

**South Dakota Board of Education Standards
General Discussion and Orientation/Planning Session Agenda
May 4, 2026**

**6:30PM MDT Dinner – 7:00PM (approx)
Gold Bison Grill Restaurant, Doubletree Hotel
505 N 5th St, Rapid City, Pierre SD**

This gathering is for General Discussion Only and Reviewing the Planning Session Agenda – No formal action

**May 5, 2026
Doubletree Hotel
505 N 5th St, Rapid City, Pierre SD
(approx) 11am to 4pm MDT**

(Note: Above times are approximate. The session will start after adjournment of the regular BOES meeting. The BOES may have a “working lunch” during the session. This session is for informational purposes only; it will include general discussion about the agenda items. No final Action will be taken during this session.)

The stability of a republican form of government depending on the morality and intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public schools wherein tuition shall be without charge, and equally open to all; and to adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education.

(South Dakota’s State Constitution, Article 8, Section 1, emphasis added.)

1. Review of Current Laws Establishing BOES, Duties and Responsibility

- A. Brief History of Board of Education and Name Change
- B. Review of Current Law Establishing BOES
 - a. Relationship to Dept of Education and Secretary
- C. Review Current Law and Duties, Responsibilities, Authorities of BOES

2. Review/Discuss “Mission Statement” (5/11/2020 last update)

- A. Philosophy/Belief Statement
- B. Vision Statement
- C. BOES’ Leadership Role

3. What are our Procedures/Rules

- A. Review “Policy (Bylaws)” (1/22/2024 last update, re elections)
- B. Procedure for Standards Review and Adoption
 - a. Standards Review Cycle Calendar
 - b. Working Committee selection/process
 - c. Post Working Committee to BOES Setting for Hearing
 - d. Hearing Procedures/Process/Public Comments
 - e. Amendments, Adoption

C. Review Rules, Processes, BOES Monitoring/Discussion on:

- a. Classification and accreditation of schools
- b. Certification of Personnel
- c. State Aid Eligibility
- d. Career and Tech Education
- e. Other

D. Procedure for Rules Adoption

- a. Pre-draft discussion, Need/Study
- b. Drafting and Introduction
- c. Hearing, Amendments, Adoption

4. Relations with Other Entities and Issues

- A. Governor
- B. Legislature
- C. Board of Regents (Are HS grads college-ready? Are teacher grads teaching-ready?)
- D. Technical Education Board (Are HS grads ready?)
- E. Informational Board Presentations and Follow Up

5. Discussion on Priorities/Goals

- A. Prior Discussion/Emphasis/Action on Improving Reading/Writing Skills
- B. Rich Meyer: Jobs for America's Graduates program and increasing school participation
- C. Rich Meyer: Improving student discipline – Responsive Classroom Discipline
- D. Working Group on Addressing the Human Trafficking
- E. Others:

6. Other - Where Do We Go From Here?