

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, April 28, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
District Training Room
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, J. Moyryla, S. Roeser, S. Baker and C. Black. Absent was J. Gierke.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

3. Work Session

B Voight provided an update on the operations at the high school. MTSS; the high school has seen growth and challenges. WIN time is growing in popularity, staff are asking for more WIN time to address prescribed interventions and reteaching. Staff continues working on eduCLIMBER, which will give the school real-time view of how students are doing and provide early warning signals so intervention can occur sooner than it currently does. Students using cell phones: Staff is discussing changes for next year. Some teachers and administrators may be experiencing implementation fatigue. The new schedule allowed the high school to stretch some positions and increase technology education. PSEO: more students are turning to PSEO for a free college education. PSEO is not for everyone. The school is offering more CIS class opportunities for middle-of-the-road students. Voight asked about moving the 2026 graduation ceremony date. Currently, the ceremony is many days after students are out of school. The board will amend the calendar to reflect the new graduation ceremony date. The public comment period will move to the beginning of the board meeting, after the pledge of allegiance. Every four years, food services has to solicit bids for a food service prime vendor. Upper Lakes is the prime vendor for the next four years. The preliminary FY26 budget will be presented during the May work session. The board would like a spreadsheet with month-to-month finances. S. Baker will sit on the interview committee for the student school board representative. Second read of Policies 213 and 413 reviewed; there were no changes or questions.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review

Dianne Pohlmann, Literacy Coordinator. Pohlmann summarized her first year as the Literacy Coordinator. Implemented Phase 1 on professional development and screening and learned about Phase 2. She created a literacy website to use as a resource for parents and teachers and a local literacy plan. Pohlman trained teachers in LETRS, created a pacing guide to help teachers stay on track, participated in coaching and observations from RTS, offered mini workshops for teachers, pushed into classrooms and met with parents. Pohlmann regularly met with DES and DIS interventionists to look at data and adjust groups or adjust instruction, worked with DES interventionists to develop and refine the assessment plan and developed an intervention bootcamp to implement next September at DES.

Teresa Campbell and Heidi O'Donnel briefed the board about National History Day. All 20 History Day teams competed at the state level. Two teams from the high school and one team from the intermediate school advanced to the national competition held in June in Washington D.C.

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by R. Schaust and seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. March 24, 2025

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, and seconded by J. Moyryla the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by C. Black and seconded by J. Moyryla the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Matt Schoen recognized music teacher Sandy Meyerson for 32 years of service with Delano Public Schools. Meyerson is retiring at the end of the school year.

9. Administrative Reports

Superintendent **M. Schoen** updated the board on the new vision and mission and the core values of a Tiger. The mission and vision align with the district's operational plan.

A. Principals

Barry Voight reported on behalf of the high school. Voight recognized MDE Multilingual seals recipients Mikey Melco, Oscar Munoz Bello and Fabian Maldonado for earning Gold seals - good for three semester courses in the MNSCU system. Voight recognized EL teacher Ana McQueen for encouraging her students to take the test and thanked PIE for sponsoring the test. Voight recognized Oliver Berg and Megan Arneson for advancing to the state meet in Speech, the Theater tech class for creating a revolving stage for the theatre production of Hadestown. Congrats to Alexa Huotari, Oliver Berg and Jacob Werth who have advanced to the National History Day competition. Staffing update (math hired), social studies interviews this week, looking for PE teacher and a LTS in math, and basketball coach. Student handbook changes - minimal (cell phone policy to be reviewed with staff and potential updates, also waiting to see what happens with the legislature). The School Board was invited to Senior Awards Night - 7:30 p.m. on May 7 in the TAC and graduation on June 1, 1:30 p.m.

Katie Thompson reported on behalf of the intermediate school. **SBLT:** Events, planning end of the year. **PD:** SAEBRS, LETRS and Para feedback, training. **MTSS:** SAEBRs data review, FAST data review, intervention effectiveness and placement for next year. **Events:** MCAs, Author visit, James Kennedy, Math Masters--5th, State History Day: seven teams, five honorable mentions, one National Qualifier: Winston Berg, Josen Schwer, Zach Lau.

Rachel Schultz reported on behalf of the elementary school. **SBLT:** Handbook revisions, Parent Pick Up process and expectations, thanks communications coordinator Bobbie Dahlke for her help the process, Watch DOG events, Field Trip Guidelines and Schedules for Summer School **PD:** Planning for next year. Staffing: SpEd position for 25-26, one long term sub position for the fall and a few moves between grade levels. **MTSS:** eduClimber, MCA data review and Data Literacy Training.

B. Business Manager

Business Manager **M. Reeder** briefed the school board on business and finances. The preliminary FY26 budget will be presented in the May work session. The district requested quotes for Food Service Prime Vendors for the next three years. The district is exercising the

option to extend the current bread and milk contracts for another year so the district will not request quotes for the 2025/2026 school year.

C. Community Ed

Interim Community Education Director C. Runke briefed the school board on behalf of community ed. Enrichment: 36 sections of enrichment activities, which have served 90 participants so far. Popular programs were the Tiger Paint Club, Paint with Me Sessions: Heart Trio (for both child and adult participants), and Chess. Trends: interest levels are higher among elementary-level students. Integrating the enrichment program into TKC to increase course exposure and generate interest. TKC: held at the community ed building this summer. There are 238 contracts, comprising 47 preschool and 191 school-age contracts. There are currently 35 on the waitlist. TKC's summer theme is Backyard Expedition.

10. Student Board Representative Reports.

A. No report.

11. Board Reports

A. SAFF

No report.

B. MAWSECO

Board member S. Baker reported on behalf of MAWSECO. Baker talked about MAWSECO facing a hiring challenge - need staff to meet the needs of students. She reviewed policies and noted parents complaints to MDE regarding special needs have skyrocketed.

C. Wright Tech Center.

No report.

D. Safe Schools. Last month was a mental health survey bringing attention to mental health needs.

12. Old Business.

A. Approve the second read of Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave. Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by C. Black the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Approve the second read of Policy 614, School District Testing Plan and Procedure. Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 614, School District Testing Plan and Procedure. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Approve the second read to rescind Policy 617, School District Insurance of Preparatory and High School Standards. Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved the second read to rescind Policy 617, School District Insurance of Preparatory and High School Standards. Motion passed 6-0.

D. Approve the second read of Policy 701, Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget. Upon motion by R. Schaust, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 701, Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget. Motion passed 6-0.

13. New Business

A. Approve FY27 Wright Tech Center LTFM Resolution. Upon motion by C. Black seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved the FY27 Wright Tech Center LTFM Resolution. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Approve the first read of Policy 413, Harassment and Violence, due to substantive changes. Upon a motion by J. Moyryla seconded by S. Baker the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 413, Harassment and Violence, due to substantive changes. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Approve the first and only read of policies 418 Drug Free Workplace, 419 Tobacco-Free Environment, Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco Related Devices and Electronic

Delivery Devices, 301 School District Administration, 302 Superintendent, 303 Superintendent Selection, due to scheduled review. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved Approve the first and only read of policies 418 Drug Free Workplace, 419 Tobacco-Free Environment, Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco Related Devices and Electronic Delivery Devices, 301 School District Administration, 302 Superintendent, 303 Superintendent Selection, due to scheduled review. Motion passed 6-0.

- D. Approve the first read of Policy 213, School Board Committees, due to substantive changes. Upon a motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the first read of Approve the first read of Policy 213, School Board Committees, due to substantive changes. Motion passed 6-0.

14. Public Comment

No public Comments

15. Adjournment

Upon motion made by R. Depa, seconded by J. Moyryla, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER