

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, May 11, 2026

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 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. Amy McGovern: Present via Zoom

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 April 27, 2026.

Approved Personnel Action for May 11, 2026. (Attachment)

Approved Accounts Payable Report for May 15, 2026 and April 2026 Payroll Report.
(Attachments)

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

Approved Declaring Library Books as Surplus (surplus for sale or discard).

Superintendent Items:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Douglas School Board hereby recognizes and commends the following staff members on the occasion of their retirement. Their many years of dedication and service to the Douglas School District have benefited countless staff and students. The Board wishes them success and happiness in the future.

David Carroll	16 Years
Kimberly Cook	17 Years
Stacey Cowen	4 Years
Donna Curry	18 Years

Juanita Harrington	30 Years
David Horan	19 Years
Ron Mays	12 Years
Alice Oleson	35 Years
Troy Volesky	10 Years

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

Reports:

Superintendent Kevin Case stated the work on the middle school parking lot has started. There will be an additional 84 parking spots once completed and an additional 8 parking spots for the kitchen. The trees have been removed for the work to begin on the new bus loop. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony at the EOY staff breakfast on May 22. The entire middle school project, which will also include a new addition for offices, classrooms, secure port of entry and renovating existing space for additional classrooms, will cost \$7.4 million and is scheduled for completion by August 2027.

Superintendent Kevin Case stated the certified negotiations with DEA are at an impasse due to language changes in the negotiated agreement. There is a conciliation meeting with a representative from the Department of Labor scheduled on June 10.

Superintendent Kevin Case explained the grant funding for the new elementary school has been a learning process. He has met with different entities who have already gone through the process. It is highly recommended that there is one knowledgeable person to be the point person for managing the federal grant as well as being available for additional grant opportunities. He will be bringing a job description forward for the board to make a decision.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Ben Frerichs commented that the staff wellness survey is open until tomorrow. The District Wellness Committee will meet on Wednesday.

Board members thanked this year's retirees, representing 161 years of service, for their service and personal connections to students and families.

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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