MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, August 25, 2025

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, August 25, 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: Absent, Tonya Welch: Present. Jo Anne Mulholland: Alternate Associate Member, 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 the entire Douglas staff for their positive attitude, attention to detail and work ethic, making the start of the school year a successful one.

There was nothing for public forum.

Regular Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2025.

Approved Personnel Action for August 25 with clarification. (Attachment)

Approved July Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved the Accounts Payable Report for August 30, 2025. (Attachment)

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

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Executive Director of Elementary Academics Ann Pettit shared the reflection on the district's August 2025 professional development sessions, which focused on preparing staff for the new school year. Highlights include CHAMPS review for classroom and behavior management, Compass training on math instruction and standards alignment, and collaborative work around district values and beliefs. The shared reflection summarized staff feedback, key learning outcomes, and how these sessions support consistency and student success across the district.

Superintendent Items:

Operational Support Services Items:

Revised Board Policy JED - Student Absences and Excuses
Revised Board Policy JEDA - Truancy
Revised Board Policy Regulation JEDA-R - Truancy Regulation
Deleted Board Policy Exhibits JEDA-E(1-3)
Revised Board Policy Regulation JEE-R - Student Attendance Accounting

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case reviewed student enrollment numbers by grade level for the first day of school and compared overall district numbers to previous years. Student enrollment is trending upward.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members.

Tanya Gray reported on the board session at the options-based PD day. There was excitement and positivity expressed by staff members. She thanked BOE 1st Vice President Amy McGovern for speaking at the Back-to-School Staff Breakfast.

Board members, administrators and meeting attendees toured the schools and several department areas to see the completion of summer construction projects. It highlighted the district's belief in continuous improvement.

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Tanya Gray, President

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Trista Olney, Business Manager

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