

MINUTES
DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2026

The Douglas School District No. 51-1 Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 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; Tia Mullins: Associate Board Member, present. Ben Frerichs / Tonya Welch via zoom

All Action 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 May 26, 2026.

Approved Personnel Action for June 8, 2026. (Attachment)

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

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

Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Items:

High School Activities Director Josh Haaland reported on the 2025-26 high school activities, including the use of the Bound program for schedules, registration, activity passes and digital tickets, student activities participation, achievements and the Patriot Power program.

Superintendent Items:

WHEREAS, Col Paul Koecher and CMSgt Tia Mullins have each provided two (2) years of service to the Douglas School District 51-1 as an associate member of the school board; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of associate board membership is to provide Ellsworth AFB representatives an opportunity to better understand the operation of the Douglas School District and to express opinions as reflected in the military community; and

WHEREAS, Col Paul Koecher and CMSgt Tia Mullins have fulfilled these requirements in an outstanding manner and are relocating to another duty station with the Air Force;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Douglas School District 51-1 hereby commends Col Paul Koecher and CMSgt Tia Mullins for their outstanding contributions to the Douglas Schools Community.

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.

Colleen Quigley	28 years
Jeff Wimp	5 years

Operational Support Services Items:

Reports

Superintendent Kevin Case reported on the work projects throughout the district. Gustafson Builders is working on the new middle school bus loop and parking lots, as well as starting footer work on the addition. The bus loop and parking lot work will be completed before school starts in August. Several capital outlay summer projects are in progress or soon will be: high school roof, high school auxiliary gym floor, remodeling of 5 elementary classrooms, and Badger Clark kitchen flooring.

Superintendent Kevin Case updated the board members on the status of several grants: 1) \$7.8 million CTE grant is complete; 2) two weeks out from finalizing the \$20 million DCIP grant, which involved collaboration from several resources; 3) attended the first webinar on the \$42 million HUD grant. The environmental study is in progress. He met with Gustafson and Co-Op Architecture on updating the timeline for the elementary building. He hopes to schedule a work session with the board either in June or July to review.

Committee Reports from Board Members and Comments from Associate Board Members

Paul Koecher voiced his thanks for being included on the school board as an associate member. It has been eye-opening. He also stated his replacement, Lt Col Brandon Vigneron, should be at Ellsworth by July 8.

Jo Anne Mulholland stated she is busy when the schools are closed as she takes care of all military referrals.

Tia Mullins appreciated the opportunity to serve on the school board--"it's amazing what you do for our kids." She also introduced her replacement, CMSgt Thomas Podgarski who was in attendance

Tanya Gray, President

Trista Olney, Business Manager

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