

Extraordinary Cost Oversight Board

Date: May 13, 2026

Location: MacKay Building, First Floor, Library Commons/Virtual Public Listening
800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501

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Meeting ID: 941 4613 7416

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Board Members Present:

Kristi Curd, Chair
Caleb Case, Vice Chair
Amy Bessette
Kelly Christopherson
Donovan DeBoer
April Hobert
Senator Stephanie Sauder
Linda Turner
Jeremy Wollman

Board Members Absent:

Lezlie Larsen

Department of Education staff in attendance: Dr. Joseph Graves, Cody Stoesser, Bobbi Leiferman, Krislyn Norgaard, and Olivia Waggoner

Others in attendance: Members of the public via Zoom

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kristi Curd at 1:07 PM CT. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Christopherson, seconded by Bessette to approve the revised May 13, 2026, meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2025:

Motion by Case, seconded by Hobert to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2025, meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Status Report on Extraordinary Cost Fund:

Bobbi Leiferman, Administrator of State Aid and School Finance for the Department of Education, provided a status report on the request for the 2026 Extraordinary Cost Fund (ECF). There were a total of 27 requests in the amount of \$5,322,946.

District Number	District Name	Requested Amount
21001	Armour 21-1	\$122,923
4001	Avon 04-1	\$291,936
49001	Baltic 49-1	\$102,769
61002	Beresford 61-2	\$84,651
30003	Bridgewater-Emery 30-3	\$231,829
5001	Brookings 05-1	\$801,730
43001	Canistota 43-1	\$12,727
41001	Canton 41-1	\$201,474
49003	Dell Rapids 49-3	\$260,087
64002	Dupree 64-2	\$24,695
50003	Flandreau 50-3	\$683,533
14001	Florence 14-1	\$185,598
60003	Marion 60-3	\$100,732
43007	McCook Central 43-7	\$323,803
15002	McLaughlin 15-2	\$92,629
25004	Milbank 25-4	\$159,053
17002	Mitchell 17-2	\$336,518
43002	Montrose 43-2	\$57,643
17003	Mount Vernon 17-3	\$120,976
9002	Newell 09-2	\$108,971
32002	Pierre 32-2	\$88,336
1001	Plankinton 01-1	\$94,561
5005	Sioux Valley 05-5	\$301,700
49006	Tri-Valley 49-6	\$56,077
15003	Wakpala 15-3	\$50,000
47001	White River 47-1	\$312,024
2006	Wolsey-Wessington 02-6	\$115,971
	Total Request	\$5,322,946.00

There is a total of \$4,336,475 available ECF funding in FY2026.

Cody Stoesser, Director of Finance and Management for the Department of Education, provided an overview of the 2026 Senate Bill 106 to increase funding for the ECF to \$5,000,000 as of July 1, 2026. At that time, the maximum available funds, including carryover, cannot exceed \$5,500,000. In addition, Stoesser discussed the availability of unobligated special education formula funds in accordance with SDCL 13-37-45: Allocation of Undistributed Appropriations. This year there are enough special education formula funds that would otherwise be reverted to cover the difference between the available ECF funding appropriation and the total requested funds.

Motion by Christopherson, seconded Bessette to enter executive session at 1:18 PM and invited the present Department of Education staff.

Chair Curd declared the Board out of executive session at 2:21 PM.

Recommendations on Applications:

Motion by Hobert, seconded by Bessette to fund all applications as requested. Roll call, all present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion of Risk Rubric and Recommendations on District Review:

Based on the risk rubric developed by this Board, Linda Turner reviewed the districts that may be elected for follow-up by the Office of Special Education. The risk rubric flagged the following districts: Avon, Armour, and McLaughlin. The Board supports the Office of Special Education conducting a follow-up review on the three flagged districts.

Recommendations on District Eligibility and Application Process to Apply:

No changes were proposed for district eligibility or application process.

Review of Panel Membership and Appointment Status:

Chair Curd's term as well as Vice Chair Case's term are expiring June 30, 2026. Secretary Graves makes the appointment to the Board.

Motion by Chair Curd, seconded by Bessette to nominate Kelly Christopherson as Chair for the 2026-2027 Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Hobert, seconded by Chair Curd to nominate Amy Bessette as Vice Chair for the 2026-2027 Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Turner, seconded by Chair Curd to adjourn at 2:35 PM. Motion carried by voice vote.