

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2007
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM

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

The Regular Meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Gunderson at 7:00 pm on December 10, 2007 at the Dakota Valley Administration Center. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Sexton and White. Heeren and Reiff were absent. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Hummel, King, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were also in attendance along with Food Service Director K. Nelson, C. Schiltz and J. Dolan of Koch-Hazard Architects, staff members, students and members of the community.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heeren joined the meeting at 7:02 pm.

#0109 - Motion by White, second by Sexton to approve the agenda as presented.

“Spotlight on Education” - MS Band Teacher Roger Venaas and Students Ben Williams and Nick Buckley presented a brief overview of the Middle School Jazz Band Program.

#0110 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the minutes of the Regular November 12, 2007 and Special November 26, 2007 Board of Education Meetings as presented.

Superintendent Leber updated the board on the Fitness Center and Outdoor Stadium Project progress.

#0111 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to approve Change Order G-4, a net ADD of \$801, for the Fitness Center Project.

#0112 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to approve Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$198,676.44 with HCI Construction.

#0113 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the current bills/claims as presented.

#0114 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to approve and file the financial statements dated November 30, 2007 as presented.

Reiff joined the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Administrative and board reports were reviewed. Discussion regarding virtual high school courses was held with the matter referred to the policy committee.

Jason DeRochie addressed the board regarding the school lunch program.

Gunderson left the meeting at 7:45 pm. Sexton assumed the Chair.

Architects C. Schiltz and J. Dolan of Koch-Hazard Architects presented preliminary bubble drawings of potential classroom additions to the elementary and high school and renovations to the middle school.

#0115 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to approve the Dakota Valley Upper Elementary School Improvement Plan as presented and authorized submission to the Department of Education.

#0116 – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to approve the Level II Application for Baseball for the 2008 season with funding support in the amount of \$4,000.00 (from General Fund Contingency).

#0117 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve the early graduation request of Arielle Harness and Jasmine Smith at mid-term 2007.

#0118 – Motion by White, second by Reiff, to approve the 2nd Reading of the following revised Policy Files:

- Policy EEACA (Bus Driver Examination and Training)
- Policy JHF (Student Safety)
- Policy DID (Inventories / Capitalization of Assets)

#0119 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to move into executive session at 8:26 pm for discussion of personnel matters. Leber, Bietz, Hummel and Rasmussen were included in the session.

Executive session ended at 8:35 pm.

#0120 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to accept the following resignations and waive contract liquidation penalties:

- Alison Larson, First Grade Teacher, effective immediately;
- Shannon Cox, ES Para-Professional effective December 21, 2007;
- Kari Rustand, HS Language Arts/Journalism, effective January 17, 2008.

#0121 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to move into executive session at 8:37 pm for discussion of personnel matters. Leber, Bietz and Clements were included in the session.

Clements left at 8:41 pm.

Executive session ended at 9:26 pm.

#0122 – Motion by White, second by Reiff, to approve the following contract offers:

- Michelle Norton as First Grade Teacher in the amount of \$29,650 (BA, Step 4) pro-rated to start December 11, 2007.
- Erin Schleef as Head Girls Track Coach in the amount of \$2,855 (2)
- Jason Jund as Head Boys Track Coach in the amount of \$3,130 (7)
- Bobby Bratvold as MS Boys Basketball Coach in the amount of \$1,427.50 (2)
- Jeff VanDenHul as Head Baseball Coach in the amount of \$2,075.50 (4)

#0123 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve an extended leave request of Rhonda Full, ES Para-Professional, starting December 12, 2007 for approximately six weeks.

#0124 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to adjourn at 9:31 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson