

Dakota Christian School

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**Dakota Christian School
Board Minutes
February 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

- I. Opening devotions – Sarah Baan Hofman
- II. Roll Call - Sarah Baan Hofman, Jared Peters, Shauna VanderPol, Dillon Munneke, Ian Kuipers, Randy Veurink, Traci Niewenhuis, Michael Buitenbos, Rich Van Zuidam,; absent with notice Corey VanderPol, Joel Muckey
- III. A teacher came and voiced concerns regarding flexibility.
- IV. Approval of previous board minutes
 - A. Motion made and supported to approve minutes from the meeting 1/12/26, motion passed.
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Committee Reports and Business
 - A. Finance
 1. Motion to Pay the Bills – Motion made and supported to pay the bills, motion passed.
 2. Salary Negotiation Team Report – discussed.
 3. Preliminary 26-27 Budget – motion made and supported, passed
 - a. 2.8% Salary Increase
 - b. 2.9% Tuition Increase
 - B. Education
 1. Continuing Education Reimbursements
 - a. Motion made and supported to reimburse Monica Van Dusseldorp for 3 credits of continuing education, motion passed.
 - b. Motion made and supported to reimburse Jared Peters for 3 of 5 credits of continuing education, motion passed.
 - c. Motion made and supported to reimburse nine teachers for their 2025 “Teach Like Finland” book study at the rate of \$45/person upon submittal of a reimbursement request, motion passed.
 2. Joanna Engels requested 10 days from the sick bank, motion brought from education committee to approve 10 days; motion supported and passed.
 - C. Building and Grounds – no report.
 - D. Promotion – Danica Zomer has agreed to help
 - E. Transportation
 - F. Co-op
 1. Track Coaches Needed for This Year – discussion held 3 coaches still needed.
 2. Head GBB for Next Year – discussion held.
- VII. Principal’s Report
 - A. Quotes for cameras and window decals for homeland grant
 - B. Freeman Academy will close following the 25-26 school year
 - C. Teacher observations & post observations
 - D. Potential exam schedule changes
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Junior-Senior Banquet – discussed itinerary – motion made and supported to approve the proposed itinerary, motion passed
 - B. Finalize Board Nominations – discussion held, updated list of nominations to be called by the board secretary.
 - C. Insurance – Wind and Hail Deductible and buy down options discussed. Decided to remove Worldwide Liability coverage.
- IX. New Business

- A. Motion made and supported to offer the 2025-2026 drama contract to Brandi DeLange & Brittney Veurink, motion passed.
 - B. Policy 905 – 2nd Reading
 - C. Policy 906 – 2nd Reading
 - D. 908 – 910 - policies reviewed with discussion.
- X. School Visitors
- A. Report – no report
- XI. Executive Session
- A. Motion made and supported to enter executive session at 2136, motion passed.
 - B. Motion made and supported to exit executive session at 2157, motion passed.
 - 1. Motion made and supported to offer a CEO contract to Jared Peters for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 2. Motion made and supported to offer a part-time teaching contract to Jim Bennett for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 3. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Joanna Engels for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 4. Motion made and supported to offer a part-time teaching contract to Rachel Faller for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 5. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Ben Kroese for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 6. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Jenna Masur for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 7. Motion made and supported to offer a part-time teaching contract to Corinne Middendorp for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 8. Motion made and supported to offer a part-time teaching contract to Scott Nichols for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 9. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Traci Niewenhuis for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 10. Motion made and supported to offer a part-time teaching contract to Lois Van Dusseldorp for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 11. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Monica Van Dusseldorp for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 12. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Jody Van Zee for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 13. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Jonna Vanderboom for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
 - 14. Motion made and supported to offer a teaching contract to Kim Zomer for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
- XII. Closing Prayer – Randy Veurink