

MINUTES  
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2025

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, March 24, 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. 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.

Superintendent Kevin Case recognized Communications Coordinator Jade Temple for his work on the district branding, website and district wellness program. This is Jade's last school board meeting.

Two middle school staff members and two middle school students spoke in support of its student-led group being recognized as the Fellowship of Christian Athletics club.

Approved Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2025.

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

Approved February Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report. (Attachment)

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

**Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:**

**Superintendent Items:**

Superintendent Kevin Case shared information on Senate Bill 6 which provides for a \$15 million, no-interest loan to be paid back over 20 years to the district for building facilities.

This is important to the District and has been a multi-year process. Governor Rhoden will be coming to Vandenberg Elementary on Friday to sign the bill and a proclamation for April as the Month of the Military Child.

On the federal funding side, Congress passed a continuing resolution for the next six months which means no new money in the federal budget yet. As a district, we lose a year of Impact Aid increases, as well as still waiting for approval of the federal funding. We will look at other options as well.

Superintendent Kevin Case reviewed the updates to the Master Facilities plan since the first committee meeting in February--some definitions, prioritization, and observations. Facility projects completed in the last 5 years add up to approximately \$8.2 million. The next committee meeting will be at the end of April. The committee may need to consider two different paths depending when federal funding comes through.

### **Fiscal Resources Items:**

### **Reports:**

Superintendent Kevin Case stated that a Douglas School District Stakeholder meeting is being planned for Monday, April 7. It offers an opportunity for all stakeholders to hear the survey results and give input on what better looks like for the district.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Jo Anne Mulholland expressed appreciation for the Month of the Military Child Proclamation from the Board. She commented that being part of the Master Facilities Planning Committee has been eye-opening.

Tonya Welch attended the Box Elder Equalization Meeting on March 17 as the school district representative. The next Booster Club meeting will be March 31 to finalize this year's post-prom event.

Amy McGovern attended the annual Box Elder Area Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. They re-elected the same officers to serve for another year.

President Tanya Gray called the Board out of executive session at 6:01 p.m.

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No action taken.

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Tanya Gray, President

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Trista Olney, Business Manager

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