SOUTH DAKOTA
BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDARDS
Meeting Minutes

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September 27, 2026, 6:30 pm (CT)

Mavericks Steak and Cocktails - 720 Lamont St S. Aberdeen, SD 57401

BOES Dinner Minutes

Board president Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:38.

Perkis raised the issue of the BOES mission statement, stating that some of the BOES tasks were in statute, but that he would like the board to focus on 1-2 tasks as their ongoing mission. He noted that South Dakota is agile enough that we should just look at 1-2 things to accomplish.

Board member Meyer said he agreed, that he'd like to have the board make a difference.

Perkins suggest we should create a working group on the mission statement, that we need to isolate and prioritize.

Board member Heineman asked the group where they thought we had made a difference. Secretary Graves responded with social studies standards, reading standards, and math standards.

Heineman wondered if we had made a different at the high school level with the social studies standards or if they remained unchanged by the new standards.

Board member Olsen suggested project-based learning in pursuit of standards, explaining that this involved students in things in which they were interested.

Perkins wondered if we needed to abandon local control and adopt the Mississippi Model.

Perkins reiterated the need to select 1-2 items, then develop and action plan in pursuit of them.

Meeting was recessed 7:45 p.m. by Perkins

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