Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378

Regular August Board Meeting

August 10, 2026

The regular August meeting of the Board of Education was held on August 10, 2026, in the Dawson-Boyd board room. Members present were Zollner, Schindler, Marotzke and Kelly as well as administrative staff. Lynch, Nelson, and Jurgenson were absent. Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was amended to include an action item regarding the Genetec Security Systems, as well as an item to postpone Superintendent Ward's performance review until after the September board meeting (Kelly/Marotzke). There were no public comments.

Regular claims and accounts totaling $255,777.54, $10.00 for student activities, and $0 for the building project were approved as presented. The Board reviewed electronic transfers and state tax payments made in July. Minutes from the July 13, 2026 Regular Board meeting and the July 22, 2026 Board retreat were approved (Marotzke/Zollner).

RESOLUTION #R1-101 – NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, the RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF REVOKING AN EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THERON (Marotzke/Schindler). Members voting in favor of the resolution were Marotzke, Zollner, Schindler and Kelly. RESOLUTION #R1-101A - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of $5,000.00 from the City of Dawson-CEDA, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used in the Blackjack Babies Daycare program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Marotzke, Zollner, Schindler and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-101B - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of $100.00, from Ben & Mandi Johnson, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the Dawson-Boyd Band department. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Marotzke, Zollner, Schindler and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-101C - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, accepts the renewal of its membership with the Minnesota State High School League for the 2026-2027 school year. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Jurgenson, Marotzke, Lynch, Nelson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes.

In staffing matters, the board approved the resignations of Karoline Haas, daycare aide, effective 7/31/2025; and Caitlyn Baird, daycare aide, effective 7/15/2026. The board approved the hiring of Andrea Johnson, paraprofessional, effective 8/27/2026 (Marotzke/Zollner).

Under Information items, there were no public data requests. For board member reports, Schindler provided a report on the recent city meeting, where the watering of the football field was discussed. The Board would like to establish an equitable agreement between the city, school district, baseball association, and softball association regarding field watering. The parties will continue discussing possible options. There were no teacher reports. Due to elementary principal Hiedeman being absent, Stotesbery provided his principal report first. Stotesbery reported that there are 10 new students enrolled for the upcoming school year, spread across several grade levels. He also provided an update on licensure for new teachers and shared that the district is looking forward to upcoming workshops and the open house. For the superintendent report, Ward shared that the leadership team attended a conference last week, and she also attended a back-to-school conference with the Minnesota Department of Education. The primary focus of the back-to-school conference was school violence and identifying warning signs. Ward also reported that the paraprofessional conference is taking place this week, paraprofessional negotiations are ongoing, and she has a meeting with JMHS to discuss possible partnership opportunities.

Under action items, district donations were approved (Marotzke/Zollner). Blackjack Spirit Sale school fundraiser was approved (Zollner/Schindler). The PSEO contract with Ridgewater college was approved (Schindler/Marotzke). It was approved to sell 3 buses that are not DOT certified (Bus #9-1990 GMC Bluebird 14 pass school/activity bus; Bus #2 2012 IC CE 59 passenger school bus; Bus #5-2004 International 65 passenger school bus) (Schindler/Zollner). Next, Elite Seamless was approved for snow removal services (Zollner/Marotzke- Zollner-yes, Kelly-yes, Marotzke-yes, Schindler-yes). The Board approved moving forward with seeking fuel bids (Marotzke/Schindler). Lastly, business manager Stacy Stratmoen provided an update on the Genetec security system. She recommended entering into a three-year agreement with Genetec, as it would be more cost-effective for the district over time. The district has grant funding available that can be used toward the cost of the security system. The three-year agreement for $11,116.00 was approved (Marotzke/Schindler).

With no other matters, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm (Marotzke/Schindler). At 6:37 p.m., Kelly under Minnesota Statute 13d.05, subdivision 3(a), went into a closed session to discuss the annual review of Superintendent Holly Ward. The board came out of closed session at 7:01 p.m. With no additional issues before the board, Kelly adjourned the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. (Marotzke/Zollner).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk