

MINUTES  
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2026

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 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. Jo Anne Mulholland: Alternate Associate Board 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 High School Assistant Principal Sean Gholson for being named the SDASSP Region 7 Assistant Principal of the Year.

There was nothing for public forum.

Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2027.

Approved March Financial Reports. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report for April 30, 2026. (Attachment)

Approved the Final Version of the Portrait of a Graduate. The Portrait of a Graduate reflects a collaborative effort to define what students need to succeed in college, careers, and life.

Approved the following revised Board Policies:

Board Policy KG - Community Use of School Facilities

Board Regulation KG-R(1) - Facility Use

Board Exhibit KG-E(1) - Facility Use Agreement

Board Exhibit KG-E(2) - Facility Use Fees

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

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

## **Superintendent Items:**

## **Fiscal Resources Items:**

## **Reports:**

Superintendent Kevin Case stated the building permit for the Middle School project was approved. We will see equipment on site soon. The groundbreaking ceremony will be on May 22 after the End of Year Staff Breakfast.

Superintendent Kevin Case shared an update on the DCIP grant. The \$20 million grant, combined with the federal HUD funding of \$42 million, will fund the construction of the new elementary school building. This will give the district an opportunity to use the state money for other needed projects. We are currently working with the architect on the timing of the environmental impact study which is part of both funding processes.

Superintendent Kevin Case shared the district results of the spring parent/caregiver survey. Even though the number of participants decreased, the Net Promoter Score increased significantly from 26.5 to 42.19 and showed positive improvements in parents feeling respected and treated well, as well as receiving positive communications from the schools about their children. Administrators will make phone calls to a randomly selected group of parents to discuss the results and gather feedback to determine the next action steps for next year.

### **Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Member**

Jo Anne Mulholland appreciates the hard work of everyone to support our military kids and families.

Ben Frerichs attended the virtual Wellness Committee last week. A staff survey on wellness will be forthcoming to all staff.

Tonya Welch attended the Curriculum Coordinating Council today.

Tanya Gray concluded with thanks to all our teachers.

President Tanya Gray called the Board out of executive session at 5:40 p.m.  
No action taken.

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Tanya Gray, President

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Trista Olney, Business Manager

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