,439 each

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Thompson to approve the second 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 Hanson, seconded by Nilges to clarify the 2026-67 admission prices are the same as last school year:

1. Single Events-Students \$4.00, Adults \$6.00, over age 62 or Veterans no charge
2. Double Header Events-Students \$5.00, Adults \$7.00, over age 62 or Veterans no charge
3. Activity Tickets-Student \$40.00, Adults \$50.00, Family \$140.00

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the Siouxland Mental Health MOU.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to approve the video wall quote from CDW for \$35,399.48.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the plow quote from ProTech for \$12,594.24.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the lawnmower quote from Sooland Bobcat for \$15,643.06.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Thompson to table the distributed antennae system (DAS).

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hanson to approve the strength and conditioning job description.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2026-27 staff handbook.

Superintendent Schmidt, Steve Kistner, and Matt Thompson gave a report on the ASBSD/SASD school administrator conference.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Hanson to adjourn at 6:56 pm.

Jill Sponder
Business Manager

Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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