

School Board Meeting Recap

School Board Members:

Teresa Binkley – President
Debra DeBates – Vice President
Keli Books
Wesley Tschetter
Teri Johnson



Superintendent:

Dr. Summer Schultz

Director of Business Services:

Stacey VanBeek

July 15, 2024

Electronic School Board

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Watch the School Board Meeting

● Click [HERE](#) to watch a recording of the School Board Meeting from July 15th.

ACTION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS:

- Approved the Bills
- Approved the June 10th and July 9th Minutes
- Approved the Financial Report
- Approved the Supplement to the 2024-2025 Budget

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- Adjournment of the 2023-2024 Board of Education
- New Board Member Oath – Debra DeBates
- New Board Member Oath – Keli Books
- Convened the 2024-2025 Board – Elected Teresa Binkley as President
- Elected Debra DeBates as Vice-President

COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Stacey VanBeek, Director of Business Services, presented the 2024-2025 Budget

Comments from the Board

- **Performance Oversight Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Facilities and Construction Committee** – Wes Tschetter mentioned that construction is progressing but still has a significant amount of work ahead. He also toured the bus garage with Keith. Keli Books reported on a facilities sub-committee meeting with new administrators Stacey VanBeek and Keith Fodness, discussing decision-making on city work (land transfers, parks, and shelters), as well as products for classroom separation. Deb DeBates praised the construction effort at Hillcrest, noting their hard work even in extreme heat. Teresa Binkley inquired about when

teachers can access their schools. Keli emphasized the importance of completing the projects before setting an entry date, with timelines communicated by Pierce and his team. Dr. Schultz noted custodial and maintenance staff would access Medary next week, and they hope teachers and general staff can enter by the second week of August, with district-wide communication to follow once a date is set.

●**Policy and Governance Committee** – Deb DeBates informed board members that there are many policies under review on the agenda, which board members should examine. The review process is lengthy due to new state legislature laws introduced in July. Only one policy will be voted on tonight, with changes driven by recently passed legislative bills that the district must adhere to.

●**School Finance Committee** – Nothing to report.

●**Mental Health Coalition** – Deb DeBates reported on the ongoing efforts of the mental health coalition, suggesting its removal from the agenda, with updates provided under general board communications as needed. The focus remains on strengthening the mental health of young people in the community. She mentioned an upcoming resiliency group meeting in August, which she plans to attend and report on afterward.

●**Transportation Committee** – Wes Tschetter toured the bus garage today. They are doing an environmental assessment relative to air quality.

●**General Board Member Communications** – Keli Books provided an update on the Brookings Childcare Collaborative, which has met seven times since the last board meeting. She discussed two funding requests that were presented by Dr. Schultz, Jody Hernandez, and Tim Reed. Last Friday, Laure Swanson from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development visited the collaborative and toured our schools, praising the community and school district for their progress in early child education. Additionally, she mentioned that the National Boys & Girls Club Organization will be visiting our facilities later this week. The group has been actively working and making significant strides. Teresa Binkley congratulated the debate team for their strong performance at nationals and Sally Pies for being named coach of the year. She also thanked BEA for a productive study session last week, which she believes will enhance communications for our negotiations in the spring. Deb DeBates recognized FCCLA members who attended the meeting in Seattle and congratulated them on their impressive showing.

Superintendent Report

●Dr. Schultz discussed legislative and legal issues impacting the district's decisions. She mentioned the need to update policies in response to House Bill 1197 by January, though guidance is still pending. The policy committee will review and address these updates. Dr. Schultz also provided information on Initiated Measure 28, highlighting that it is different from House Bill 1075, which eliminated the sales tax on groceries. She emphasized the importance of understanding these differences, as Initiated Measure 28 will affect education and communities. She encouraged everyone to educate themselves on the measure and form their own opinions.

●Dr. Schultz briefly addressed Title IX, noting that it's too complex to fully discuss during the board meeting. She mentioned that the School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD), led by Rob Monson, have invited KSB Law to the Superintendent’s Conference on Wednesday. Dr. Schultz is eager to hear their insights, particularly since there are questions about what training schools need due to ongoing litigation involving the state department. The new regulations are set to take effect on August 1st, adding urgency to the matter. She highlighted the complexity due to state litigation from the Governor’s Office and Attorney General. Dr. Schultz expects to provide a more detailed update after the Superintendent’s Conference.

