

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, February 28, 2022

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 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: Absent, 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.

Superintendent Kevin Case recognized and thanked staff and families for their efforts and patience last week during the bitter cold weather and the challenges it brought. He especially thanked the maintenance staff and bus drivers for their willingness and efforts. He recognized Francis Case Principal Jeannie Clark and B & G Coordinator Jace Waltman, as well as, the custodian, Harvey Miller and B & G staff, Tully Jackson, Lance Carter, and Tom Priest for the great job of keeping the building open and warm when the boiler quit Friday morning.

During Public Forum, parents Alisha and Edward Sylvester spoke on their concerns about bullying.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022

Approved Personnel Action for February 28, 2022. (Attachment)

Approved January 2022 Financial Report. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report for February 28, 2022. (Attachment)

Approved seven (7) additional high school students for early graduation (graduating in fewer than eight semesters), pending successful completion of all required classes and credits.

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

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Executive Directors of Elementary and Secondary Academics Ann Pettit and Kit Veit provided an update on the recent Adaptive Schools Training they attended. They took a middle school and a high school team, each consisting of the principal and four teachers, to Golden, Colorado for the first portion of the four-day training session. They will complete it at the end of March. Adaptive Schools teach strategies to become high-performing and effective collaborative teams. The training will be offered to the entire certified staff at Douglas in two different sessions over the summer. Douglas is the first school district in South Dakota to become an adaptive school.

Superintendent Items:

Superintendent Kevin Case reported on the overall functionality of the Central Office Facility. Currently, the Central Office houses 14 full-time employees. Existing DSD staff have been moved to other buildings due to a lack of space. As our District continues to grow, the need for a larger and more suitable space will likely be necessary. Additionally, other district services, like our Technology Department, are located in aging buildings with multiple maintenance needs. There is a possibility that other services could be relocated to the current Central Office building. District leaders have begun to look at various options, including the possibility of leasing space, or sharing a large space with the City of Box Elder. Mr. Case will continue to update the Board as more information becomes available.

Superintendent Kevin Case discussed the strategic direction plan based on the District's values and beliefs. Planning is in progress to incorporate more staff and community involvement going into next school year. He is having conversations with Riggs Enterprises regarding developing a detailed plan.

Fiscal Resources Items:

Denise Halstead - Peel	Rene Emme
Dawn Beltran	Monica Knapp
Shannon Bonner	Jaelyn Lardy

Operational Support Services Items:

Approved First Readings:
Revised Board Policy IGDK - Participation of Alternative Instruction Students
Revised Board Policy BDDB - Board Meeting Agendas and Format
Revised Board Policy BDDC - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
Revised Board Policy BDDG - Minutes

Revised Board Policy BDDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings
New Board Policy Exhibit BDDH-E(2) - Introduction to Public Forum

Approved Second Readings:

New Board Policy Regulation JFB-R - Dispute Process for Homeless Children
New Board Policy Exhibit JFB-E(1) - Appeal to the Superintendent
New Board Policy Exhibit JFB-E(2) - Appeal to the School Board
Revised Board Policy BD - School Board Meetings
Revised Board Policy BDC - Executive Sessions
Revised Board Policy GCPBA - Resignation of Administrators/Directors

Reports:

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

Tanya Gray noted she had attended the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative Board of Directors meeting last week. As the ASBSD LAN (Legislative Action Network) representative, she asked if board members were receiving the alerts.

Amy McGovern reported that the next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 6:30 p.m. They had a bake sale at the Robotics Tournament held at the high school last weekend.

Col Vaira expressed appreciation for the coordination between the base and district leadership and being able to announce the late starts the night before. He noted the integration of the new MFLAC (Military Family Life Counselor) has gone well in the schools.

Cathy Melendez reported from the Box Elder Area Chamber of Commerce meeting. The mixer is tomorrow night, and Super Hero Night is scheduled for March 12.

President Melendez called the Board out of executive session at 6:36 p.m.

No action taken.

President Melendez called the Board out of executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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