DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 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 November 9, 2026. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Hanson, Kistner, Nilges, Norby, and Thompson. Absent: None. Administrators Superintendent Schmidt and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner welcomed the visitors.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to approve the amended agenda.

Mr. Kistner reported a conflict-of-interest disclosure regarding the heat pump project. Mr. Kistner will abstain from any action.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to accept Mr. Kistner's conflict of interest.

No public input.

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

Business Manager Sponder shared the annual audit will be held December 2-3, 2026.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Thompson to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 6:04 pm. Superintendent Schmidt Business Manager Sponder, and employee A were in attendance. Employee A left the meeting. Employee B entered the meeting at 6:34 pm. Employee B left the meeting. Employee C entered the meeting at 7:01 pm. Employee C left the meeting. The board declared out of executive session at 8:16 pm.

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

Resignations
1. Tiffany Wendling, Head Cross Country Coach
2. Grayson Pirner, Head Wrestling Coach

New Hires
1. Jacob Sittig, Head Girls Golf Coach, $3,499
2. Adrian Jurado, Head Wrestling Coach, $5,122

Mr. Schmidt provided an update to the board on the UE/MS heat pump project.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the roof project change order.

Motion by Norby, seconded by Nilges to table the MOA from Elevate Minds Psychiatry.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Norby to approve the lead custodian job description.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nilges to approve the custodian job description.

Written administrator reports were received.

Motion by Nilges, seconded by Norby to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2.1 for personnel. The board went into executive session at 8:31 pm. Superintendent Schmidt was in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 8:49 pm.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Norby to adjourn at 8:49 pm.

Jill Sponder	Steve Kistner
Business Manager	Chairperson

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