

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2025

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 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. Jo Anne Mulholland: Associate Member Alternate, 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.

Last week was National School Counselor Week, Superintendent Kevin Case recognized our school counselors and the work they do supporting our students.

February 17-21 is School Board Appreciation Week. Superintendent Kevin Case thanked each board member for their service and expressed his appreciation for working together as a team.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2025.

Approved Personnel Action for February 10, 2025. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report and January 2025 Payroll Report. (Attachments)

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

Approved Black Hills Roofing RFP 001 for replacement of metal fascia at Badger Clark in the amount of \$10,680.49.

Acknowledged receipt of the Douglas Education Association letter indicating the desire to enter into negotiations for the 2025-26 school year.

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Executive Director of Elementary Academics Ann Pettit provided an overview of the middle of the year Acadience assessment data for grades K-5. They are now using a digital platform which shows student scores as soon as the assessment is completed. This allows quicker response to individual student's needs. From the live site, she highlighted student performance trends and identified areas for growth. She discussed current instructional practices in place to support student success, with a focus on aligning teaching strategies to data-driven insights for continuous improvement.

Ann Pettit, Executive Director of Elementary Academics, gave an update on Pre-K and summer school programming. The summer school program was launched with the support of ESSER funding. Now that the ESSER resources have expired, current programming needs have been reassessed and top priorities identified. One key priority is continuing to fund our Pre-K program, which provides year-round services for students and prepares them for kindergarten. While summer school was successful, it only offered services to students for 16 days. As a result, we have made the decision to discontinue summer programming moving forward.

Extended school year (ESY) services will continue to be provided through Special Education funding, and credit recovery options will remain available for high school students.

Superintendent Items:

Fiscal Resources Items:

Election Workers: Tanya Steffens, Kayse Emeline & Robert Hughes
Election Counters: Monica Knapp, Beverly Gabriel & Brenda Johnson

Operational Support Services Items:

Informational Reading of new Board Policy Exhibit GCPB-E(2) - Acknowledgment of Liquidated Damages

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case and Business Manager Trista Olney were in Pierre last week connecting with state legislators and testifying in support of SB 6 and SB 16. There are 42 new legislators this session so have spent time on educating them on Douglas's needs and unique funding situation. Both bills will move to joint appropriations. They will be back in Pierre on February 25.

Superintendent Kevin Case shared information on the parent/caregiver survey being released this week. All buildings have the information and QR code for parents to use to take the short survey. The survey is being used to gather parent information. This is part of the first success measure on the District scorecard.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Ben Frerichs and Tonya Welch attended the Classified Listening Sessions last Friday. It was an opportunity for classified staff to have dialogue on what's going well and what barriers they are facing in their job duties.

President Tanya Gray brought the Board out of executive session at 6:34 p.m.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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