

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, Feb. 26, 2024 5:45 p.m.
Delano City Hall
Delano Public Schools
Independent School District #879, Delano, Minnesota

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Record of members present or absent.

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

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Upon motion by S. Roeser seconded by A Johnson, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Work Session

The school board approved extended field trips for Boys LaCrosse, Football, Boys Soccer and Girls Swim. The board reviewed four policies; Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave, Policy 213, School Board Committee, Policy 620, Credit for Learning and Policy 533, Wellness. M. Schoen discussed changing the way student school board representatives are selected. The board agreed a change was needed. B. Dahlke is spearheading a new process. M Reeder presented documentation regarding WTCs Long-Term Facility Maintenance budget. M. Schoen reminded board members about the upcoming strategic planning meetings. W. Sorenson and S. Grant updated the board on activities at DES, DIS and DHS. Events included I Love to Read activities at DIS and DES and getting more involvement in Winterfest at the high school.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review

Melanie Kern's first-grade class recited a reading/rhyme to the board of education.

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by S. Roeser, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. Jan. 22, 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 R. Schaust, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by J. Grieke, seconded by S. Roeser, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent M. Schoen provided district updates. The construction of the new training room in the high school will be completed this summer. The preconstruction meeting for the reconstruction of Tiger Drive is March 4. Construction work will not interfere with July 4 activities. Schoen recognized the school board and the student school board representatives for their work and dedication and presented each an MSBA certificate.

B. Principals

DIS Principal, Katie Thompson

K. Thompson updated the board on SBLT: Working on planning for the remainder of the year and scheduling a work session on April 2 to revisit the goals that were set in the summer and plan for adjustments and improvements for next year. Professional Development: Curriculum time at 2-hour late start, highlight was the DES teacher leading the 4th and 5th grade teachers through their Word Study practices and thinking about how to align them to best practices rooted in the Science of Reading. MTSS: SAEBRS assessment will be given for the second time at March 2-hour late start to see if there were changes since fall. March events include Mental Health Month organized by Nicole Gohman. Congratulations to 9 of the 12, 6th grade teams that advanced from the local History Day competition to Regionals.

High School Principal, Barry Voight

B. Voight provided an update from the high school. Voight noted all of the athletic accomplishments at the high school: Nordic skiers went to state, an all-around gymnast went to state, the science olympiad team went to state, the dance team qualified for state in Kick, the boys swim team sent several swimmers to state and wrestling sent Tate and Cael Olson to state. The SBLT is busy preparing for next year, reviewing the student handbook and budgets. Finals are at the end of Feb and there are two early releases at the high school marking final and the end of trimester 2.

DES Principal, Rachel Schultz

R. Schultz provided an update from the elementary school. Schultz thanked Melanie Kern and her students and parents for presenting to the board. SBLT: working on holiday celebrations, handbook revisions, READ Act PD, the website, the mid-year check and on the SIP Plan. Professional Development on late starts includes working on zones of regulation that complement the Tier 1 SEL, but are also used in Tier 2 and 3 small groups or special education. In March late start work will continue on SAEBRS, MCA Training, and website transitioning. Kindergarten update: there are about 150 kindergarteners projected to start in the fall, based on responses to an initial survey. Roundup will be on March 19 and 21. There will be a presentation to parents, while the kids spend time in the kindergarten classrooms. Monthly celebrations include, I Love to Read Month, staffing, SE Specialist and an Art Program/Fundraiser.

C. Business Manager

Business Manager M. Reeder briefed the board on the budget process and timeline as well as recapped the WTC LTFM plan.

D. Community Ed

Community Education Director, E Erlandson presented community ed updates. Preschool FY25 registration runs through March 5. Spring sports start March 11. The Community Ed brochure will be out in late April. Youth Recreation: the Archery Team had 21 participants, they competed in six tournaments and the State Tournament in Rochester on March 22 and 23 (1,900 students last year). Competitive Gymnastics Team: New Program had eight participants, and they wrapped up their inaugural season sending one gymnast to state.

E. Student School Board

Student representatives, W. Sorenson and S. Grant briefed the board on activities at the elementary school, the intermediate school and the high school. Activities included I Love to Read Month at DIS and DES, and Winterfest at the High school.

10. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

Board member A. Johnson reported on behalf of MAWSECO. During the Jan. meeting, MAWSECO directors talked about the 2024 Legislative Session, the Special Education Workforce, reducing paperwork, and the needs of special education.

B. Safe School

Board Chairperson R. Depa recapped the most recent Safe Schools meeting where the committee heard about crisis counseling and how to utilize the service in schools.

C. Wright Tech Center

Board member J. Gierke reported on behalf of the WTC. WTC Board Members discussed funding for WTC.

D. SEE

Board Chairperson, R. Depa reported on behalf of SEE. SEE is changing its name to SAFF - Schools Advocating For Fair Funding.

11. Old Business.

None

12. New Business

A. Approve the first and only read of Policy 620, Credit for Learning. Upon motion by R. Schaust, seconded by A. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policy 620, Credit for Learning. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Approve the first and only read of Policy 533, Wellness. Upon motion by S. Roeser, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved t the first and only read of Policy 533, Wellness. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Approve the first read of Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave Policy. Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by S. Roeser the Board of Education approved Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave. Motion passed, 5-0.

D. Approve the first read of Policy 213, School Board Committee with the name change of SEE to SAFF. Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 213, School Board Committee with the name change of SEE to SAFF. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Approve rescinding the 2025/2026 school calendar. Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by S. Roeser, the Board of Education approved rescinding the 2025/2026 school calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

14. Public Comment

School patrons are allowed to address the school board regarding concerns that are not on the agenda. All patrons will be asked to state their name and address for the record.

Two public comments: A. Coppin Delano MN regarding the school calendar and J Kazin, Maple Plain, Mn regarding the school calendar.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER