

# Dakota Christian School

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## **Dakota Christian School Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023, 7:30pm**

- I. Opening devotions and prayer by Devin DeLange
- II. Roll Call - Present - Mitch VanderPol, Anthony DeHann, Devin DeLange, Rudy Niewenhuis, Jeremy Boer, Cassie Erickson, Paul Baas, Kirsti Muckey, Mitch Munneke and Aaron Timmermans.
- III. Motion made and supported to accept the April board meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- IV. Correspondence
  - A. Dakota Christian is a beneficiary to a living trust, further discussion will be needed on how to delegate these funds.
- V. Principal's Report
  - A. Report given for information
- VI. Committee Reports and Business
  - A. Finance
    - 1. Review of Financial Documents
    - 2. Motion supported to pay the bills. Motion passed
    - 3. Capital Campaign Loan was paid in full by an anonymous donor
  - B. Education
    - 1. Teacher search update for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, Social Studies, Business/Technology given for information.
    - 2. Hired Renae LaJesse for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 3. Cole Johnson interview discussed.
    - 4. Minutes
      - i. Motion made and supported to offer Kim Zomer a Bible teaching contract at 50% . Motion passed.
      - ii. Motion made and supported to allow for 1/2 day preschool (mornings) for 3 year olds at current 3 year old preschool price. Motion passed.
  - C. Building and Grounds
    - 1. Alarm System - Mr. Boer will call Mid State to discuss communication to fire panel.
    - 2. Trane Heating and Boiler. Replaced valve on the boiler and chiller was turned on.
    - 3. Playground, nothing new to report.
    - 4. Doors
      - i. Fellowship approved funding to replace the outer doors on the SE, NE, SW, and NW.
      - ii. Mr. Boer will call Viking Glass for estimate.
    - 5. Soffit Lights and west two parking lot lights, nothing new to report.
    - 6. Interior painting over summer includes offices, staff room, music room. Will contact Kimball Painting.
    - 7. Floor/gym waxing set up with Patrick starting in late May.
  - D. Promotion – none
  - E. Transportation – none
  - F. Co-op
    - 1. Motion made and supported to offer Josie DeHaan the assistant volleyball coaching position. Motion passed.
    - 2. Openings: basketball assistant x2, football assistant x2, head wrestling coach, head golf coach, Dakota Christian AD, Cross-country
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Elected board members are Corey Vander Pol, Traci Niewenhuis, and Randy Veurink
    - 1. New board member orientation and first meeting in June

- B. Motion made and supported to not offer Barry DeHaan the boys head coach basketball position. Motion passed.
- C. Administration job opening options and progress given for information.
  - 1. Discussed posting position on various different websites and costs to do so
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Motion made and supported to increase the chapel stipend to \$3,000 with 75% for 3-12 grades and 25% to K-2nd. Motion passed.
  - B. Teacher concerns
    - 1. Late work
      - i. Will encourage teachers and administration to enforce the staying after school for late work policy. Parental support would also be very helpful in this matter.
    - 2. Communication
      - i. Email would be the best form of communication if follow through is needed.
    - 3. Board involvement at school
      - i. Board members are encouraged to stop into school more often to see the day to day routine of the school especially if a teacher or class is having difficulties.
      - ii. Teachers and school staff are encouraged to reach out to a school board member with concerns.
    - 4. New administrator
      - i. If possible, it would be beneficial if the new administrator's job requirements did not include teaching a class or coaching so that he/she can be more available if needed.
- IX. School Visitors
  - A. Report
    - 1. It would be beneficial for new grade school teachers to have more support/guidance on teaching two grades in one class room.
    - 2. Teachers would appreciate more support in following and upholding the dress code policy.
  - B. Next month: none
- X. Executive Session
  - A. None.
- XI. Rudy Niewenhuis closed in prayer.

## **DCS Financial Report**

### General Fund Checking Acct Report for April

Balance 4/01/23	\$ 28,349.74
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Deposits	\$ 101,071.09
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Withdrawals	<u>\$ 103,616.13</u>
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Closing Balance 4/30/23	\$ 25,804.70
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### Monthly Church Ministry Offerings

Monthly Budget Goal	\$ 12,500.00
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Funds received in April	\$ 12,993.00
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### Budget Goal for Church Ministry Offerings

Yearly Budget Goal	\$ 150,000.00
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Funds received as of 4/30/23	\$ 93,640.86
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Balance needed by 7/31/23	\$ 56,359.14
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