

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, October 27, 2025

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 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: Absent, Tanya Gray: Present, Amy McGovern: Present, Chris Misselt: Absent, Tonya Welch: Present. Paul Koecher: Associate Board Member, present; Jo Anne Mulholland: Associate Board 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.

Superintendent Kevin Case congratulated the Douglas Tech Club for winning the 2025 Pumpkin Chunkin' competition this year, even beating local college teams. The club's president explained the process, the challenges, and the problem-solving skills involved in winning the event.

Douglas School Board members received the ALL Gold Level Award this year for their actions, learning, and leadership through Associated School Boards of South Dakota. The School Board was recognized for its dedication to enhancing student, staff, and family support by its commitment to public service.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2025.

Approved September 2025 Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report. (Attachment)

Approved the Cooperative Agreement between Youth and Family Services and Douglas School District for the 2025-26 school year.

Approved an additional \$7,150.72 for the additional Pre-Kindergarten classroom.

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

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

High School Activities Director Josh Haaland shared an overview of the new summer strength and conditioning program, Patriot Power. Initially, 161 students signed up with 107 students completing the program successfully. This is the first year to use the Bound electronic platform for activities registration, scheduling, rostering, ticketing, promoting events and concessions. More features of the Bound program will be implemented during the second semester. It has been well received and is a great tool for data collection.

Superintendent Items:

Approved Student Assignment Request as recommended.

Approved Open Enrollment Application as recommended under the Board Policy JECB, Emergency Clause.

Fiscal Resources Items:

Operational Support Services Items:

Hear Informational Reading of revised board policies (recommended ASBSD language changes):

- Revised Board Policy BD - School Board Meetings
- Revised Board Policy BDC - Executive Sessions
- Revised Board Policy BDDE - Parliamentary Procedure
- Revised Board Policy CBA - Superintendent Job Description
- Revised Board Policy IIBFA - Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology
- Revised Board Policy JFC - Student Conduct
- Revised Board Policy JFA - Student Due Process Rights
- Revised Board Policy JFCD - Student Bullying
- Revised Board Policy JFCH - Alcohol and Other Drug Use by Students

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case reviewed the process outlined by Studer Education for the parent/caregiver survey given last spring. Focus groups which included parents, developed an action plan for the selected area of improvement: "I receive positive phone calls, emails or notes about my child from the school." During the first quarter, buildings and departments had a goal to send parents positive feedback notes. A quick survey or pulse check was given to parents at parent/teacher conferences, and it showed significant gains.

Superintendent Kevin Case commented on the recent Employee Engagement Survey which closed last week with 408 staff members completing the survey. Principals and coordinators will see their building/department data tomorrow and begin planning the staff rollout for January PD days.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Jo Anne Mulholland is glad to be back to work.

Amy McGovern attended the Box Elder Area Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. There are several new and returning events coming to The Box this fall and winter.

Paul Koecher stated the planes will be back to Ellsworth in early December.

Tanya Gray attended the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative Board of Directors meeting. It showcased its drivers education program at the last meeting.

President Tanya Gray called the Board out of executive session at 6:13 p.m.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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