

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR MARCH 13, 2006 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

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

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

The Regular March 13, 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.

#0142 – Motion by Reiff, second by Sexton, to move into executive session for Student Hearing #1 at 6:02 pm. Board Members Gunderson, Reiff, Sexton and White were included along with Superintendent Leber. Heeren excused himself.

Administrators Ashmore and Halverson along with Parents joined the session at 6:05 pm and left the session at 6:25 pm.

All the above re-joined the session at 6:31 pm.

Board Member Reiff and Parents of Student #1 left the session at 6:31 pm.

Parent of Student #2 joined the session at 6:32 pm.

Administrators Ashmore and Halverson and Parent #2 left at 6:42 pm and returned at 6:45 pm.

Executive session ended at 6:45 pm.

Chairperson Gunderson called the general business portion of the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board Members Gunderson, Heeren, Sexton and White were still in attendance. Reiff was absent. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Hummel, Mahon, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were all in attendance along with DV Staff and Students and a member of the community.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#0143 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the agenda as presented.

“Spotlight on Education” – Staff Member C. Carter, along with Middle School Students Mollie Long & Eliot Bacon , demonstrated a physical education activity called *Speed Stacking*.

#0144 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to amend the minutes of the Regular February 13, 2006 Board of Education Meeting as follows:

“Spotlight on Education” - The board congratulated Third Grade Teacher Paula Wilson for being recognized by the VFW as Teacher of the Year. Fourth Grade students Laura M. and ~~Nolan~~ B.Cody S., along with Teacher Jill Curley, presented a brief overview of a play and lessons learned about Martin Luther King Jr.

....and to approve the Minutes of the Special February 16, 2006 Board of Education Meeting as presented.

#0145 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the current bills/claims as presented.

#0146 – Motion by Sexton, second by White, to approve and file the financial statements dated February 28, 2006 as presented.

Administrative reports were reviewed.

#0147 – Motion by Sexton, second by White, to **table** the Open Enrollment Applications of Kelly Wiese for her daughter, Grace (Kindergarten 2006-07) and Corey/Denise O’Connor for their children, Easton (Kindergarten 2006-07) and Reegan (2nd Grade 2006-07).

Appointments of board members for Equalization Meetings were volunteered as follows:

City of North Sioux City – Gunderson
Union County – Sexton
Big Sioux Township – Reiff
Jefferson Township – Sexton

#0148 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve two (2) Five-Hundred Dollar (\$500) scholarships for graduating Dakota Valley Seniors payable from the Board’s Trust and Agency Fund with the stipulation that the awards go to one male and one female student majoring in education.

#0149 – Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to donate One-Hundred Dollars (\$100) to the Dakota Valley After Prom Committee for the 2006 Junior/Senior Prom on behalf of the Dakota Valley Board of Education payable from the Board’s Trust and Agency Fund.

#0150 – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to change the start time of the Regular April 10, 2006 Board of Education Meeting to 5:00 pm. The board will meet in executive session to conduct administrative negotiations for 2006-07.

#0151 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve final payment of \$5,787.10 to Winkler Roofing, Inc. for final retainage on the Middle School Roof Replacement Project.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed 2006-07 academic calendar. No action was taken, however, Board Members Gunderson and Sexton volunteered to meet with the Calendar Committee to finalize next year's calendar.

Discussion was held regarding the 2010 Education Initiative, specifically 1:1 laptops for students.

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

- DJBB (Non-Sufficient Funds Check Collection)
- JGD/JGE (Student Suspension/Expulsion)
- JHCA/JHCB (Physical Examinations of Student/Inoculations of Students)
- JHCC-1 (Pediculosis – Headlice)
- JHCD (Administering Medicines to Students)
- JHCD -1 (Authorization/Permission for Administration of Medication)

Board Member Reiff re-joined the meeting.

#0152 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to move into executive session at 8:40 pm for discussion of personnel. Leber was included in the session.

Rasmussen joined the session at 8:45 pm. Ashmore and Steckelberg joined at 8:52 pm. Steckelberg left at 8:57 pm.

Executive session ended at 9:10 pm.

#0153 – Motion by White, second by Reiff, to non-renew the one-year teaching contracts of the following staff members:

- Martha Wilharm (long-term substitute for Kindergarten)
- Abigail Alesch (long-term substitute for Kindergarten)
- Nichole Zoeller (long-term substitute for Kindergarten)
- Joyce Moore (long-term substitute for Elementary Librarian)
- Stacey Scott (long-term substitute for Fifth Grade)

#0154 – Motion by White, second by Reiff, to accept the resignations of the following staff members effective at the end of the 2005-06 School Year:

- John Uhl as Third Grade Teacher, Head Boys Golf and Asst. Boys Basketball Coach
- Sherri Beresford as Kindergarten Teacher
- Melanie Ernst as Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
- Tamara Irvin as 7/8th Grade Resource Room Teacher
- Traci Kollbaum as Asst. Girls basketball coach, contingent upon hiring a suitable replacement.

Consideration of contract revisions for various teaching and aide positions was tabled for further discussion.

#0155 – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve the transfer request of Cindy Murray from custodian to maintenance worker effective Monday, March 20, 2006 at a rate of \$10.15 (Step 2) per hour.

#0156 – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve the following contract offerings:

- Tamara Gibson as Para-Professional (0.4375 FTE) at a rate of \$8.05 (Step 2 Non-Certified) per hour for the remainder of the 2005-06 School Year and increase the position to (0.5 FTE) for the 2006-07 School Year
- Nick Elgert as Custodian at \$8.70 (Step 1) per hour
- Paula Wilson as Head Girls Golf Coach at a rate of \$1,770.90 (Step 8) effective 2005-06
- Jason Jund as Asst. Baseball Coach at a rate of \$1,033.03 (Step 8) effective 2005-06
- Stacey Coates as Speech Clinician at a rate of \$28,015 (MA, Step 1) for the 2006-07 School Year. (Note: This salary calculated based upon 2005-06 Salary Schedule)

#0157 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to move into executive session at 9:35 pm for continued discussion of personnel. Leber was included in the session.

Executive session ended at 10:09 pm.

#0158 – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to adjourn at 10:10 pm.

Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson
Chairperson

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