

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 27, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES
DAKOTA VALLEY ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

SPECIAL SESSION 7:00 pm

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

The Special Meeting of the Dakota Valley Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Kistner at 7:05 pm on July 27, 2020. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Dooley, Kistner, Hoffman, Thompson, and Weber. Administrators Dr. Rasmussen and Business Manager Sponder, along with Beth Fennel from the Dakota Dunes North Sioux City Times. Administrators Clements, Leberman, Maloney, Sommervold, and Steele were also in attendance via in person and/or virtually.

Superintendent Dr. Rasmussen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#0017 Motion by Hoffman, second by Weber, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment was given by Mrs. Tiffany Jund, a parent, shared her thoughts on a possible middle school schedule. Dr. Rasmussen shared that this has not been presented to the board and is not being presented to the board tonight.

No Conflict of Interest Disclosures were reported.

Administrative reports were reviewed.

Dr. Rasmussen presented information on Coronavirus updates, DV Start Well 2020 guide, open house, pre-payment days, student and staff mask requirement consideration, distance learning, heating and ventilation, car riders drop off/pick up, and substitute teacher compensation.

#0018 Motion by Weber, seconded by Dooley to approve requiring the staff and students to wear masks where age and developmentally appropriate and when social distancing is not an option.

#0019 Motion by Thompson, seconded by Weber, to approve giving Dr. Rasmussen the authority to develop an online academy/distance learning plan and seek interest from parents. Parents would need to commit to at least one semester of online learning in order to sign up.

#0020 Motion by Dooley, seconded by Thompson to declare a health emergency in order to expedite the process of seeking bids/proposals for upgrading our heating and

ventilation system that will allow for optimizing the fresh air in the buildings and mechanisms for killing germs, viruses, and odors. Due to potential conflict of interest Steve Kistner vacated the chair and left the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Vice-Chair Dooley assumed the chair. Ayes: Dooley, Hoffman, Thompson, Weber. Absent: Kistner

Kistner returned to the meeting and assumed the chair at 9:33 p.m.

#0021 Motion by Dooley, seconded by Hoffman to proceed with closing the current student drop off pick/up area at the Elementary school. Discussion focused on district patrons parking the drop off zone for more than an hour at a time and the congestion caused by such actions.

#0022 Motion by Dooley, seconded by Weber to acknowledge the DV Start Well 2020 Guide as proposed with changes to be made as mentioned, with ongoing flexibility and adaptation and as additional guidance/information becomes available.

Dr. Rasmussen and Activity Director Clements presented information on the potential for crowd size restrictions at school activities.

#0023 Motion by Thompson, second by Hoffman to approve the authorization of the Superintendent to hire additional staff through coordination with the Board President.

#0024 Motion by Weber, second by Hoffman, to approve designating the school nurses and the school administrators as critical personnel under the critical infrastructure provision of COVID-19.

#0025 Motion by Weber, seconded by Dooley to move the first day of school to Monday, August 17, 2020 to allow staff additional time to prepare and receive professional development for the start of the year.

#0026 Motion by Dooley, second by Weber to approve the following contracts:

1. Madelyn Vander Weil, upper elementary/middle school secretary

#0027 Motion by Dooley, second by Weber, to adjourn at 10:42 pm. Motion carried.


Jill Sponder
Business Manager


Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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