

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDARDS

July 19, 2021 - 1:00 p.m. CT

**Location:** Mackay Building, First Floor, Library Commons  
800 Governors Drive  
Pierre, South Dakota

Public Telephone Access: Dial: 1-346-248-7799  
Meeting ID: 932 2067 8476 Passcode: 441915

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**Present:** Jaqueline Sly, President  
Rebecca Guffin, Vice-President  
Phyllis Heineman  
Linda Olsen  
Terry Nebelsick  
Steve Willard

**Via ZOOM:** Julie Westra

**DOE staff in attendance** Tiffany Sanderson, Carla Leingang, Linda Turner, Amanda LaCroix, and Ferne Haddock.

**Others in attendance:** Bob Mercer and other members of the public were in attendance and via phone and virtual.

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:**

The South Dakota Board of Education Standards (BOES) was called to order by President Sly at approximately 1:02 p.m. CT.

A quorum of board was present.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion by Heineman second by Willard to adopt the July 19, 2021, agenda. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Olsen, Nebelsick, Westra, Willard, Guffin, and Sly.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Nebelsick second by Olsen to approve the May 17, 2021, and July 9, 2021, minutes. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Olsen, Nebelsick, Westra, Willard, Guffin, and Sly.

44 **Conflicts Disclosures (SDCL 3-23):**

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46 Amanda LaCroix, Assistant General Counsel, DOE gave a summary of the conflict disclosure  
47 policy. No waivers are required at this time, so no action is needed today.

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49 Heineman had no conflict disclosure.

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51 Nebelsick had no conflict disclosure.

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53 Guffin presented a conflict disclosure as she is Superintendent of the Aberdeen School District.

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55 Sly had no conflict disclosure.

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57 Olson presented a conflict disclosure as she is a faculty member at Oglala College.

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59 Willard presented a conflict disclosure as he is Superintendent at Belle Fourche School District.

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61 Westra had no conflict disclosure.

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63 **Public Comment**

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65 There was no public comment.

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67 **Special Education Report:**

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69 Linda Turner, Director, Division Special Education and Early Learning, DOE, provided the annual  
70 State Performance Plan Report and the progress being made in the Special Education Program.  
71 The report included a detailed power point presentation. Turner gave a brief overview of the  
72 report. Special Education Programs are divided into Part C, which is Birth to Three Programs  
73 and Part B, which is preschool and school age population. The report today is on the Part B  
74 programs for federal fiscal year 2019, reported in February 2021. The Individuals with Disabilities  
75 Education Act (IDEA) requires each state to develop a state performance plan and an annual  
76 performance report. Reporting progress on select indicators to demonstrate how state and local  
77 education are working to improve education for students with disabilities. These are authorized  
78 in a six-year package. This was the last reporting year in this package.

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80 Turner stated that the state performance plan has 17 indicators, those are divided into results-  
81 based indicators, which demonstrate growth and student performance, and success for after  
82 they are out of school, and compliance indicators which are required as part of the special  
83 education law. Current data for the years' reporting is included in the report. If there is slippage,  
84 defined as a worsening of progress; the report includes reasons why there is slippage, and plans  
85 for addressing them. The state reports results based on a target set with input from  
86 stakeholders, along with reasons for slippage if the target was not met and if there was a  
87 decrease in performance. Overall based on the information submitted as part of the State

88 Performance Plan and additional data utilized by the federal office of special education  
89 programs, South Dakota received a rating of meets requirements for Part B and Part C.

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91 Turner emphasized the importance of public awareness with districts and parents to know that  
92 there will be a change of the measurements. There is a need to get stakeholder input and that  
93 process has already begun.

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95 **Recommended cut scores for praxis tests:**

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97 Carla Leingang, Director, Accreditation and Certification, DOE, requested approval of cut scores  
98 for new and regenerated Praxis exams. Praxis exams are assessments utilized for educators to  
99 prove competency in certain areas for licensure.

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101 Leingang gave a brief overview of the process for setting the recommendations for the cut  
102 scores.

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104 Leingang requested that the board approve cut scores for seven Praxis exams: Journalism;  
105 Physical Science; Principals of Learning & Teaching PreK-12; Music-Vocal; Music-instrumental;  
106 Middle School Math; and Mathematics.

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108 Leingang presented the recommended Praxis Cut scores.

- 109 ○ Journalism: recommended cut score 153
- 110 ○ Physical Science: recommended cut score 157
- 111 ○ Principals of Learning & teaching Prek-12: recommended cut score 157
- 112 ○ Music-Vocal: recommended cut score 153
- 113 ○ Music-instrumental: recommended cut score 150
- 114 ○ Middle School Math: recommended cut score 157
- 115 ○ Mathematics: recommended cut score 159

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117 Motion by Guffin second by Olsen to approve the Praxis Cut scores as presented. Voice vote. All  
118 present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Olsen, Nebelsick, Westra, Willard,  
119 Guffin, and Sly.

