

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, April 7, 2022

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Thursday, April 7, 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: Absent.

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

1st Vice President Tanya Gray called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Box Elder Mayor Larry Larson read the official proclamation declaring April as the Month of the Military Child and Friday, April 8 as Purple Up Day--a salute to our military children.

Douglas Education Association (DEA) representatives, Brett Distel and Kevin Plooster, thanked BOE members for the cordial and professional negotiation process and for its support in approving certified negotiations for the 2022-23 school year.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2022.

Approved Personnel Action for April 7, 2022. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report for April 15, 2022 and March 2022 Payroll Report.
(Attachments)

Approved out-of-state Debate Team trip request to attend the National Debate Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky.

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

Superintendent Items:

Superintendent Kevin Case congratulated incumbent BOE member, Amy McGovern and new member, Tonya Amaral and thanked them for their willingness to serve. They both turned in petitions for the two school board openings. They will be sworn in at the annual meeting in

July. He also thanked current member Ben Frerichs for his service as he is not seeking reelection.

Superintendent Case reported on the five Classified Listening Sessions that were scheduled this week. Approximately 70 classified staff members attended and participated. He thanked the BOE for asking for a meeting format incorporating more meaningful conversation. The following trends were voiced: wanting their voice heard; staffing needs; celebrating our successes and recognizing staff; specific professional development and training to do their jobs well; some safety concerns from transportation; feeling valued; and being respected members of the Douglas team.

The architect and design team for the new school facilities updated Board members on the status of the high school and elementary projects. The new high school construction documents are being verified and finalized by the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) company. The bid date is dependent on receiving funding for the project. The elementary team met with various Douglas user groups this week to gather additional input on the initial design to complete the schematic design phase for the elementary project.

Fiscal Resource Items:

Operational Support Services Items:

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case thanked Katy Urban, Communications Coordinator, for organizing the Bagel Drive-Thru tomorrow morning to honor our military children on Purple Up Day. All students and parents will receive a bagel.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Col. Vaira attended the South Dakota State MIC3 meeting this week, as well as, Fran Apland. Ann Pettit is the South Dakota State Commissioner appointed by Governor Noem. He appreciated the proclamation for our military students and is excited about the summer transition program for students.

Amy McGovern added the next Booster Club meeting is April 18. There is a fundraising spaghetti dinner tonight at the Box Elder Event Center to benefit the family of Sam Biberdorf.

Tanya Gray appreciated the professionalism of staff members during the Classified Listening Session. She also commented that the Associated School Board of South Dakota (ASBSD) is accepting presentation ideas for the Joint Convention on August 4-5.

1st Vice President Gray called the Board out of executive session at 6:33 p.m.
No action taken.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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