

MINUTES  
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, February 23, 2026

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026 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: Absent. Tia Mullins: Associate Member, present via zoom; Jo Anne Mulholland: Alternate 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.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2026.

Approved Personnel Action for February 23, 2026. (Attachment)

Approved January 2026 Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report. (Attachment)

Approved Capital Outlay request in the amount of \$28,270.21 to purchase gym floor coverings for the middle and high school.

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

**Superintendent Items:**

Rob Schwarz from RSP & Associates reviewed the demographic data and enrollment projects for the school district. He presented data showing the anticipated enrollment increases, particularly in the elementary grades. The district is expected to grow from 2,900 to 3,200 students by 2030-31. He reported there are already capacity issues occurring in some buildings, especially at the middle school level.

Superintendent Kevin Case stated the construction documents for the Middle School Addition project are complete and out for bid. The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) presentation will be at the March 23 board meeting. If board members have any questions regarding the project, Jared Carda from Co-Op Architects can attend the next meeting to address. The middle school parking lot and bus loop will be started this spring.

**Fiscal Resources Items:**

Business Manager Trista Olney reviewed the capital outlay timeline with final BOE approval at the March 23 meeting. This year's plan will include holding 15% of funds for contingencies that may come up during the school year.

**Operational Support Services Items:**

Informational Reading of School Board Policy GCB-R(1) - National Board Certification.

**Reports:**

Superintendent Kevin Case stated the Classified Listening Sessions are scheduled for next week on March 3 and March 4. He also stated that Casey Blochowiak from Studer Education will be at the next board meeting on March 9 to discuss succession planning.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Ben Frerichs thanked District Communications Coordinator Alexa White for representing the district on the Liberty Center Advisory Board.

Jo Anne Mulholland shared that a group of airmen are excited to read to students in the classroom during Read Across America next week.

Tanya Gray checked that board members are getting the LAN notices regarding legislative items affecting education and our district.

President Tanya Gray called the Board out of executive session at 6:14 p.m.  
No action taken.

President Tanya Gray called the Board out of executive session at 6:42 p.m.

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Tanya Gray, President

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Trista Olney, Business Manager

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