



Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026, 10:00 am (MT)

DoubleTree by Hilton - 505 N 5th St. Rapid City, SD

Members:

Present

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

DOE Staff:

- Joseph Graves, Amanda LaCroix, Anna King, Laura Scheibe, Shannon Malone, Hayley Miller, Kathryn Blaha, Kelly Royer, Linda Turner, Cody Stoesser

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 10:00 a.m. MT.

A quorum of the board was physically present.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Heineman to adopt the May 4, 2026, agenda. Second by Meyer. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Von Wald second by Olsen to approve the February 23, 2026, minutes. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Public Comment: SDCL 1-25-1

No public comment.

Approval of Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals Test - 10:04am

Presented by Kathryn Blaha. Board questions and discussion. Motion by Warzecha to approve the cut scores for Mathematics (8003), Social Studies (8004), Teacher Reading (8006), and Science (8005) second by Meyer. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Update from subcommittee on human trafficking – 10:20am

By President Perkins.

Content Standards Final Hearing – 10:28am

The board convened a public hearing at approximately 10:28 a.m. MT on the Health Education and Mathematics Standards. This is the fourth and final hearing on these standards.

Health Education Standards

Presented by Shannon Malone Division of Learning & Instruction with the Department of Education. The proposed standards build upon the 2018 framework and align more closely with the 2020 National Health Education Standards. The proposed standards have received 11 public comments, and a summary of changes was presented to the board.

Proponent Testimony - Online

Kristine Sundberg with Elder Voice Advocates spoke on adding caregiving to the standards.

Opponent Testimony – In-person

Denise Swartz (Individual) spoke on adding caregiving to the standards.

Grace Gill with the Alzheimer’s Association spoke on adding caregiving to the standards.

Rebuttal

Dr. Graves gave the rebuttal.

Board questions and discussion.

Motion by Von Wald for the approval of the Health Education Standards. Second by Olsen. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Mathematics Standards – 11:12am

Presented by Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning & Instruction with the

Department of Education. The proposed standards were written in a clearer simpler language with a research-based approach. The proposed standards have received 86 public comments, and a summary of changes was presented to the board.

Proponent testimony

No proponent testimony.

Opponent testimony - In-Person

Crystal McMachen (Individual) provided a handout to board and spoke to about inconsistency and lack of vertical alignment between the standards.

Gail Jacobsma (Individual) requested to pause on the standards and convene school districts that perform well to edit and tweak the current standards. Jacobsma spoke to a lack of professional development.

Sharon Vestal with the SD Council of Teachers of Mathematics provided a handout and spoke that the proposed standards focus too much on procedure and not on concepts and that the standards have been simplified too far.

Rebuttal

Dr. Graves gave the rebuttal.

Board questions and discussion.

Motion by Moulton to approve the Mathematic Standards. Second by Heineman. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Conclusion of hearing approximately 12:05pm.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Graves gave a report.

Board recessed at approximately 12:11 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 12:30 a.m.

Board Orientation/Planning Session

President Perkins led the discussion regarding BOES authority, duties, and responsibility and discussion on the mission statement. Board decided to review BOES policy and further discuss at next board meeting.

Dr. Graves provided an update on JAG.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:58pm MT.

NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2026, Virtually.

Anna King
Executive Secretary BOES

Date: 6/12/2026

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