Other Communication/Discussion Items

- Notification of review of Policy CCB-R “Organizational Chart”
- Notification of review of Policy DJ “Purchasing Procedures”
- Notification of adoption of new Policy DJC “Bidding Requirements”
- Notification of adoption of new Policy DK “Payment Procedures”

- Notification of adoption of new Policy DLC “Expense Reimbursement”
- Notification of adoption of new Policy DN “Surplus Property”
- Notification of review of Policy EFD “Meal Charge”
- Notification of adoption of new Policy GCB “Qualifications of Teachers”
- Notification of review of Policy IIA “Instructional Materials”
- Notification of review of Policy IIAC “Library Materials Selection and Adoption”
- Notification of adoption of new Policy IIBFA “Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology”
- Notification of review of Policy JFC “Learner Conduct”
- Notification of review of Policy JFGA “Law Enforcement and Department of Social Services Learner Interview Policy”
- City/School Land Transfer

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda

- Approved the Personnel Report – click [HERE](#) for listing
- Approved the Open Enrollments
- Approved 2024-2025 School Board Meeting Calendar
- Approved the designation of the Brookings Register as the Official Newspaper
- Approved Dr. Summer Schultz & Stacey VanBeek as Negotiations Designees
- Approved Director of Business Services, Stacey VanBeek, as Authorized Fiscal Agent of the District, which will include Title I and other federal programs
- Approved Director of Business Services, Stacey VanBeek, as Custodian of Trust and Agency accounts
- Approved Helsper, McCarty, & Rasmussen, P.C. and Christian Shafer, School Attorney, with Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, and KSB School Law as the Legal Counsel for the District
- Approved the annual school board election to be held on the 2nd Tuesday in April (in coordination with the city election)
- Approved board member compensation to be \$60 per meeting if serving in an official capacity and for compensation of attending all other meetings will be \$10 per meeting, exception will be made for board members sitting on interview and negotiations teams (compensation for this will be \$60.00 am/pm)
- Approved designating interest earned to respective funds except for Trust and Agency and Enterprise Fund interest will be transferred to the general fund
- Approved the District to Inter-Fund Borrow for Cash Flow Purposes
- Approved designating the School Resource Officers as the District Truant Officers
- Approved setting the Staff Expense Reimbursement Rates
- Approved Activity Pass prices
- Approved the 2024-2025 Rates for Use of School Facilities
- Approved the 2024-2025 Meal Prices
- Approved the district’s participation in the Emergency School Bus Mutual Assistance Pact
- Approved the 2024-2025 Performance Foodservice Prime Vendor Contract for the Eastern SD Food Buying Group
- Approved waiving the reduced-price meal fee for students eligible for reduced-price meals at breakfast and lunch based on the Federal Income Guidelines
- Approved the designation of Keith Fodness, Director of Facilities, as the district’s AHERA Asbestos Coordinator

Other Action Items:

- Approved the Donated Items
- Approved the decision to join the Associated School Boards Property Insurance Fund
- Approved the amendment of the early retirement document with First Bank & Trust
- Approved the revisions made to Policy GCDB “Background Checks”

- Approved the Temporary Easements for the 12th Street South Shared-Used Trail/Crosswalk Project
- Approved the 2024-2025 Project SEARCH Handbook
- Approved the 2024-2025 Preschool Program Family Handbook
- Approved the 2024-2025 Elementary School (K-3) Learner Handbook
- Approved the 2024-2025 Intermediate School Learner Handbook
- Approved the 2024-2025 Middle School Learner Handbook
- Approved the 2024-2025 High School Learner Handbook
- Approved the 2024-2025 Learner Activities Handbook
- Approved the 2024-2025 Learner Activities Advisors Handbook
- Approved the nomination of Chris Long for West River At-Large Representative for the South Dakota High School Activities Association
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Brookings School District & Luther College for Student Teachers
- Approved the Oldham-Ramona-Rutland School District to pick up/drop off students at the Casey's General Store on 6th Street
- Approved the Administrative Rule Waiver Application for Sarah Barefoot

ADJOURNMENT