

# Dakota Christian School

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**Dakota Christian School  
Board Minutes  
April 13, 2026, 7:30 p.m.**

- I. Opening devotions – Joel Muckey
- II. Roll Call - Sarah Baan Hofman, Jared Peters, Ian Kuipers, Randy Veurink, Traci Niewenhuis, Rich Van Zuidam, Joel Muckey, Michael Buitenbos, Shauna VanderPol; absent with notice - Dillon Munneke, Corey VanderPol
- III. Approval of previous board minutes
  - A. Motion made and supported to approve minutes from the meeting 3/9/26, motion passed.
- IV. Correspondence
  - A. Stations of the Cross – Discussed.
  - B. General Concerns from a Community Member Regarding Teacher Vacancies and Online Classes – Discussed.
- V. Committee Reports and Business
  - A. Finance
    1. Motion made and supported to pay the bills, motion passed.
    2. Tuition Aid request for \$3229.25, motion made and supported to disburse \$3229.25 for tuition aid, motion passed.
  - B. Education
    1. Sick Bank Request – A teacher requested 10 days from the sick bank, motion brought from education committee to approve 10/10 days with unused reverting back to the sick bank; motion supported and passed.
    2. State Assessment Updates/Recommendations
      - a. 3rd-8th continue with Smart Balance through the state and paying the state rate.
      - b. 11<sup>th</sup> graders take the ACT through the state paying the state rate – \$60/student state rate. DCS to pay for Juniors.
    3. Staff Handbook – Tabled
    4. Teacher Search Update
      - a. Several applicants and interview updates were discussed.
  - C. Building and Grounds – small repairs, no major updates.
  - D. Promotion – no report.
  - E. Transportation – oil changes and battery replacement.
  - F. Co-op
    1. Fall and Winter Sports Review
    2. Discussed Handbook and Agreement Changes – to be presented at the May meeting
    3. Hudl (\$10,500-\$11,500) - Motion made and supported to not renew Hudl subscription. Motion passed.
    4. Homecoming 8/28/2026
- VI. Principal's Report
  - A. Mrs. Abbey – all students have personal learning plan as required by the state. Smarter balance testing has begun. Five of six Juniors have taken the ACT. Scholarship applications have been turned in by the Seniors.
    1. High School Art credit may be an option to fill DOE Fine Arts requirement.
  - B. Mr. Peters – Investigating teacher observations for 2026-2027. Senior trip decision stands and will be communicated.
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Motion made and supported to follow the SDHSAA Membership Resolution, motion passed.

- B. Staff Going Away Gifts – promotion committee will put something together.
- C. Policy 318 – reviewed
  - 1. Motion made and supported to up business manager base by \$5000 for the 26'-27' school year.
- D. Policy 410 - 2nd Reading
- E. Policy 542 Discussion held
- F. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of 911, 912, 913
  - 1. Motion made and supported to approve policy 911 as written. Motion passed.
  - 2. Motion made and supported to approve policy 912 as written. Motion passed.
  - 3. Motion made and supported to approve policy 913 as written. Motion passed.
- G. Policy Review: 100-106 - tabled
- IX. School Visitors
  - A. Report
- X. Executive Session
  - A. Motion made and supported to enter executive session at 2210, motion passed.
  - B. Motion made and supported to exit executive session at 2230, motion passed.
  - C. Motion made and supported to offer an assistant Volleyball coaching contract to Ben Kroese for 2026-2027 season. Motion passed.
  - D. Motion made and supported to offer a cross-country coaching contract to Beth Harrington for 2026-2027 season. Motion passed.
  - E. Motion made and supported to offer an assistant girls basketball coaching contract to Ben Kroese for 2026-2027 season. Motion passed.
  - F. Motion made and supported to offer assistant athletic director contract to Traci Niewenhuis for 2026-2027 season. Motion passed. (Traci Recuses)
  - G. Ed committee brings a motion to offer a full-time guidance counselor contract to Kayla DeJong, motion supported and passed.
- XI. Closing Prayer – Joel Muckey