

# Dakota Christian School

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## Dakota Christian School Board Minutes September 8, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

- I. Opening devotions – Rich Van Zuidam
- II. Roll Call – Present - Sarah Baan Hofman, Jared Peters, Shauna VanderPol, Rich Van Zuidam, Michael Buitenbos, Dillon Munneke, Ian Kuipers, Randy Veurink, Corey VanderPol, Traci Niewenhuis, Abby Smikle. Absent with notification - Joel Muckey
- III. Executive Session
  - A. Motion made and supported to enter executive session at 1933. Motion passed.
  - B. Motion made and supported to exit executive session at 2007. Motion passed.
- IV. Motion made and supported to accept August 11 meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- V. Correspondence
  - A. Dordt plans to offer a Heartland Board Workshop on February 5.
  - B. Sioux Falls Career Fair will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, registration is due by January 19<sup>th</sup>, cost is \$300.
- VI. Committee Reports and Business
  - A. Finance
    - 1. Motion made and supported to pay the August bills. Motion passed.
    - 2. Thank you to the family of Albertha Vreugdenhil for directing memorials to the Teacher Salary Improvement Fund.
  - B. Education
    - 1. Again encouraged to think outside the box regarding recruiting teachers.
  - C. Building and Grounds
    - 1. New playground is here, assembly date yet to be determined.
  - D. Promotion
    - 1. Stickers and window clings are ready to go with harvest sale checkout.
    - 2. Platte Hay Days – Fellowship plans to hand out water bottles for the 5k Run/Walk.
  - E. Transportation
    - 1. Van brakes are repaired.
  - F. Co-op – no meeting last month.
- VII. Principal's Report
  - A. Spoke at the 7th-12th Grade assembly
  - B. Spoke with 11-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students and encouraged them to seek wise counsel if/when online courses conflict with their Christian worldview.
  - C. Continuing work rolling out new teacher laptops, Promethean boards, & student laptops.
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Brotherhood Mutual Recommendations
    - 1. There is the option to 'buy down' our deductible. Tabled until more information is available.
  - B. Head Teacher Job Description
    - 1. Reviewed Policy #912 and #913, CEO and Head Teacher Job Descriptions. Discussion held.
  - C. Procurement Plan Policy
    - 1. First Reading – no changes recommended.
  - D. Policy Review: 801-804. Discussion held.
- IX. School Visitors
  - A. Report from Rich Van Zuidam.
- X. Executive Session

- A. Motion made and supported to enter executive session at 2126. Motion passed.
  - B. Motion made and supported to exit executive session at 2234. Motion passed.
- XI. Closing Prayer – Ian Kuipers