

**DAKOTA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #61-8
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 12, 2021
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 July 12, 2021. Roll Call indicated the following members present: Dooley, Kistner, Thompson, Nilges, and Weber (via phone through oath of office). Absent: Hoffman. Administrators Dr. Warzecha, Erik Sommervold, Bill Clements, Nichole Herzog, Ben Blaeser, Kristi Maloney, Linda Steele, Michael Oberg, Business Manager Sponder, and Beth Fennel, NSC Times Reporter were in attendance.

Chairperson Kistner recognized the visitors.

Superintendent Dr. Warzecha and Business Manager Sponder held a budget hearing over the Preliminary 2021-22 Budget.

#0001 Motion by Dooley, second by Weber, to approve the agenda as amended.

No new conflict of interest disclosures were reported.

Business Manager Sponder gave the oath of office to Sara Weber and Andrew Nilges.

Board Member Weber left the meeting.

#0002 For the Office of School Board President: Motion by Dooley, second by Dooley to nominate Kistner. No other nominations were made. By virtue of unanimous ballot, Kistner is elected as President.

Kistner assumed the Chair.

#0003 For the Office of School Board Vice-President: Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges to nominate Dooley. No other nominations were made. By virtue of unanimous ballot, Dooley is elected as Vice-President.

No public comment was given on the preliminary budget hearing.

#0004 Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges, to approve the minutes of the regular June 14, 2021, meeting as presented.

#0005 Motion by Nilges, second by Thompson, to approve the current bills/claims and financial statements as presented.

Administrative and Good News Reports were reviewed.

#0006 Motion by Thompson, second by Dooley, to approve the following committee appointments for the 2021-22 school year:

- Buildings & Grounds – Matt Thompson & Jeff Dooley

- Finance – Steve Kistner & Jeff Dooley
- Library & Technology – Sara Weber & Matt Thompson
- Policy – Steve Kistner & Andrew Nilges
- NSC/DV Recreation – Steve Kistner
- DVBC & Legislative Liaison – Andrew Nilges
- Hardship Fund (Sick Bank) – Jeff Dooley
- Wellness – Sara Weber

#0007 Motion by Dooley, second by Thompson to remove item #1 below from the consent agenda.

#0008 Motion by Dooley, second by Nilges to hold the regular board meetings at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the Dakota Valley Administrative Offices.

#0009 Motion by Thompson, second by Dooley, to authorize #2-17;

1. Set the Regular Board of Education Meeting for the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00pm at the Dakota Valley Administration Center.
2. To appoint Rodney Freeman, Huron, SD and KSB Law Sioux Falls, SD and Lincoln, NE as Legal Counsel for the 2021-22 School Year.
3. To appoint the School District Liaison Officer and Union County Sheriff as Truancy Officer for all Schools.
4. To appoint Superintendent Dr. Warzecha as School Lunch Hearing Officer.
5. To designate Robert's Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure for the Board Meetings.
6. To designate Liberty National Bank as the depository for school funds.
7. To designate Dakota Dunes North Sioux City Times as the legal newspaper for the district.
8. To designate \$1,000 from the School Board Members Fund for two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to be awarded to two graduates from the current senior class.
9. To authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to be the official purchasing agents for the district.
10. To authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to be the custodians of the activity (Trust and Agency) accounts for the district.
11. To authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to be the custodians of all the financial accounts for the district.
12. To authorize the Business Manager to use an automatic payment plan to pay the utilities in a timely manner.
13. To authorize the Business Manager to utilize electronic transfer of funds for the bond payment for the district.
14. To authorize the Board Chairperson to use a signature stamp in lieu of hand signatures.
15. To authorize the Superintendent and Director of Special Services or their designee to sign the Public School Exemptions (home school) petitions.
16. To authorize the Superintendent or their designee to close school in emergency situations and in cases of inclement weather.
17. To authorize the Director of Special Services as the district representative for the SD Consolidated Grant and Flow Through (IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Funds.

#0010 Motion by Dooley, second by Nilges, to approve the following compensation, fees, and admission prices for the 2021-22 school year.

1. Establish compensation schedule for the Board of Education Members at \$65.00 for regular, special, and all board related meetings with a monthly deduction of \$25 to the board fund. \$50.00 for all board assigned committee meetings which are to be vouchered separately.
2. To set the rates for substitute employees to the following;
 - A. \$122.50 for Certified Teachers
 - a. \$130 after 20 days worked
 - b. \$160 after 40 days worked
 - c. Long term sub assignments (20 days or more) begin at \$130 per day
 - B. \$105.00 for Non-Certified Teachers
 - a. \$115 after 20 days worked
 - C. \$12.25 per hour for Secretary
 - D. \$12.25 for Non-Certified Paraprofessionals
 - E. \$12.25 for AA/Praxis Paraprofessionals
 - F. \$12.25 for BA/BS Para-Professionals
 - G. \$12.25 for custodial personnel
3. To adopt South Dakota State rates for mileage, meals, and lodging (when available) for authorized travel.
4. To set the yearbook price for the 2021-22 school year at \$47.00
5. To set the price for non-school photocopy machine usage at \$0.15 per copy for all photocopies.
6. To set the price for non-school fax machine usage at \$2.00 for the 1st page and \$1.00 for each page thereafter for sending and \$1.00 per page for receiving.
7. To set the out-of-state tuition rate at \$6,450 per school year to be paid in advance on a semester-by-semester basis.
8. To set admission prices for Varsity Events and Activity Ticket Prices to the following;
 - A. K-12 Students (per event) - \$3.00
 - B. Adults (per event) - \$5.00
 - C. K-12 Activity Ticket - \$25.00
 - D. Adult Activity Ticket - \$35.00
 - E. Family Activity Ticket - \$120.00
 - F. Over Age 62/Veterans – No Charge

#0011 Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges, to approve the contract between the University of South Dakota Head Start to utilize a classroom for the 2021-22 school year at a rate of \$9,000.

#0012 Motion by Thompson, second by Dooley to approve the 2021-22 English Learners Lau plan.

#0013 Motion by Dooley, second by Thompson to approve the surplus property of kitchen ovens and 2008 Chevy Impala.

#0014 Motion by Dooley, second by Thompson to approve the 2020 audit report.

#0015 Motion by Dooley, second by Thompson to approve the first reading of the following handbooks: DV UE/MS Faculty Handbook, DV UE/MS Student Handbook, DV HS Faculty Handbook, DV HS Student Handbook, DV ES Faculty Handbook, DV ES Student Handbook, Coaches Handbook, Athlete/Activities Handbook, District Faculty Handbook, District Student Handbook.

#0016 Motion by Dooley, second by Nilges to approve the 2nd reading of IGDJ – Participation of Alternative Instruction (home school) Students.

#0017 Motion by Dooley, second by Thompson to approve the following contracts and resignations:

Contracts

1. Trisha Frerichs, 3rd Grade
2. Bonnie Clark, FT Night Custodian
3. Nichole Herzog, UE/MS Principal

Resignations

1. Miranda Arnold, 8th Grade Science
2. Shelby Olson, Sped Paraprofessional

#0018 Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges to approve the SRB request from Mr. Sommervold.

Dr. Warzecha presented information on the 2021-22 COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols.

#0019 Motion by Thompson, second by Nilges to go into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2.5 for contract pricing. The board went into executive session at 8:14 p.m. with the following present: Dr. Warzecha and Jill Sponder. Warzecha and Sponder left at 8:40, Warzecha returned at 8:44, Sponder returned at 8:47. The board came out of executive session at 8:47 p.m.

#0020 Motion by Dooley, second by Thompson to approve an additional \$3,000 in moving expenses for Dr. Warzecha due to the current housing market.

#0021 Motion by Thompson, second by Dooley, to adjourn at 8:49 pm.


Jill Sponder
Business Manager


Steve Kistner
Chairperson

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