

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, June 27, 2022

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, June 27, 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.

First Vice-President Gray called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

First Vice-President Gray welcomed and introduced Col. Patrice Holmes as the new Associate Board Member.

She also announced that President Cathy Melendez was present via phone conference; and Superintendent Kevin Case is attending the Summer MISA Conference and unable to be present.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2022.

Approved Personnel Action for June 27, 2022. (Attachment)

Approved May 2022 Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report. (Attachment)

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

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum, Ann Pettit gave a presentation on the growth and improvement in K-5 reading scores. Since 2018, the District has used Acadience Reading as a screening and progress monitoring assessment tool. After initial results, changes were made to how literacy is taught, including new curriculum, creating professional learning communities, utilizing Instructional Leaders and implementing Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) through a State grant. The results show dramatic growth from 2018, when only 11% of students were at benchmark to currently, there are 68% of students at benchmark or above. The results show the power of what we are doing and how hard teachers are working

to raise student achievement. Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, teachers will begin using LETRS, an intensive science of reading program that empowers teachers in their literacy knowledge and professional practice. It's exciting to see the results as teachers work together as teams.

Executive Director of Secondary Curriculum, Kit Veit reported briefly on last week's Adaptive Schools Training. Approximately 65 staff members attended the four-day session, learning the different elements and participating in different strategies that are characteristic of high-performing collaborative groups.

Fiscal Resources Items:

Business Manager Trista Olney reported the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation grant has been filed for \$2.6 million to aid in facilities planning expenses. They should hear within 2-4 weeks if it is approved or not.

Operational Support Services Items:

Approved Second Readings:

Reviewed Board Policy KBAA - Public Records

Revised Board Policy Regulation KBAA-R - Public Records Regulation

Revised Board Policy Exhibit KBAA-E - Application for Access to Public Records

Reports:

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Board members welcomed Col. Holmes and were appreciative of the Acadience Data Report on K-5 Reading.

Col. Holmes is grateful for the opportunity to serve on the school board and represent Ellsworth Air Force Base--"this is the other half of serving our airmen."

Cathy Melendez reported that the Box Elder Chamber of Commerce has planned community summer activities each Tuesday night.

First Vice-President Tanya Gray called the Board out of executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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