

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR MAY 9, 2005 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM

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

The Regular May 9, 2005 meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Gunderson at 7:00 pm. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Heeren, Meland, Sexton and White. Administrators Leber, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Mahon, Steckelberg and Rasmussen were also present along with K. Kruithoff of the *Leader-Courier*, D. Thul of the *Two Rivers Times* and R. Jenkins.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#0177 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve the agenda with additions.

#0178 - Motion by Heeren, second by Meland, to approve the minutes of the Regular April 11, 2005 and Special May 2, 2005 Board of Education Meetings as presented.

#0179 - Motion by White, second by Heeren, to approve the current bills/claims as corrected.

#0180 - Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to approve and file the financial statements dated April 30, 2005 as presented.

The Preliminary 2005-06 Budget was presented.

Administrative and board reports were reviewed.

R. Jenkins addressed the board regarding standardized test scores.

#0181 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve an audit engagement with Quam & Berglin, CPA's (at a rate of \$7,400) to conduct an audit of the general purpose financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

#0182 – Motion by Meland, second by Heeren, to renew a 3-year PDC contract (commencing 2005-06) with the University of South Dakota for placement of teacher interns within the district.

#0183 – Motion by Heeren, second by Meland, to approve group health insurance renewal rates (July 2005 – June 2006) with Wellmark as presented.

#0184 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve catastrophic insurance renewal rates with Student Assurance Services for the 2005-06 school year at a cost of \$990.00 to the district.

#0185 – Motion by White, second by Meland, to approve contract renewal with Lunchtime Solutions, Inc. for the 2005-06 school year with rate increases of 2.68% per meal.

#0186 – Motion by Heeren, second by Meland, to approve \$6,500 of additional funding for the Dakota Valley – Elk Point-Jefferson Alternative School for the 2005-06 school year. (Total anticipated expenses will be \$22,500)

#0187 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to accept the bid of Eugene Flynn in the amount of \$300 for Alfalfa cutting rights for the 2005 crop season.

#0188 – Motion by White, second by Meland, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Dakota Valley School Board authorizes membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the high school under its jurisdiction This is to be for the period which begins July 1, 2005, and ends on June 30, 2006, with the supervision, control, and regulation of any and all high school interscholastic activities being delegated to said Association.

WHEREAS, in addition, the above mentioned school board has ratified the Constitution, By-Laws, and rules of the South Dakota High School Activities Association as of July 1, 2005, and agrees to conduct its activities programs within the framework of these instruments. Dated this 9th day of May, 2005. Signed Kathy Gunderson, President, and Al Leber, Superintendent.

#0189 – Motion by Meland, second by White, to approve Amendment No. 1 of the SDHSAA Constitution and By-Laws as presented.

#0190 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to cast a district vote for Wally Bosch of Yankton as the SDHSAA Division I Representative.

#0191 – Motion by White, second by Meland, to cast a district vote for Kathy Binder of Montrose as the SDHSAA Small School Group Board of Education Representative.

#0192 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to cast a district vote for Bob Sittig of Baltic as the SDHSAA East River At-Large Superintendent Representative.

Consideration of the DVCEA Negotiated Agreement was tabled for discussion in executive session.

#0193 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to approve administrative contract offers as presented for the 2005-06 school year.

1st Reading of the following policies was conducted:

- New Policy File: GDA-10-G (Secretary to Guidance Counselor/AD – Job Description)
- Revised Policy File: IA (Instructional Goals)
- Revised Policy File: IE (Organization of Instruction)
- Revised Policy File: IGAD (Occupational Education)

#0194 – Motion by Sexton, second by White, to approve 2nd Reading of the following policies:

- Revised Policy File: JFC (Student Conduct)
- Revised Policy File: GDA – 10 (Secretary to the High School Principal)
- Revised Policy File: GDA – 14-E (Elementary School Library Aide)

#0195 – Motion by Meland, second by White, to approve a long-term leave of absence (maternity leave) request for Amy Delaney, Kindergarten, for Fall 2005.

Consideration of a long-term leave of absence request from Amanda Beaulieu, 5th Grade, was tabled for discussion in executive session.

#0196 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to approve the following contract offerings:

- Tamara Irvin as Middle School Resource Room Teacher (BA step 3)
- Laura Allen as Third Grade Teacher (BA step 8)
- Kari Schoenberner as 2005 Driver's Education Instructor
- Joyce Moore as Elementary Librarian/PE (one-year contract) (BA+15 step 8)
- Nichole Zoeller as Kindergarten Teacher (one-year contract) (BA step 1)
- Martha Wilharm as Kindergarten Teacher (one-year contract) (MA step 8)

#0197 – Motion by Sexton, second by Meland, to approve the following additional personnel items:

- Contract for Katie Rasmussen as Asst. Softball Coach (2005 Season) in the amount of \$875.00
- Contract for Pam Ingram as Curriculum Committee Chair (3-year assignment) in the amount of \$384.98
- Approve administrative request to increase Kim Metzgar (Speech Clinician) from 0.75 FTE to 1.0 FTE effective 2005-06
- Accept resignation of Roberta Mehrer as Special Education Para-Professional
- Accept the resignation of John Leigh as Fourth Grade Teacher and Asst. Girls Basketball Coach

The board recessed at 7:58 pm and reconvened at 8:05 pm.

#0198 – Motion by Heeren, second by Meland, to move into executive session at 8:05 pm. Leber, Bietz and Halverson were included in the session.

Halverson left at 8:10 pm. Bietz left at 8:45 pm.

Executive session ended at 9:15 pm.

#0199 – Motion by Meland, second by Sexton, to approve financial considerations and language changes as presented for the DVCEA Negotiated Agreement (2005-07 School Years). The Master Contract is on file in the business office and open to public inspection.

#0200 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the long-term leave of absence (maternity leave) request for Amanda Beaulieu from the start of the 2005-06 school year until November 28, 2005.

#0201 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to adjourn at 9:17 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson

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