



Independent School District No. 378



848 Chestnut Street, Dawson, Minnesota 56232

“Small School...Big Opportunities”

School Board Meeting Report - Dawson-Boyd High School February 9, 2026

1. Johnson Memorial Hospital is hosting some Dawson-Boyd students for a Virtual Health Care Career Day on February 12th. We currently have 7 students signed up to attend.

2. Current numbers for our two new ag classes: Precision Ag 10 Ag Business 15

These students attended the Sioux Falls Farm Show on January 30th. It was a very good day - thank you to Mr. Lund for organizing the trip.

3. Two hour late start on January 15th included a presentation from Patrick Walsh from NewTech High regarding shifting towards a personalized learning mindset and practice for our students. His website and podcast information can be found here: <https://newtechhigh25.blogspot.com/>

4. MCA Game Plan Update

- Individual goals will be determined by the end of February and sent home in early March.
- Incentives will be finalized after our two hour late start this month.
- Consistent schedule of practice questions and preparation starting in this month.
- Review test taking tips and strategies leading up to the MCA tests.
- Testing schedule - times, length, place, etc. determined by the end of February. I did get feedback from students via a survey and we will take this information into consideration.

5. Study Buddy time continues on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Most days this time will run from 3:30-6:00 pm. The schedule has been sent home via email.

6. Fastbridge testing for the Winter has been completed for 7th and 8th grade Math students.

Capti testing has been completed for all 7th and 8th grade students and 9-12 grade students who did not meet grade level either by Achieve Lexile or MCA scores.

7. 2026-2027 Schedule is being finalized and registration for students will take place before conferences in March. A couple of changes that will be coming:

- a. We will be “looping” our 9th and 10th grade English and Social Studies courses. The standards and content will be taught to both of these grades in the same year - 9th grade standards one year and then 10th grade standards the following year. This will allow students more flexibility as they will be able to select from 4 class periods to take English or Social Studies instead of 2 periods. This could possibly open up a class period for a student to take an elective.
- b. We will be offering driver’s education classes in our master schedule. This will start next Fall and right now we are looking at trimesters for our 9th graders - one trimester for Driver’s Education, one for Phy Ed and one for Health.

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