

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, December 9, 2024

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 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. Paul Koecher: Associate Board 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.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for November 25, 2024.

Approved Personnel Action for December 9, 2024. (Attachment)

Approved the Purchases and Issue of Accounts Payable and November Payroll Reports. (Attachments)

Approved thirteen (13) high school students for early graduation (graduation 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.

Approved declaring library books as surplus (surplus for sale or discard).

Superintendent Items:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Douglas School Board hereby recognizes and commends **Dawn Beltran** on the occasion of her retirement. For twenty-three years, Dawn faithfully served the Douglas School District 51-1, dedicating herself to the success of its staff

and students.

It is with great sadness that we also acknowledge Dawn's passing on December 2nd, following her courageous battle with ALS. Her planned recognition for retirement now becomes a tribute to her life, work, and countless lives she touched in the Douglas School District and beyond.

Dawn's contributions to our community are immeasurable. She was a beloved colleague, mentor, and friend whose positive spirit and unwavering commitment will never be forgotten. While her loss is deeply felt, we are grateful for the time she spent with us and will carry forward her legacy with pride and purpose.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with her family, friends, colleagues, and the many students whose lives she shaped. We were truly blessed to have her as a part of our District team, and we will continue to honor her memory.

Education Savings Plan and School Voucher Program Update.

Superintendent Kevin Case explained that during the Governor's Budget address, she rolled out what she is calling Education Savings Accounts, which is just another fancy name for Vouchers. She is proposing 4 million dollars for this initiative. He wanted to take a moment to make sure board members were aware of the proposals. This is the first of several measures along this line that we continue to see each year during the legislative session. This is informational only at this point. Also included is a sample resolution that ASBSD has prepared for districts to oppose school voucher proposals.

Reviewed Superintendent Evaluation Timeline:

- December 16, 2024 - Individual BOE Member Evaluations Due to Jackie
- January 6, 2025 - Individual Evaluations and Comments Compiled in 1 Document
- January 13, 2025 - BOE Review Superintendent Evaluation - Executive Session
- January 27, 2025 - BOE Final Review/Edit Superintendent Evaluation - Executive Session
- February 10, 2025 - BOE/Superintendent Evaluation Discussion - Executive Session

Fiscal Resources Items:

Operational Support Services Items:

Revised Board Policy DLC - Expense Reimbursements
Revised Board Policy DN - School Properties Disposal Procedure

Information Reading of the following Board Policies:

Revised/Renamed Board Policy AF - Dangerous Weapons in the Schools

Revised Board Policy DK - Fiscal Management

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case gave an update on the work directed by Studer. The January 6th PD day will be an important part on how all the puzzle pieces fit together. He plans to have some teachers/staff at the next board meeting to share their experiences with Studer.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Tanya Gray and Amy McGovern reported they would both be attending the Black Hills Special Services Christmas Party on December 13.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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