

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, July 13, 2026

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026 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. Col Paul Koecher: Associate Board Member, present; Col Brandon Vigneron: incoming Associate Board Member, present; and CMSgt Thomas Podgorski: Associate Board 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.

Col Paul Koecher introduced Col Brandon Vigneron, his replacement as Associate School Board Member. The formal Change of Command is scheduled for tomorrow.

There was nothing for public forum.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2026-27 School District Budget.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026.

Approved Personnel Action for July 13, 2026. (Attachments)

Approved Accounts Payable Report and June Payroll Reports. (Attachments)

Approved payment for additional 10.9 contract days for the superintendent for the 2025-26 school year.

Approved declaring technology items as surplus (surplus for sale or discard).

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

Superintendent Items:

Superintendent Kevin Case updated the board members on progress being made with the Douglas Middle School Addition, as well as any change orders approved to date, clarified his role / board's role in that process, and gave awareness of how this impacts the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Pricing). The budgeted amount for contingency at DMS is 3% of the base project (without alternates 1-3) is \$208,732. He will approve change orders up to that amount and keep the board members informed.

Superintendent Kevin Case shared an initial plan for student pick up/drop off at the middle school during the construction. The primary concern is safety and will utilize fencing and construction barriers to restrict pulling off and marking safe walkways. The new bus loop and additional parking lot on the east side of Tower Road are scheduled for completion before school starts.

Fiscal Resources Items:

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Douglas School District #51-1 Board of Education, after duly considering the FY26 expenditure needs, hereby approves and authorizes the transfer of FY26 contingency funds to the appropriate expenditure accounts within and between the General Fund and Special Education Funds for payment of instructional materials, equipment and costs not to exceed \$502,652.

Operational Support Services Items:

Hear Informational Reading of the following new or revised Board Policies:

New Board Policy HJ(N) - Housing of Negotiable Items

Revised Board Policy Regulation GBM-R(N) - Staff Grievances Procedures

Revised Board Policy Regulation KL-R(N) - Complaint Procedure

Revised Board Policy Exhibit KL-E(1) (N) - Complaint Report Form

Revised Board Policy GCI(N) - Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case commented that a lot of things are happening throughout the district this summer—the high school gym floor is done, bleachers are shipped, 5 elementary classrooms are in the process of going back together, high school. We've added the parking lot software to the existing paint striping robot so we can paint our own parking lots. Will plan a facilities tour after the August 24 BOE meeting.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments From Associate Board Members

Tanya Gray commented on the recent MISA (Military Impacted Schools Association) Conference and tour. She attended events on Sunday and Monday with the group. They were engaged and impressed during the school presentations. Great job representing Douglas!

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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