

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2024

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 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; Jo Anne Mulholland, Associate Member: present.

Audio

Recording: https://sdk12.zoom.us/rec/share/mgd5fAf_FPIsLgCS07hAl_xUUQFurzYRc2fbrRWKPGxpP0Upna8UJegQ2zlb5kx.gNYq4KhKB2_M4GHs Passcode: 9!cpb3^^

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.

President Tanya Gray recognized Douglas's school bus drivers--the first and last faces each day that our students see. Thank you for being an important part of our school community.

She also recognized the Douglas Booster Club. Member Tonya Welch introduced Kyla Wright and Andrea Fleming from Highmark Federal Credit Union. Highmark is partnering with the Douglas Booster Club as part of their Spirit Card program. Students, parents, staff and community members can request a Douglas Patriot Spirit debit card that earns money for the Booster Club.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2024.

Approved Personnel Action for February 26, 2024. (Attachment)

Approved January 2024 Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved the Accounts Payable Report for February 29, 2024. (Attachment)

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

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Special Services Director Monica Waltman reported on historical special education trend data for the district and state. It included disability, enrollment and financial data. The category for Autism Spectrum Disorder has been growing not only at Douglas, but also on the state and national levels. Behavior-based disabilities are increasing, which requires more staffing.

Fiscal Resources Items:

Business Manager Trista Olney gave an update on possible updates to the high school track and football field. The existing facilities are 20+ years old and in need of repairs. Mammoth Sports Construction has submitted a proposal and will be updating the cost figures for the project. The repair and upgrades to the high school track and football field will be part of the Capital Outlay process. If the Board approves the project, Mammoth can begin work this spring to be completed by fall football season.

Operational Support Services Items:

Reviewed Policy KA - School and Community Relations Goals

Reviewed Policy KB - School and Community Relations

Reviewed Policy KBA - Public's Right to Know

Revised Policy KBC - News Media Relations

Revised Policy KBCA - News Releases

Reviewed Policy KC - Parental Involvement in Decision Making

Revised Policy KG - Community Use of School Facilities

Deleted Policy Exhibit KG-E - Building Use Application

Revised Policy KGB - Public Conduct on School Property

Revised Policy KGC - Smoking, Vaping and Tobacco Use on School Grounds/In School Facilities

Revised Policy KH - Public Gifts and Memorials to Schools

Revised Policy KI - Public Solicitations, Bingo and Lotteries, and Advertising in the Schools

Reviewed Policy KJ - Posting of National Motto

Revised Policy KK - Visitors to the Schools

Reviewed Policy KL - Complaint Against School Employee

Revised Policy Regulation KL-R - Complaint Procedure

Reviewed Policy Exhibit KL-E(1) - Complaint Against School Employee Report Form

Reviewed Policy Exhibit KL-E(2) - Appeal to the Superintendent

Reviewed Policy Exhibit KL-E(3) - Appeal to the School Board

Reviewed Policy KLA - Public Complaints

Revised Policy KLB - Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials

Reviewed Policy Exhibit KLB-E - Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Educational/Library Materials

Revised Policy KLC - Public Complaints about Library Materials

Revised Policy KLD - Public Complaints for Federal Programs

Reviewed Policy KMA - Relations with Parent Organizations

Reviewed Policy KMB - Title 1 Parent Involvement

Reports:

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

Tonya Welch reported the Booster Club is excited about the Spirit Card partnership with Highmark Federal Credit Union. Tomorrow night, the proceeds of the 50/50 drawing at the Box Elder Chamber of Commerce Mixer will be donated to the Booster Club. The next meeting is March 4.

Trista Olney commented that being part of the legislative process for the two funding bills was a positive experience even though it didn't turn out as needed. They made a lot of good connections and partnerships, and had the opportunity to educate people about Douglas's unique needs.

Tanya Gray will be attending the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative board meeting on Wednesday. She also recently attended the Associated School Boards of South Dakota board meeting and promoted the Douglas CTE program there.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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