



Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025, 9:00 am (CT)

VIRTUAL - MacKay Conference Room #1, 800 Governors Dr, Pierre, SD

Members:

Present

Phyllis Heineman
Jean Moulton
Linda Olsen
Rich Meyer, Vice President
Steven Perkins, President
Dr. Tonia Warzecha
Greg Von Wald

DOE Staff: Joseph Graves, Kathryn Blaha, Amanda LaCroix, Kristin Berger, Laura Scheibe, Kathy Reidy, Shana Davis

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 Warzecha to adopt the August 18, 2025, agenda. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Warzecha, Von Wald, and Perkins.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Von Wald second by Olsen to approve the May 27, 2025, minutes. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Warzecha, Von Wald, and Perkins.

Annual Disclosure

Amanda LaCroix discussed the required annual disclosure process.

Open Meeting Annual Review

Amanda LaCroix presented the required open meeting laws annual review. Board discussion and questions.

Public Comment: SDCL 1-25-1

No public comment.

Rescind Board Action from 5/27/2025 to Hold a Public Hearing on ARSD 24:57 Teacher Performance Standards and Evaluations Rules

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

Report on Literacy Initiative

Shannon Malone presented on the Department's Literacy Initiative.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Joseph Graves, Secretary of Education, gave a report on the US Department of Education and the transfer of programs, their upcoming visit, the Big Beautiful Bill, AI Tutoring and Teacher of the Year.

Board Report and General Discussion

Board discussion.

Adjournment:

Motion Heineman 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 10:36 a.m. CT.

Minutes prepared by Kristin Berger.