

MINUTES  
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, January 24, 2022

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 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.

During Public Forum, Lori Ashley, DSD staff member and parent, spoke in support of High School Activities Director Naomi Hatfield's recommendation to not have school softball as a spring sport as it conflicts with the existing club travel teams.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022.

Approved Personnel Action for January 24, 2022. (Attachment)

Approved December Financial Reports (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report. (Attachment)

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

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

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

**Superintendent Items:**

Superintendent Mr. Case presented several possible funding sources on the federal, state and local levels that are being explored to fund the new facilities needed for the future anticipated growth in student enrollment. Based on data from the Department of Defense and the City of

Box Elder, it is anticipated that DSD enrollment will nearly double over the next 5-7 years. An estimated \$181 million will fund one of three new PK-5 elementary schools and a new high school. Funding will need to come from multiple sources for that amount. Funding needs to be secured before construction can begin on any facility.

### **Operational Support Services Items:**

#### **Reports:**

Mr. Case shared South Dakota district data for similarly sized districts like Douglas. Reviewing data from other districts gives a better understanding of Douglas in relation to the other districts on specific data points. Data points included attendance rate, number of special needs students, lunch status, dropout rate, cost per student, student/staff ratio, average teacher salary, number of graduates, ACT data, ethnicity.

Committee Reports from Board Members.

Ben Frerichs commented on the recent Elementary Building Design meetings with the architects, DLR Groups and DSD staff. The next meeting is this week on Wednesday.

Tanya Gray attended the LAN (Legislative Action Network) training on January 19. It was informative about how to contact legislators regarding educational issues coming up in the legislative session. She will be in contact with all board members if any LAN alerts are posted.

Cathy Melendez reported on upcoming events with the Box Elder Area Chamber of Commerce: Princess Ball and providing community information for the State Robotics Tournament in February.

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Tanya Gray, President

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Trista Olney, Business Manager

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