MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, October 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. Brandon Vigneron: 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.

Superintendent Kevin Case recognized and congratulated Denise Stiles, Transition Teacher 18–21, who recently received the 2026 Governor's Award for Outstanding Transition Services.

He also presented the School Board with the ASBSD Gold ALL Award for its members' participation in trainings and activities throughout the 2025-26 school year.

A Douglas parent addressed school board members with her concerns about how controversial topics and library books are addressed at the middle school.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026.

Approved Personnel Action for October 13, 2026. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report and September Payroll Report. (Attachments)

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

Approved Second Reading of Revised Policy JECB - Admission of Non-Resident Students (Open Enrollment).

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Superintendent Items:

Superintendent Kevin Case reviewed the timeline for multiple district projects and their funding sources. This is ongoing work guided by the Master Facilities Plan.

Fiscal Resource Items:

Operational Support Services Items:

Hear Information Reading of the following revised Board Policies:

Revised Board Policy GCN - Professional Teaching Staff Evaluation
Revised Board Policy Regulation JHCC-R - Student Communicable Conditions Regulation

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case updated board members on the progress of the construction of the middle school addition: steel is starting to go up; the roof decking will begin in 2-3 weeks; the brick work is in process. Staff is reviewing and planning for the furniture needs with the anticipation of delivery in April.

Superintendent Kevin Case informed board members that there will be two construction companies interviewed for the CMAR contract for Elementary School #1. The interviews will be on October 21 with final recommendation coming to the school board on October 26.

He concluded by thanking central office staff, communications and bus drivers for their professionalism and efficiency with the high school evacuation situation. The natural gas is shut off to the building and repairs will be made this week. All staff will continue to work, and high school students will not have classes.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Ben Frerichs attended the virtual District Wellness Committee meeting, and he encouraged the building reps to attend.

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Tanya Gray, President

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Trista Olney, Business Manager

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