

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR MAY 8, 2006 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 PM
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM**

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

The Regular May 8, 2006 meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Gunderson at 6:00 pm. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Heeren, Reiff, Sexton and White. Superintendent Leber was also in attendance.

#0189 – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to move into executive session at 6:01 pm for negotiations discussion & student matters. Leber was included in the session.

Parents and student #2005-06-J joined the session at 6:28 pm. Board Member Heeren excused himself.

Halverson joined at 6:29 pm.

Parents, student and Halverson left the session at 6:45 pm and returned at 6:53 pm.

Executive session ended at 6:59 pm. (Note: Student #2005-06-K and parent(s) were unable to attend a scheduled hearing.)

Chairperson Gunderson called the general business portion of the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Board Members Gunderson, Heeren, Reiff, Sexton and White were still in attendance. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Hummel, Mahon, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were all in attendance along with DV Staff Member K. Rustand.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#0190 – Motion by Sexton, second by Reiff, to approve the agenda with additions.

“Spotlight on Education” – None Scheduled

#0191 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the minutes of the Regular April 10, 2006 and Special April 24, 2006 Board of Education Meetings as presented.

#0192 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the current bills/claims with additions.

#0193 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve and file the financial statements dated April 30, 2006 as presented.

Administrative and committee reports were reviewed.

#0194 – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to authorize administration to secure the services of a mechanical engineer to develop specifications for a new (or repair of) cooling system for the high school building.

#0195 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve and duly **resolve** authorization for the South Dakota Division of Old Age and Survivor's Insurance (state administrator for social security coverage) to conduct a majority referendum vote to determine if employees performing services in positions covered by the South Dakota Retirement System desire social security coverage. The resolution is on file in the Office of the Business Manager.

#0196 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the following contract renewals:

- Health Insurance (Wellmark BC/BS of SD) 4.7% rate increase
- Dental Insurance (Delta Dental of SD) 2.8% rate increase
- Catastrophic Accident Insurance (Student Assurance Services, Inc.) \$1,150 blanket policy
- Food Service Management Contract (Lunchtime Solutions, Inc.) increase rates 3.38% per CPI for Urban, All Consumers (Midwest)

#0197 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to accept the bid of Eugene Flynn to cut the Alfalfa Crop between DV Elementary School and the Athletic Complex for the 2006 crop year in the amount of \$350.

#0198 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to approve and duly resolve membership of Dakota Valley High School in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the 2006-07 School Year. The complete resolution is on file in the Office of the Business Manager.

#0199 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to cast a district vote for Christena Schultz, Bridgewater/Emery High School as the SDHSAA Division III Representative.

#0200 – Motion by Sexton, second by Reiff, to renew a contract with CNO&S for Sports Medicine for the 2006-07 School Year.

#0201 – Motion by White, second by Reiff, to approve a contract settlement with the Dakota Valley Education Association for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 contract years. Provisions of this contract include:

- Two-year contract, with the following base salary increases:
 - 2006-07 Increase to \$27,000
 - 2007-08 Increase to \$28,000
- Add extra-duty assignment compensation for Middle School Destination Imagination / Quiz Bowl Sponsor
- Add extra-duty assignment compensation for (2) NCA Co-Chairpersons
- Remove the step increment “cap” on the MA+30 salary column
- Minor wording changes to clarify contract language

#0202 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to declare various equipment, books, computers and uniforms as surplus property. A rummage sale / silent auction will be held at Dakota Valley Middle School on Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

#0203 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve a Statement of Understanding between the Comprehensive Strategy for Positive Youth Development Community Planning Team and the Dakota Valley School District.

Discussion was held regarding upcoming graduation exercises.

#0204 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve 2nd Reading of the following Policy Files:

- DFAA (Investment Policy)
- JFCJ (Weapons Policy)
- JFG (Interrogations and Searches)
- JHF (Student Safety)
- JP (Student Travel)
- JHCC-1 (Pediculosis – Headlice)
- GCA-14 (District Technology Assistant)

The board conducted 1st Reading of the following Policy Files:

- GCBE-R (Administrative Contract Provisions)
- KG (Community Use of School Facilities)
- KG-E-R (Facility Use Policy Guidelines)
- KG-E (A) (Statement of Declaration) – delete this policy

#0205 – Motion by Sexton, second by Reiff, to approve the following personnel items effective for the 2006-07 School Year:

- Reduce the contract of Mary Shuey, HS Science Teacher, to 0.5 FTE per her request
- Reduce the contract of Kristi Schultz, HS Mathematics, to 0.5 FTE per her request

- Increase the contract of Traci Comes, Special Education Para-Professional, from 0.8125 FTE to 1.0 FTE
- Contract offer for Angie Olsen as Kindergarten Teacher at MA (7)
- Contract offer for Kristi Koerselman as Second Grade Teacher at BA (6)
- Contract offer for Maggan Kitten as High School Mathematics Teacher at BA (4)
- Contract offer for Jon Merrigan as Summer Driver’s Education Instruction at a rate of \$660 for classroom instruction and \$15.00 per hour for drive time
- Contract offer for Erin Schleef as High School Guidance Counselor at MA (1)
- Contract offer for Kathleen Eddy as Middle/High School Vocal Music Teacher at BA (2)
- Contract offer for Sherry Craig as Science/Health/PE Chairperson for the 2006 – 2009 Curriculum Cycle
- Contract offer for Jeff Vandenhul as Business/Computer/FACS/Industrial Arts Chairperson for the 2006 – 2008 Curriculum Cycle
- Approve a long-term (maternity) leave request for Traci Comes to begin on or about August 17, 2006 with an anticipated return date of October 5, 2006
- Accept the resignation of Kathy Bowman, Central Office Assistant, effective June 26, 2006. (The board wished to thank Mrs. Bowman for her years of service to the district)

#0206 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to uphold the ten day suspension of Student “J”. When the student returns to school, he or she will submit to a daily search by administration (or designee) upon entering the buildings each school day. **Note:** Heeren abstained from voting.

#0207 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to uphold the ten day suspension of Student “K”. When the student returns to school, he or she will submit to a daily search by administration (or designee) upon entering the buildings each school day. **Note:** Heeren abstained from voting.

#0208 – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to move into executive session at 8:15 pm for student and legal matters. Leber was included in the session.

Executive session ended at 9:50 pm.

#0209 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to adjourn at 9:50 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson

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