

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2020  
APPROVED MINUTES  
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

**REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 PM**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kistner at 7:00 pm on April 14, 2020. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Dooley, Heeren, Hoffman, Kistner, and Weber. Absent: None. Administrators Dr. Rasmussen and Business Manager Sponder were in attendance along with Beth Fennel, NSC Times Reporter and Janis Goeden, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher. Clements, Maloney, Brandriet, Steele, Sommervold, and Oberg attended virtually.

**#0103** Motion by Heeren, second by Weber, to approve the agenda as presented.

No Conflict of Interest Disclosures were reported.

**#0104** Motion by Dooley, second by Hoffman, to approve the minutes of the regular March 9, 2020 and special March 19, 2020 meeting as presented.

**#0105** Motion by Weber, second by Heeren, to approve the current bills/claims and financial statements as presented. Ayes: Dooley, Heeren, Hoffman, Weber, Abstain: Kistner

Administrative and Good News Reports were reviewed.

DV was one of two districts selected in SD for the Best Communities for Music Education 2020. Congratulations to our students, parents, and staff.

Three letters of interest were received for the one-year open board position.

Dr. Rasmussen shared the status of actions to date and ongoing planning in relation to Coronavirus.

Dr. Rasmussen and Ms. Sponder shared budget information for South Dakota and the possible impact on Dakota Valley.

Janis Goeden, a representative from the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers, spoke in regards to 2020-21 staffing. She expressed concerns on behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers about the impact of the school closures on the current Kindergarteners. She requested that the Board consider decreasing the 2020-21 1<sup>st</sup> grade section size from the projected 19 students in 4 sections to 15 students by having 5 sections. The Board explained the budget challenges of such a request and anticipated requests from other staff members in this regards. No action was taken.

**#0106** Motion by Dooley, seconded by Weber to approve paying our classified/hourly staff their normal daily pay until the end of the school year.

**#0107** Motion by Heeren, seconded by Dooley to approve delaying negotiations with all personnel until the State of South Dakota completes and finalizes their budgeting process which is expected to be in June of 2020.

#0108 Motion by Heeren, seconded by Weber to approve issuing staff contracts with adjustments to be done once negotiations are completed.

#0109 Motion by Weber, second by Hoffman to approve adjusting the 2019-2020 school calendar. May 21, 2020 will be the last day of instruction. Teachers last day will be May 22, 2020.

#0110 Motion by Dooley, second by Heeren to consider changing the 2019 graduation with a special board meeting to held on April 28,2020.

#0111 Motion by Dooley, second by Weber to amend the above motion to having the special board meeting on April 27, 2020.

#0112 Motion by Heeren, second by Hoffman to approve the bid from IS Restaurant Design Equipment and Supply for \$28,216 to replace the middle school walk in cooler.

#0113 Motion by Hoffman, second by Heeren to surplus iPad mini's and donate them to health facilities.

#0114 Motion by Dooley, second by Hoffman to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar.

#0115 Motion by Heeren, second by Dooley to approve extending meal service to students through June 30, 2020.

#0116 Motion by Heeren, second by Weber to cast a ballot for Tara Johanneson, Tea Area, for ASBSD Board of Directors, Southeast Region.

#0117 Motion by Heeren, second by Dooley to approve continuing membership it the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

#0118 Motion by Dooley, second by Weber to approve a facility use request from Norm Waitt Sr YMCA conditional upon the lifting of any restrictions by the City of North Sioux City, the state of South Dakota, Union County, all applicable Departments of Health, and the Tri-State Area.

#0119 Motion by Dooley, second by Heeren to approve the concurrent enrollment agreement with Western Iowa Technical Community College.

#0120 Motion by Heeren, second by Dooley to approve allowing parent funded boy's soccer team for 2020-21 under school guidelines.

#0121 Motion by Heeren, second by Weber, to approve the following resignations and contracts:

#### Resignations


- 1.) Melissa Strong, head HS dance coach
- 2.) Kristi Karlson, speech language therapist at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year
- 3.) Ashtyn Ackerman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and MS girls basketball coach at the conclusion at the 2019-20 school year
- 4.) Courtney Moody, HS Spanish, quiz bowl and concessions advisor at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year
- 5.) Bev Plantenberg, UE/MS/HS nurse at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year

#### Contracts

- 1.) Kylee Hickman, MS asst track coach
- 2.) Abbygail Pelc, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and MS asst volleyball coach for 2020-21
- 3.) TC Weinandt, HS head softball coach
- 4.) Isaac Johnson, HS asst volleyball coach
- 5.) Carey Baczwaski, HS head dance coach

#0122 Motion by Heeren, second by Weber, to adjourn at 8:43 pm.

  
Jill Sponder  
Business Manager

  
Steve Kistner  
Chairperson

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