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121 President Sly declared a recess at approximately 2:41 p.m. CT.

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123 President Sly declared the meeting back to order at approximately 2:51 p.m. CT.

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125 **Medical Cannabis and Schools Rules update**

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127 Amanda LaCroix, DOE reported that the Medical Cannabis and Schools rules were presented at  
128 the Interim Rules Review Committee earlier this morning. They were approved as following  
129 procedure for adoption of rules.

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131 **Petition Update**

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133 Amanda LaCroix, DOE reported on the status of the petition that was presented by South Dakota  
134 Council of School Attorneys (COSA) requesting the repeal of 24:28:01:01(54) to the Board at the  
135 May 17, 2021 meeting. The board responded to the petition on June 4, 2021, denying the  
136 request. A copy of petition and the response were filed with Legislative Research Council (LRC),  
137 and Interim Rules Review Committee (IRRC) as required by statute.

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139 LaCroix went on to state the DOE is preparing a workgroup for the fall of 2021, to identify any  
140 issues around the long-term substitute definition.

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142 **Secretary's Report**

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144 Tiffany Sanderson reported on:

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146 COVID Impact Survey and American Rescue Plan Funding, including information that nearly 90%  
147 of all accredited schools (buildings) were in-person for most of the year. Early data is showing  
148 there was a significant increase in the number of students who missed much of the school year  
149 (30 days or more). In a typical year about 3% of public-school students miss 30 or more days, this  
150 jumped to nearly 6.5% this last year. DOE staff is conducting monthly data digs:

- 151 • •June – COVID Impact Data + Attendance.
- 152 • •July/August – early assessment data and report card information like graduation rates.
- 153 • •September – Approved local plans – priorities, funding, etc. to make determinations for  
154 state level supports and programs and provide technical assistance.

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156 Workgroups and Boards.  
157 Starting with the Social Studies Standards Revision Committee. The workgroup met in June 2021.  
158 It included nearly 50 individuals. Internal DOE review is underway with the final proposal or  
159 recommendations in the coming weeks. The public review and comment period will open in  
160 August with public hearings to begin on September 20, 2021, in Aberdeen. A total of four  
161 hearings will be held throughout SY2021-22. There will be seven other content areas' standards  
162 under consideration at the hearings: Fine Arts; and six in Career and Technical Education  
163 standards: Agriculture; Arts, A/V & Communications; Finance & Personal Finance; Health  
164 Science; Human Services; and Manufacturing.

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166 The Distance Learning Workgroup is charged with policy recommendations for the department's  
167 consideration. Sanderson continued, stating that with all we've learned in the last year regarding  
168 instructing from afar and all that's changed in technology in recent years, there is much to  
169 discuss. By August 2021 they should have met three times. Their work may culminate in  
170 proposed legislation or rules for this board's consideration.

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172 The Teacher Compensation Review Board (TCRB) is an element of the Blue-Ribbon Task Force  
173 which meets every 3 years. A report is due to the Governor and Legislature by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

174 The TCRB reviewed the recommendations of the task force from 2015 and action/progress on  
175 those recommendations since. Early notes of interest:  
176 In 2019-20, SD teacher salary was ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in country.  
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- 178 • Several states below us made large advances that year prior to move ahead of us  
179 (ex. NM 13% increase).
- 180 • Last 20 states are within \$5,000 of one another.
- 181 • On a regional price parity basis (buying power), we're about 45<sup>th</sup>.
- 182 • Regionally, we're neck and neck with MT; other contiguous states are ahead of  
183 us, but not by much.

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185 Workforce pipeline and stability are the priorities at this point

- 186 • Transition more teacher ed graduates to the classroom.
- 187 • See if the impact of the COVID year, is a one-time occurrence or will be a trend  
188 of large numbers of retirements or career changes.

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190 They will be meeting again in late August 2021, to review additional data and review a draft  
191 report.

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193 **Adjournment:**

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195 Motion by Heineman second by Willard to adjourn. Voice vote. All present voted in favor.  
196 Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Olsen, Nebelsick, Westra, Willard, Guffin, and Sly.

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198 **Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:12 p.m. CT.**

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200 Next meeting 09/20/2021 at Holgate Middle School Theater, 2200 N Dakota Street, Aberdeen,  
201 **South Dakota.**

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209 Ferne G. Haddock  
Executive Secretary BOES

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