

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**MAY 14, 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 May 14, 2007. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Heeren, Reiff, Sexton and White. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson and Hummel were also present along with staff members P. DeJong, A. Olsen, J. Perfect and M. Shuey. B. Odson of the *Leader-Courier* and *Dakota Dunes – North Sioux City Times* was also in attendance along with Architects J. Dolan and C. Schiltz of Koch-Hazrard Architects and members of the community.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**#0181** - Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the agenda with additions.

“Spotlight on Education” – Staff Members DeJong, Olsen and Shuey demonstrated how they use projectors in classrooms.

**#0182** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the minutes of the Regular April 16, 2007 Board of Education meeting as presented.

**#0183** – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve the current bills/claims as presented.

**#0184** – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to approve and file the financial statements dated April 30, 2007 as presented.

**#0185** – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve and duly resolve the following budget supplements for the 2006-07 School Year:

**General Fund**

Supplies	\$6,000 (PTO)
Supplies	\$ 250 (Donation)
Supplies	\$ 500 (Mini-Grant)
Supplies	\$1,219 (D.A.R.E. Contributions)
Supplies	<u>\$1,480</u> (School Pictures)
Total	\$9,449

**Capital Outlay**

Care & Upkeep of Bdgs	\$12,000 (Use of Fund Balance)
Care & Upkeep of Grounds	<u>\$ 4,000</u> (Use of Fund Balance)
Total	\$16,000

### **Capital Projects Fund (Weight Room & Stadium Improvements)**

Architecture & Engineering                      \$88,000 (Donation)

Administrative and board reports were reviewed.

Rasmussen joined the meeting at 8:02 pm.

The board wished to recognize and congratulate Kelly Kruithoff of the *Leader-Courier* and *Dakota Dunes – North Sioux City Times* for 25 years of service to the newspapers and thank him for his coverage of school activities and events during this time.

Community Input - Mr. Tim Nikkel addressed the board regarding offering an elective high school literature class based upon a comparative study of the bible.

**#0186**– Motion by Heeren, second by White, to accept and approve a \$1.1 million Pledge and Naming Rights Agreement with the Bob and Ginny Peterson Foundation for construction of a new weight room facility and improvements to the outdoor stadium. The board wished to **thank** the Peterson Family for this generous donation to the school district.

Architects Dolan and Schiltz reviewed bids & scope for the construction of the aforementioned project. The bids were taken under advisement.

**#0187** – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve the bid withdrawal request of Seating and Athletic Facility Enterprises for the expansion and installation of additional outdoor bleacher seats.

**#0188** – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to accept the bid from Combined Building Specialties for the expansion and installation of outdoor bleacher seats in the amount of \$75,617.

No action was taken on a proposal from Terracon Consulting Engineers & Scientists for inspection services to be rendered during the construction of the weight room & stadium improvements projects.

**#0189** – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to accept the bid from Eugene Flynn in the amount of \$300 to cut alfalfa for the 2007 crop season.

**#0190** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve a one-year extension to the food service management contract with Lunchtime Solutions, Inc. for the 2007-08 School Year as presented.

**#0191** – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to approve group health insurance renewal (health plan code JQE and drug code T9A) with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Dakota effective July 1, 2007 and extend the plan year to end August 31, 2008.

**#0192** – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve group dental insurance renewal rates (increase of 3.1%) with Delta Dental of South Dakota as presented.

**#0193** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve catastrophic insurance renewal in the amount of \$1,200.00 with Student Assurance Services, Inc.

**#0194** – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to approve South Dakota High School Activities Association Constitutional Amendment #1 as presented.

**#0195** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to cast a district vote for Darren Paulson as Division I Representative with the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

**#0196** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the Open Enrollment Application of Margaret Riley for her daughter, Jessica Riley (4<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2007-08).

**#0197** – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to declare various computer and technology items as surplus property as presented.

**#0198** – Motion by Sexton, second by Reiff, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy File:DJBB (Non-Sufficient Funds Check Collection) as presented.

**#0199** – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to accept the following resignations upon completion of their current contracts:

- Rob Mahon, Director of Maintenance and Custodial Services
- Maggan Quiest, High School Math Teacher
- Kelli Strickhom, MS Para-professional
- Steph Neeser, HS Para-professional
- Camilla Holthe, MS Special Education Teacher
- Jill Curley, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- Lanesha Paradeis, Kindergarten Teacher
- Kathleen Verschoor, Talented and Gifted Teacher, Destination Imagination and MS Quiz Bowl Advisor
- Janet Ries, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher

**#0200** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the following transfers and contract adjustments: (Note: Reiff abstained). **Motion carried 4-0.**

- Dawn Plendl, Transfer from Kindergarten to Behavioral Interventionist
- Tiffany Wendling, Transfer from MS Reading Teacher to 0.5 FTE Lead Teacher for Curriculum Management and 0.5 FTE MS Reading Teacher
- Noelle Muller, Transfer from 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher to 0.5 FTE MS Reading Teacher and 0.5 FTE Enrichment Teacher
- Amanda Brodersen, Reduce contract to 0.5 FTE Job-Share
- Julie Thomsen, Transfer from Asst. Volleyball Coach to MS Volleyball Coach

**#0201** – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the following contract offers for the 2007-08 School Year:

- Crissi Hall, Kindergarten Teacher in the amount of \$28,000 (BA, 1)
- Tara Bassett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher (PDC Intern)
- Cassandra Pilgrim, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher in the amount of \$28,000 (BA, 1)
- Debi Young, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher in the amount of \$32,600 (BA+15, 7)

- Carly Bernard, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher in the amount of \$28,000 (BA, 1)
- Tyler Beisch, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher in the amount of \$31,000 (MA, 2)
- Kelli Taylor, MS Special Education Teacher in the amount of \$28,550 (BA, 2)
- Amanda Driver, Physical Education & Health Teacher in the amount of \$28,000 (BA, 1), Asst. Volleyball Coach in the amount of \$2,310 (1) and Asst. Track Coach in the amount of \$1,680 (1)
- Jamie Bernard, Speech Language Clinician in the amount of \$32,850 (MA, Step 1 plus \$2,500 per the DVEA Master Agreement, Article 9)
- Kelsey Murray, Asst. Softball Coach in the amount of \$945 for the 2007 Season
- Sara Eckhoff, Curriculum Committee Chair (2008-2010) in the amount of \$420 (1)
- Don Craig, Head Volleyball Coach in the amount of \$3,822 (8)
- Jason Kleis, Head Boys Basketball Coach in the amount of \$3,855.75 (3)
- Michelle Nelsen, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher in the amount of \$35,550 (MA, 9)

**#0202** – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to move into executive session at 9:00 pm for discussion of personnel matters. Leber was included in the session.

J. Perfect joined the session at 9:09 pm and left at 9:25 pm.

Executive session ended at 9:37 pm.

**#0203** – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve a one-year leave of absence request of Jill Perfect contingent upon a suitable replacement being found on or before May 24, 2007.

**#0204** – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to reduce the contract compensation of Superintendent Al Leber by \$300 and increase his mileage allowance by \$300 as requested.

**#0205** – Motion by Sexton, second by Reiff, to adjourn at 9:42 pm.

Jason L. Bietz  
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson  
Chairperson

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