

Content Standards Hearing #4 (Final)

The board convened a public hearing at approximately 9:15 a.m. MT on the following proposed standards: English Language Arts, K-8 Computer Science, and Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings & Standards. This is the fourth of four hearings on these standards.

For the public hearing, up to 30 minutes for proponents and up to 30 minutes for opponent testimony was allowed. Each speaker was limited to approximately 3 minutes to provide testimony.

English Language Arts Standards

Presented by Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning & Instruction. Malone stated that no new public comments were received for the standards.

Proponent testimony

Reva Potter, revision team member, testified in favor of the proposed standards.

Opponent Testimony

No opponent testimony.

Public comment closed. Board questions and discussion.

Motion by Moulton and second by Heineman to amend the English Language Arts standards as discussed by Moulton. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, and Perkins.

Motion by Olsen and second by Meyer to adopt the English Language Arts standards as amended. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, and Perkins.

K-8 Computer Science Standards

Presented by Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning & Instruction. Malone stated that no new public comments were received for the standards.

Proponent testimony

Koreen Hammel, on behalf of CSTA- South Dakota, testified in favor of the proposed standards.

Opponent Testimony

No opponent testimony.

Public comment closed. Board questions and discussion.

Motion by Heineman and second by Moulton to adopt the K-8 Computer Science standards. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, and Perkins.

Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings & Standards

Presented by Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning & Instruction. Malone stated that no new public comments were received for the standards.

Proponent testimony

No proponent testimony.

Opponent Testimony

Deborah Bordeaux, personal; Derrick Marks, personal; Ira W. Taken Alive, on behalf of Rapid City Area Schools; Sarah White, personal; Marie High Bear, personal; Henry Quick Bear, personal; Cante Heart, personal; Ailine Maea, personal; and Natasha Gourd, personal.

Rebuttal

Dr. Joseph Graves, Secretary of Education, gave the rebuttal.

Public comment closed. Board questions and discussion.

Motion by Heineman and second by Moulton to adopt the version of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings & Standards that included the elder posters. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, and Perkins.

Adjournment of public hearing at approximately 11:05 a.m. MT.

Board took a brief recess and reconvened at approximately 11:14 a.m. MT.

Douglas School District Presentation: Science of Reading and Progress Monitoring

Presented by Superintendent Kevin Case and Ann Pettit of the Douglas School District.

Board questions and discussion.

Secretary's Report and Presentation

Dr. Joseph Graves, Secretary of Education, gave a report.

Board Report and General Discussion

Board discussion.

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2025 (Virtual) and July 7, 2025 (Virtual).

Adjournment:

Motion Heineman and by second by Meyer to adjourn. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, and Perkins.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:08 p.m. MT.