

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022  
APPROVED MINUTES  
DAKOTA VALLEY BOARD ROOM**

**REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 PM**

**\* All motions were done via roll call, carried, and unanimously approved unless otherwise indicated.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kistner at 6:00 pm on February 14, 2022. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Dooley, Kistner, Thompson, Nilges, and Weber. Absent: None. Administrators Dr. Warzecha, Bill Clements, Erik Sommervold, Business Manager Sponder, and North Sioux City Times reporter Beth Fennel were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner recognized the visitors. Travis Thom and Ryan Callaghan spoke about potential partnership regarding trade programs/scholarships. Ehren Christensen spoke about the addition of boys' soccer.

**#0097** Motion by Nilges, second by Thompson, to approve the amended agenda.

No new conflict of interest disclosure was reported.

**#0098** Motion by Weber, second by Nilges, to approve consent agenda.

Business Manager Sponder updated the board on natural gas proposals from Heartland Natural Gas and Constellation Energy.

**#0099** Motion by Dooley, seconded by Thompson to extend the agreement with Heartland Natural Gas for one year.

Dr. Warzecha gave a COVID and MidAmerican Energy update.

**#0100** Motion by Nilges, second by Thompson to approve the following resignations and contracts:

**Resignations**

1. Dawn Derochie, Sped Paraprofessional
2. Riley Vandesteeg, Sped Paraprofessional
3. David Eber, Alt School Supervisor
4. Keegan Lyon, HS Girls Golf
5. Susan Almjeld, 4-12 Vocal Music
6. Roger Venaas, 5-6 Band and MS Jazz Band

**Contracts**

1. Rebekah Bryan, HS Debate Coach
2. Bradie Timmins, Long Term Sub Science Proctor
3. Nancy Padilla, Sped Paraprofessional
4. Olivia Ratley, Sped Paraprofessional
5. Ta'Mara Hanscom, Alt School Supervisor

Dr. Warzecha recognized the school board for South Dakota School Board Recognition Week February 21-25.

**#0101** Motion by Thompson, second by Weber to approve the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Calendars with noted changes.

**#0102** Motion by Nilges, second by Weber to approve adding level 1 boys' soccer to the athletic program.

**#0103** Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges to approve renewing the administration contracts for 2022-2023.

**#0104** Motion by Weber, second by Thompson to approve SDHSAA sanctioning softball from level II to level I, fall to spring, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dr. Warzecha provided a legislative update.

Written administrative reports were given.

**#0105** Motion by Dooley, second by Nilges to approve the chromebook purchase from Riverside Technologies in the amount of \$163,788.54 as proposed by Mr. Oberg.

**#0106** Motion by Dooley, second by Thompson to go into executive session per SDCL1-25-2.1 personnel. The board went into executive session at 7:22 pm with the board members, Dr. Warzecha, and Business Manager Sponder in attendance. Mr. Clements entered the executive session at 7:37. The board declared out of executive session at 7:58 p.m.

**#0107** Motion by Weber, second by Nilges to authorize Dr. Warzecha to hire additional paraprofessionals as needed for staffing and student needs.

**#0108** Motion by Weber, second by Thompson to not renew David Ebner's HS assistant football coaching contract for the 2022-2023 school year.

**#0109** Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges to go into executive session per SDCL1-25-2.2 student programming. The board went into executive session at 8:00 pm with the board members, Dr. Warzecha, Business Manager Sponder, and Mr. Sommervold in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 8:21 p.m.

**#0110** Motion by Thompson, second by Dooley to go into executive session per SDCL1-25-2.5 contract pricing. The board went into executive session at 8:21 pm with the board members, Dr. Warzecha, and Business Manager Sponder in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 8:32 p.m.

**#0111** Motion by Thompson, second by Dooley to go into executive session per SDCL1-25-2.4 negotiations. The board went into executive session at 8:33 pm with the board members, Dr. Warzecha, and Business Manager Sponder in attendance. The board declared out of executive session at 9:31 p.m.

**#0112** Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges to approve adding an Assistant High School Principal position for the 2022-2023 school year.

**#0113** Motion by Weber, second by Dooley, to adjourn at 9:31 pm.



JH Sponder  
Business Manager



Steve Kistner  
Chairperson

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