

MINUTES  
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, November 22, 2021

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, November 22, 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 November 8, 2021.

Approved Personnel Action for November 22, 2021. (Attachment)

Approved Financial Reports for October 31, 2021. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report for November 30, 2021. (Attachment)

Approved overnight / out-of-state high school trip requests.

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

**Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:**

Ann Pettit, Executive Director of Elementary Academics, reported that she and a group of five elementary teachers toured some elementary buildings in Sioux Falls, ranging from traditional to fully collaborative settings. It's an invaluable experience to actually see what other districts are doing in the classrooms. She, Kit Viet and Kevin Case recently finished the four-day Adaptive Schools Foundations training in Golden, Colorado. It's how we build the environment, space, organization and groups at all levels to be high performance groups supporting collaboration. Kit Veit, Executive Director of Secondary Academics, added the plan is to move forward with Adaptive Schools training for our Douglas staff. A team will attend a spring training session in Colorado, and then the critical mass training will be in-district this summer.

**Superintendent Items:**

**Operational Support Services Items:**

**Reports:**

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Vaira commented on starting Monday mornings with the sound of freedom--B1s taking off at 5:00 a.m. He added there will be some deployments back and out at holiday time.

McGovern stated Booster Club meets tonight at 6:30 p.m.

Frerichs attended the ASBSD Delegate Assembly on Friday in Pierre for the first time. It was a good experience. He encourages all to support Tanya Gray on the ASBSD Western Region board of directors.

Gray explained that Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD) is trying to get more member engagement using zoom, Wednesday with Wade sessions, and trainings. Region Directors will be hosting a zoom call with all board presidents and vice-presidents in the region to meet each other and discuss common issues. She will be hosting the first one on November 28. Also, the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative Board of Directors meeting is tomorrow night by conference call due to the Thanksgiving holiday this week.

Melendez said there will not be a Box Elder Area Chamber of Commerce meeting this month, and they will meet earlier in December. She attended the high school play--as always, our kids are amazing. Every morning she watches the kids get on the school bus in front of her house. It starts her day off right. We have so much to be grateful for--Happy Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- November 24      2 Hr Early Release
- November 25-26    Thanksgiving Break
- December 13      BOE Meeting

President Melendez called the Board out of executive session at 6:19 p.m.

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Tanya Gray, President

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Trista Olney, Business Manager

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