

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, 5:45 p.m.
Council Chambers, Delano City Hall
Delano Public Schools
Independent School District #879, Delano, Minnesota

1. Call to order at 7 p.m.

A. Record of members present or absent.

Members present: R. Depa, R. Schaust, A. Johnson, J. Gierke, S. Baker, and S. Roeser.
Absent C. Black.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Upon motion by R. Schaust and seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Work Session

The board reviewed the requests for extended field trips for wrestling, boys hockey, boys basketball and girls hockey. The field trips will occur in the next few months. High school principal Barry Voight provided an update on the high school. The school is focusing on refining its practice regarding a safe and welcoming environment, a rigorous and challenging student curriculum and supporting individual needs. Voight reviewed cell phone violations; 70 violations, 64 are first violations. The high school administration team is also focusing on building student voice. They are having a listening session with GSA students and the two student school board representatives.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review

Activities Director Megan Chatterton provided an Activities Department update. Eight teams started the fall season and 340 students registered in the HS program. The parent, athlete and coach meeting was well received; more than 700 people attended. There will be another meeting before the beginning of the winter season.

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by S. Baker and seconded by A. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. August 26, 2024, School Board Meeting Minutes

B. Financial Affairs

1. Current Budget Status with Year-to-Date Adjustments

2. Investment Transactions

3. CARES Act Budgets

4. Wire Transfers

5. Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund

6. Cash Report

7. Revenue Report by Fund

8. Expense Report by Fund

9. Expense Report by Program

10. Expense Report by Object

11. List of Bills Presented for Payment

7. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts

Upon motion by S. Roeser and seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by A. Johnson and seconded by S. Roeser, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Administrative Reports

Superintendent M. Schoen updated the board on the start of the school year. The school year started out well at all three schools. Schoen introduced new leadership at the district, enrollment numbers at all three schools, DES-720, DIS, 560 and DHS 1,153. Schoen recognized the school board and provided each member with a certificate of appreciation.

A. Principals

Rachel Schultz reported on behalf of the elementary school. Orientation Days/First Weeks of School - Nearly 100% attendance - DEF handed out Welcome Bags - Watch DOGS sign up - 40 dads signed up, Outdoor Movie Night - 350 people with no issues. SBLT discussed Building logistics - orientation, conferences and dismissal procedures; SRO visits, and Family involvement - bring your parent to PE, and increasing PIE participation. The team discussed MTSS - Tier 1 implementation with fidelity. FAST data (2nd/3rd); aReading, 2nd - 72%, 3rd - 76%. aMath, 2nd - 74%, 3rd - 79%. Early Reading/Math (K/1) TBD. Schultz provided an update on the Literacy/MTSS Coordinator Role/Support and upcoming events. Shout Outs: Chris Van Schooneveld (Watch DOGS), Stahlke Bus Co, Teachers and paras that are investing on the front end. Several parent emails unsolicited giving high compliments to staff for a strong start to the year.

Katie Thompson reported on behalf of the intermediate school. SBLT: Last meeting debriefed start of year; workshop week (teachers had enough time, paras need more time), Open House (how can we continue to streamline, make less busy), first week (went smoothly). During the next 2-hour late start teachers will work on LETRS, review PLC group work, examining real-time teaching as a collaborative group--extension of their Q-comp groups, review curriculum cycle, look at department tasks and create an action plan to hit goals throughout the year. MTSS: completed FAST screening: Math: 97% complete, 82% proficient; Reading: 98% complete, 85% proficient. MTSS team met to place students in interventions, teachers reviewed individual class results using protocol and analysis to Action. Upcoming events include 6th graders going to Eagle Bluff on Wednesday.

Barry Voight reported on behalf of the high school. Voight recognized several students Joey Lamecker (Nick and Katie Lamecker) - Perfect ACT score!! Justin Noor (Anthony and Suzanne Noor) - National Merit Semi-Finalist (top 16K in the nation); Commended Students (top 50K in the nation) - Joey Lamecker, Mallory Musta, Jack Hohenstein, Drew Nielsen. The SBLT established an ad-hoc committee on grading and diplomas.

B. **Business Manager**

Business Manager **M. Reeder** briefed the school board on finances. Based on the September numbers the district's preliminary enrollment is up by 24 students over what was originally budgeted for in June. The preliminary enrollment is 2,402 students; the district budget for 2,378. The elementary school has 6 more students the intermediate school has 2 more students and the school has 16 more students. The budget will be updated to reflect the new enrollment numbers during the Nov budget revision. In 2023/2024, 46 students transferred from St Max Catholic School. The district retained all 46 students.

C. **Community Ed**

Community Education Director, **E. Erlandson** presented Community Ed updates, ABE and GED: Funding is based on a combination of the school district's resident population and the number of "contact hours," or some hours with students. Contact hours went down last year. Emphasis on finding new ways to reach this population. Partnering with ECFE and other organizations in Delano and surrounding areas. Also, added ESL services in addition to ABE/GED classes. Adult Programs: Adult Enrichment - 1.22% of total registrations. Adult Recreation - 5.98% of total registrations. 7.2% of Total Registrations. Erlandson thanked Schoen, Reeder, Voight, Schultz and Thompson for their work and support. Erlandson accepted a position with the Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose School District.

10. Student Board Representative Reports.

A. Student representative Sophia Grant introduced new representative Logan Wermager. The

representative will focus on getting more student involvement at the high school through listening sessions; connecting the high school to the elementary school and learning more about the student council at the intermediate school

11. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

Board member A. Johnson reported on behalf of MAWSECO. Last month board members toured facilities and discussed recruiting new board members. Sara Black will replace Amy Johnson in December 2024 when Johnson retires from the board.

12. Old Business.

- A. Approve the second read of Policy 503, Student Attendance. Upon a motion by J. Gierke, and seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 503, Student Attendance. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. Approve the second read of Policy 506, Student Discipline. Upon a motion by A. Johnson, and seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 506, Student Discipline. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Approve the second read of Policy 522, Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process. Upon a motion by S. Baker and seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 522, Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Approve the second read of Policy 524, Internet, Technology and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. Upon a motion by R. Schaust and seconded by S. Roeser, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 524, Internet, Technology and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Approve the second read of Policy 613, Graduation Requirements. Upon a motion by J. Gierke and seconded by A. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 613, Graduation Requirements. Motion passed 6-0.
- F. Approve the second read of Policy 709, Student Transportation Safety Policy.. Upon a motion by R. Schaust and seconded by S. Roeser, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 709, Student Transportation Safety Policy. Motion passed 6-0.

13. New Business

- A. Approve the 2024 Pay 2025 Property Tax Levy. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the 2024 Pay 2025 Property Tax Levy. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. Set the Date, Time and Location of the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting. Upon a motion by A. Johnson and seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education Set the Date, Time and Location of the Truth-in-Taxation Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Approve changing the start time of School Board Meetings from 5:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.. Upon a motion by A. Johnson and seconded by S Roeser the Board of Education approved changing the start time of School Board Meetings from 5:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Approve Snow Plowing Vendor for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Plowing Seasons. Upon a motion by S. Roeser and seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the Snow Plowing Vendor for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Plowing Seasons. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Approve the date for the January Organizational Meeting. Monday, Jan. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the district training room. Upon a motion by S. Baker and seconded by S. Roeser, the Board of Education approved the date for the January Organizational Meeting. Monday, Jan. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the district training room. Motion passed 6-0.

13. Public Comment

No public Comments

14. Adjournment

Upon motion made by A. Johnson, seconded by S. Roeser, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER