



Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2025, 9:00 am (CT)
Ramkota Hotel, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Members:

Present Phyllis Heineman
 Jean Moulton
 Linda Olsen - Virtual
 Rich Meyer, Vice President
 Steven Perkins, President
 Greg Von Wald

DOE Staff: Joseph Graves, Amanda LaCroix, Kathy Reidy - Zoom, Kristin Berger, Laura Scheibe, Shannon Malone, Kathryn Blaha, Ben Jones.

Others: Members of the public.

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

The South Dakota Board of Education Standards (BOES) was called to order by President Perkins at approximately 9:00 a.m. CT.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Heineman second by Meyer to adopt the October 15, 2025, agenda. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyers, Von Wald, and Perkins.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Von Wald second by Moulton to approve the August 18, 2025, minutes with requested addition of reference to SDLC – 1-25-13 Open Meeting. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyers, Von Wald, and Perkins.

Public Comment: SDCL 1-25-1

No public comment.

Constitution Day Presentation by Bennett County School District

Mandi Smokov and 9 of her students presented on their class project, teaching the younger students about the constitution.

History Teacher of the Year Stipend

Ben Jones asked for the board to sponsor the History Teacher of the Year stipend of \$1000 to be presented at the June conference in 2026. **Motion** by Meyer second by Moulton to sponsor the stipend. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyers, Von Wald, and Perkins, 6-0 aye.

Content Standards Revision Cycle

Presented by Laura Scheibe, Laura explained the process, board discussion. **Motion** by Heineman second by Olsen to approve the revision of the cycle. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyers, Von Wald, and Perkins.

Approval of the Educator Preparation Program

Presented by Kathy Reidy, Department of Education. Board questions and discussion. **Motion** by Meyer second by Von Wald to approve the NSU Educator Preparation Program as presented. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyers, Von Wald, and Perkins.

Content Standards Hearing #1

Public Hearing – ARSD 24:58 and ARSD 24:53

Presented by Shannon Malone. Shannon Malone presented the Health Standards. Two testifiers were present in opposition, requesting an addition of education regarding Alzheimer's and those the are caregivers to patients, Grace Gill and John Chicoine. No other testifiers were present.

Shannon Malone presented the Math Standards. Dr Graves explained why the changes were needed, Shannon Malone concurred. There have been 12 public comments.

Two testifiers were present as proponents, Monte Meyerink and Susan Fairchild. Two testifiers were present in opposition, requesting more guidance in the standards for teachers, Sharon Vestal and Susan Gilkerson testified.

Dr. Graves rebutted explaining the need for the changes. Board discussion.

Hearing ended at approximately 11:14 am.

Secretary's Report and Discuss BOES Mission, Responsibilities and Authority

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Board Report and General Discussion

Board discussion.

NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2025

Adjournment:

Motion by 2nd by .Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.
Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyers, Von Wald, and Perkins.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m. CT.