

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, August 28, 2023

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023 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, Chris Misselt: Present, Tonya Welch: Present. Patrice Holmes, Associate Member: Present; and Fran Apland, Associate Member: Present.

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

President Tanya Gray called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Kevin Case spoke on behalf of the Board and district administration to recognize Fran Apland, the Ellsworth Air Force base School Liaison and Associate School Board Member. Fran is retiring after forty-two years advocating for kids in various capacities. Her efforts have facilitated effective communication, as well as created a sense of unity and collaboration between the military and school districts. She has truly made a lasting positive impression on everyone she has worked with through the years.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023.

Approved Personnel Action for August 28, 2023. (Attachment)

Approved July Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report. (Attachment)

Approved declaring Vandenberg and Douglas Middle School textbooks as surplus.
(Surplus for sale or discard)

Approved declaring Douglas Middle School Activities equipment as surplus. (surplus for sale or discard)

Approved request to add one (1) certified Special Education FTE at Carrousel for early childhood special education compliance.

Approved the Douglas High School band and drama trip to New York City in April 2025.

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case noted that the school year was off to a great start. He mentioned that there is great energy and enthusiasm among staff and students.

Superintendent Case gave the Board an update on recent meetings with lawmakers at both the federal and state levels. The Congressional Delegation believes there is a path forward to secure funds to build Elementary School #1.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Tonya Amaral was excited to see new faces at the recent Booster Club meeting. The Booster Club will be participating in the City of Box Elder Patriot Day event planned for September 9. It was a good first week back-to-school including some sports victories. The next Booster Club meeting will be September 18 at 6:30 at the Douglas High School Library.

Fran Apland met with the high school principal, Mr. Voegeli to discuss plans for a high school level Anchored4Life group. There are already groups at the elementary and middle school buildings. She stated the State MIC3 meeting will be later this week facilitated by the State Commissioner, Ann Pettit. She thanked everyone for their support and stated she loves this work.

Amy McGovern attended the Box Elder Area Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. She updated the board members on the various community events scheduled in the coming weeks.

Tanya Gray attended the Black Hills Special Service Cooperative Board of Directors meeting last Wednesday. They took an in-depth look at the budget.

Board Members individually thanked Fran and Katy Urban for their service to the Douglas School District.

Board members and associate board members participated in a work session conducted by Elynor Martinez from Leadership Matters. She presented an overview of the leadership work led by district and building administration, making connections between the district's strategic direction, adaptive schools, district initiatives and how to best support and sustain those initiatives.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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