

Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378

Regular April Board Meeting

April 14, 2025

The regular April meeting of the Board of Education was held on April 14, 2025, in the Dawson-Boyd upstairs common area. Members present were Kelly, Schindler, Marotzke, Schacherer, Bothun, and Lynch, as well as student representative Ochsendorf and administrative staff. Jurgenson was absent. Chair Kelly called the board meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The agenda was amended to move the financials to the end of the meeting for approval and was adopted (Marotzke/Schindler).

The Consent Agenda, the minutes from the Regular March Meeting, and the Special Meeting on March 24, 2025, were approved (Schacherer/Bothun). The financial report and monthly claims and accounts totaling \$630,452.33, \$0 for construction, and \$7,832.14 for student activities were approved as presented. (Marotzke/Schacherer). In staffing matters, the board approved the following hirings: Ken Sather, Assistant Wrestling Coach; Andrea Knutson, MTSS Coordinator- effective April 15, 2025; Loral Webster, 0.25 FTE English Teacher and 0.75 FTE FACS Teacher - effective 2025-2026 school year; Ilse Olson, 3rd Grade Teacher - effective April 15, 2025; Tony Aafedt, Secondary Math Teacher - effective 2025-2026 school year; Kim Lindblad, long term substitute for preschool - spring 2025; and Paige Diekmann, 0.8 FTE Preschool Teacher and 0.2 FTE Substitute Teacher - effective 2025-2026 school year. The board accepted the following resignations: Danielle Adams, daycare, effective April 10, 2025; and Karoline Dahl, C Volleyball Coach, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year (Marotzke/Lynch).

There was nothing in Communications.

In Information Items, Principal Stotesbery discussed the following items: the 2025-2026 class schedule, ACT testing last Wednesday, the upcoming 9th grade field trip to MN West in Canby for the college and career event, the MN Student Survey for 8th, 9th, and 11th grade, upcoming MCA testing, the autism awareness video that was shared with students in Blackjack Advisory, and professional development work on curriculum maps and pacing guides. Athletic Director Stotesbery congratulated the boys basketball team on their state championship, shared that spring sports are starting and that the next month will be extremely busy, thanked Transportation Director Aafedt and his drivers for ensuring everyone is getting where the need to be, shared that HUDL is up and running for softball and baseball and thanked IT Director Ochsendorf for his hard work and thanked Play-By-Play Announcer, Scotty Ireland for his work, congratulated everyone who helped with the past weekend's musical *Guys and Dolls*, congratulated the Robotics team on their invitation to the First World Competition in Houston, TX, discussed the upcoming in-house solo and ensemble contest, and discussed meetings and conversations that are happening with Lac qui Parle Valley High School and Montevideo High School regarding the wrestling team. Principal Hiedeman shared the following highlights: the thriving 5th grade band program, the Math Masters competition, upcoming parent-teacher conferences, kindergarten and preschool registrations, and numbers (kindergarten has 46 students registered, 4-year-old preschool has 40 students registered, and 3-year-old preschool has 36 students registered). Hiedeman said that the last week of the third quarter was crazy, thanked Nurse Prestholdt and HR Coordinator Bachmeier for their work on the staff appreciation week, shared that MCA testing is underway, April's Energy Bus day will be a "kids in the community" event in conjunction with Earth Day and students will be helping with clean-up tasks in the community on Wednesday, and shared about her day with other principals at the capitol. Hiedeman discussed the upcoming Unstoppable Games, field trips, the 4th grade dulcimer residency with Ross Sutter, and teacher

appreciation week is May 5-9. Superintendent Ward began by thanking the board for their hard work and leadership this year and congratulated the boys' basketball team on their state championship. Ward congratulated the cast of *Guys and Dolls* along with the Robotics team. Ward discussed state testing and ACTs, the trip to Costa Rica, staff appreciation week, summer unemployment, and state and national legislative updates.

In Discussion/Approval Items, the board approved the Americorp Site agreement, the Community Response to Opioids Program Grant through Countryside Public Health, the robotics team participation in the First World Competition in Houston, TX, and the summer Education Express program (Marotzke/Bothun).

RESOLUTION #R1-86A NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$25 from Stan and Sharon Menning, \$75 from Roger and Arlyn Swenson, \$100 from Duane and Betty Hastad, \$75 from Brad and Vicki Lundy, \$40 from Tierney Dunnigan, \$100 from Oliver, \$20 from Amanda Bartunek, \$20 from David Bothun, \$50 from Muriel Nirschl, \$100 from Keith and Janet Stratmoen, \$25 from Steve and Laura Menning, \$25 from Pam Kellen, \$25 from Joyce Schiele, \$50 from Stacie Larson, \$50 from Clint and Alisha Schindler, \$10 from Gary and Tobi Kemen, \$40 from Dane and Heidi Prestholdt, \$20 from Bob Nordaune, \$50 from Kevin and Kim Lindblad, and \$500 from Minnwest Bank be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the boys' state basketball team. RESOLUTION #R1-86B NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$500 from Greater Community Credit Union, \$2,000 from FM Bank, \$5500 from Prairie Grain - Clarkfield, \$1,500 from Johnson Memorial Health Services and \$1,000 from Dawson Drug be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used for a fan charter bus for the boys' state basketball games. RESOLUTION #R1-86C NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of a softball pitching machine valued at \$954.92 be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the high school softball program.

In Action items, the board approved the following fundraisers: Nothing Bundt Cakes for daycare, an open house for robotics, donations for robotics, and a vendor fair for Daisy Drakes (Schindler/Bothun). The board approved to reduce the high school counselor/social worker position by 0.25 FTE to a 0.75 FTE position (Schacherer/Schindler). The board also approved going out for milk and bread bids for the upcoming year (Schacherer/Marotzke).

With no further business, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm (Schacherer/Schindler).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk