

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, November 8, 2021

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021 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, Cathy Melendez: Present, Chris Misselt: Present.

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

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

There was nothing for Public Forum.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021

Approved Personnel Action for November 8, 2021. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable for November 15, 2021. (Attachment)

Approved October 2021 Payroll Report. (Attachment)

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

New High School Design Development Presentation. Jared Carda from Co-Op Architects, Todd Kwiecinski and Vanessa Schutte from DLR Group and Tanya Olson from Tallgrass Landscape Architects presented the final design development for the new high school site. The innovative design illustrates a concept called "unlocking the gem" using inspiration found in our military, Native American and local communities, as well as, our own natural environment. This is seen in the geometric design, variety of materials used for exterior and interior structural design, color palettes, design and flow of space for learning and activities including inside courtyards. Next steps in the process will be board approval of the final design, securing funding for the project, and deciding how to proceed with the construction documents phase for the project.

Superintendent Items:

Superintendent Kevin Case explained the board policy update process will take place over the next 8 - 12 months. The plan is to begin reviewing, adding to, and updating existing board policies, bringing the first updates to the board by the January 2022 meeting.

Operational Support Services Items:

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case gave a brief update on the strategic direction for the district. The administration team spent a day learning about and deepening their knowledge base around Dilts' Nested Levels of Learning, reviewing initial goal setting from June, collaborating and

learning new engagement strategies, and ultimately developing three common beliefs: 1) Student success is our priority; 2) Professionalism and collaboration among all stakeholders builds a strong, cohesive culture and community; and 3) In continuous improvement at all levels.

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

Vaira expressed his appreciation for all the Patriot Pride and Veterans' Remembrance in the buildings. He stated April 8, 2022 is "Purple Up" Day.

McGovern stated the next Booster Club meeting will be November 22. December fundraising will be finalized at the meeting.

Frerichs will be attending the Delegate Assembly on November 19 in Pierre. He asked board members to let him know their top two resolutions.

Gray reminded board members to check emails from Tyler Pickner from Associated School Boards of South Dakota for information on trainings, meetings and board information. She encouraged members to let Ben Frerichs know if they feel strongly on any of the resolutions or standing positions. She attended the Region meeting in Rapid City last week.

Misselt commented on the recent professional development for administrators--"investing in our leadership"; and the Thought Exchange sent out today to gather input from all stakeholders on the academic calendar.

Melendez read a letter from former board member Jan Jungemann congratulating the school board on earning the Gold ALL Award. She thanked Gray for attending the Region meeting.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- November 11 - Holiday-No School
- November 22 - BOE Meeting
- November 25-26 - Thanksgiving Break

President Melendez called the Board out of executive session at 6:29 p.m.

No action taken.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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