

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2008  
APPROVED MINUTES  
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

**REGULAR SESSION – 8:00 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 8:00 pm on February 11, 2008 at the Dakota Valley Administration Center. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Gunderson, Heeren, Reiff, Sexton and White. Administrators Leber, Ashmore, Bietz, Clements, Halverson, Hummel, King, Rasmussen and Steckelberg were also in attendance along with Staff Member M. Shuey, D. Fuxa and D. Melstad.

Leber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**#0145** - Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the agenda as presented.

**#0146** – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve the minutes of the Regular January 16, 2006 Board of Education Meeting as presented.

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

**#0147** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve Change Order G-6, a net DEDUCT of \$1,800, for the Fitness Center Project.

**#0148** – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to approve the current bills/claims as presented.

**#0149** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve and file the financial statements dated January 31, 2008 as presented.

Administrative and board reports were reviewed.

**#0150** – Motion by Heeren, second by Reiff, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Southeast High Alternative School and Dakota Valley School District with funding support in the amount of \$22,500 for the 2008-09 School Year.

**#0151** – Motion by White, second by Reiff, to approve a contract with Terracon Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$2,050 for soil testing at all three schools and an addendum in the amount of \$150 for additional testing of parking areas.

**#0152** – Motion by White, second by Heeren, to approve a contract with Stockwell Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$3,200 for topographic survey of all three schools in

preparation for facility additions and an addendum in the amount of \$2,500 for additional surveying at the MS/HS as presented.

**#0153** – Motion by Reiff, second by White, to approve the administrative recommendation to begin advertising for two new middle school teachers for the 2008-09 School Year.

Bietz reviewed proposals for refinancing General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A (ES Refunded Issue). The district will recognize approximate interest savings in excess of \$300,000.

**#0154 -**

## **RESOLUTION**

*(As extracted from bonding documents filed with the Business Manager. A full copy of the Resolution is on file and open to public inspection during normal business hours.)*

Board Member Heeren introduced and moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the execution, terms, issuance, sale and payment of General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of, not to exceed, Six Million One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$6,105,00.00) of the Dakota Valley School District No. 61-8 of Union County, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the Dakota Valley School District No. 61-8 is authorized by the provisions of SDCL §§ 6-8B-30 through 6-8B-52 to issue General Obligation Bonds to refund and refinance validly issued outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that refunding certain General Obligation Bonds of the School District will reduce the interest expense to the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that is necessary and in the best interest of the School District to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the School District for the purpose of providing funds to (i) refinance all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds, as such term is defined herein; and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds described herein

Said motion was seconded by Member Reiff and upon vote being taken the following voted AYE: Gunderson, Heeren, Reiff, Sexton and White, the following voted NAYE: none; whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. Signed: Kathy Gunderson, President. Attest: Jason L. Bietz, Business Manager.

**#0155** – Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to authorize Northland Securities, Inc. (Pierre, SD) to market and sell the refunded bonds with the understanding that the school district (i.e. Board President, Superintendent and Business Manager) will make the final determination of when to lock rates and execute the refunding.

**#0156** – Motion by White, second by Sexton, to authorize Northland Securities, Inc. to submit an application on the district's behalf for a credit rating with Moody's Investor Services at an approximate cost of \$8,500 to be included in the net refunding of the 2003A General Obligation Bonds.

Discussion was held regarding the Governor's 2010E Connections Project (aka 1:1 Initiative) as well as providing projectors in classrooms.

**#0157** – Motion by Sexton, second by Heeren, to approve a contract for Architecture/Engineering Services with Koch-Hazard Architects (Sioux Falls, SD) in the amount of \$172,500 (approximately 6.9% of the estimated cost of construction) for the Middle School Science Center Addition.

**#0158** – Motion by Heeren, second by White, to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the following policy files:

- Policy File FB (Facilities Planning)
- Policy File IGC (Extended Instructional Program)

**#0159** – Motion by Sexton, second by Reiff, to accept the resignation of Jason Bietz as Business Manager effective on or about June 30, 2008.

**#0160**– Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to approve the following employment and contract offerings:

- Shena Tietsort as Elementary Para-Professional starting January 22, 2008 in the amount of \$9.30 per hour (Step 5, AA/Praxis)
- Mary Smith as Middle School Para-Professional starting February 7, 2008 in the amount of \$9.30 per hour (Step 5, AA/Praxis)
- Tyler Beisch as Jr. High Track Coach for the 2007-08 Season in the amount of \$1,400 (1)

**#0161**– Motion by Reiff, second by Heeren, to move into executive session at 10:04 pm for discussion of personnel matters. Leber and Bietz were included in the session.

Executive session ended at 10:35 pm.

**#0162**– Motion by Heeren, second by Sexton, to adjourn at 10:35 pm.

Jason L. Bietz  
Business Manager

Kathy Gunderson  
Chairperson

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