

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, January 12, 2026

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 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: 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.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2025.

Approved Personnel Action for January 12, 2026. (Attachment)

Approved November Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report and December Payroll Report. (Attachments)

Approved twelve (12) high school students for early graduation (graduating in fewer than eight semesters), ending successful completion of all required classes and credits.

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

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Ann Pettit, Executive Director of Elementary Academics, shared the link to the State of South Dakota District Report Card for the 2024-25 SY. She showed some brief highlights of various metrics on student performance and student progress, in addition to specific components for students in grades 3-8 and grade 11. She encouraged board members to access the data and where to find the state calculation guide.

Executive Director of Elementary Academics Ann Pettit presented an overview of the topics and training provided to staff during the professional development days on January 5 and 6. Some of the offerings included a cultural awareness presentation funded by Title VI Indian Ed, QPR suicide prevention training, Title IX updates, CHAMPS building leadership team training, building level staff survey feedback, and teacher work time.

Superintendent Items:

Jared Carda from Co-Op Architecture presented an update on the Middle School Addition Project. He shared the site plans for the changes in the middle school parking lot and the addition of a bus loop on the north side of the building, as well as drawings of the approximately 10,800 SF addition and 12,400 SF renovation. This will increase the functional capacity of the middle school by 130 students. The preliminary statement of probable cost for the project is on budget at \$7.5 million. Jared reviewed the construction timeline and process for each phase and the anticipated start date pending bid approval.

Reports:

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Jo Anne Mulholland stated that April 10 is Purple Up Day for Military Children.

Other board members did not have any committee reports.

President Tanya Gray called the Board out of executive session at 6:34 p.m.
No action taken.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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