

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, July 14, 2025

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the library conference room at Vandenberg Elementary School, Box Elder, South Dakota. President Tanya Gray presided. Those present were:

Ben Frerichs: Present, Tanya Gray: Present, Amy McGovern: Present, Chris Misselt: Present, Tonya Welch: Present. Jo Ann Mulholland: Associate Board Member Alternate, present.

All actions in these Minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

President Tanya Gray called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Kevin Case thanked staff members who helped prepare both meeting agendas and the supporting documentation. These two board meetings require a lot of preparation.

There was nothing for public forum.

Held Public Hearing for the proposed 2025-26 school district budget. There were no public comments.

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2025.

Approved Personnel Action for July 14, 2025. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report and June Payroll Report, (Attachments)

Approved South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) Runoff Election for Brittney Eide as East River At-Large representative.

There were no conflicts disclosed as defined in SDCL 3-23.

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Approved May 17, 2026 as the DHS graduation date for 2025-26 school year.

Approved 2026-27 Academic School Calendar.

Approved the following Student Handbooks for the 2025-26 school year:

- Douglas High School Student Handbook
- Douglas Middle School Student Handbook
- Douglas School District Elementary Handbook
- Douglas School District High School/Middle School Activities Handbook

Approved High School/Middle School Coaching Handbook for 2025-26 school year.

Superintendent Items:

- Certified Negotiated Agreement for 2025-26
- Speech-Language Pathologist Handbook
- Classified Staff Handbook
- Coordinator Handbook
- Administrator Handbook

Fiscal Resources Items:

Operational Support Services Items:

- New Board Policy ABAD - Parents' Rights
- New Board Policy DFD - Gate Receipts and Admissions
- New Board Policy ECABB - Multi Occupancy Room Use (Bathrooms)
- Revised Board Policy BD - School Board Meetings
- Revised Board Policy BDDG - Minutes
- Revised Board Policy FC - Facilities Capitalization Program
- Revised Board Policy IGBA - Programs for Children with Disabilities
- Revised Board Policy KLB - Public complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials
- Revised Board Policy IIAC - Library Materials Selection and Adoption
- Revised Board Policy JEA - Compulsory Attendance Age
- Revised Board Policy JEG - Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

Executive Director of Operational Support Services Tim Kusters shared information from discussions with the City of Box Elder about possible options for Don Williams Drive configuration. Student safety is the primary concern.

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case shared information on several topics. Studer Education has created two podcasts featuring Douglas School District and our thank-you program, which includes staff at Francis Case and Food Service. He shared the links with board members. There are seven staff members attending next week's DHP Chicago conference. Superintendent Kevin Case and Principal Jeannie Clark will be presenting at the Studer conference.

At the end of the year, each building/department brought a leadership team to the district Studer Training. Teams were working on things for next year and excited to be part of making things better.

Approximately 50 staff members attended the Aspiring Leaders training. They reviewed concepts around change, and values and beliefs, as well as the concept of having courageous conversations where there is trust and gratitude.

The Facilities Master Planning Committee meeting scheduled for next week is being postponed. This will delay the recommendation to the Board until November. We are waiting for more information about the funding portion.

The district has applied for a \$20 million DCIP (Defense Community Infrastructure Program) grant to assist in needed infrastructure upgrades. Also, hopefully, the federal budget will be passed in September.

Just received information that the district's Title II dollars are being "paused". These funds are used for staff salaries in the Class Size Reduction grant.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Jo Anne Mulholland thanked Executive Director of Elementary Academics Ann Pettit who also serves as South Dakota's MIC3 commissioner, for briefing the new Rapid City Schools Superintendent. The Back-to School Roundup event at Ellsworth will be July 26.

Amy McGovern stated the City will be putting up street banners which can be purchased by clubs and organizations.

Tanya Gray stated that Amy McGovern will be attending the July Black Hills Special Services Cooperative Board of Directors meeting as the alternate as she will be at the Studer DHP Chicago Conference. She also talked about the Board presentation at the August 12 Staff Choice PD Day.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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