

Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378
Regular October Board Meeting
October 14, 2025

The regular October meeting of the Board of Education was held on October 14, 2025, in the Dawson-Boyd board room. Members present were Lynch, Bothun, Schacherer, and Kelly as well as administrative staff. Jurgenson, Schindler and Marotzke were absent. Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no public comments. The meeting agenda was approved (Lynch/Bothun).

Regular claims and accounts totaling \$366,588.30, \$975.02 for student activities, and \$0 for the building project were approved as presented. The Board reviewed electronic transfers and state tax payments made in September. Minutes from the September 8, 2025 Regular Board meeting and September 12, 2025 special meeting were approved (Schacherer/Bothun).

RESOLUTION #R1-92 - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$3,900.00 from the Dawson Fire Department, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the ECFE program (\$780.00), Challenge Program (\$1,140.00), Robotics (\$480.00), Ronda Krosch benefit (\$450.000), Dawson Drakes Baseball (\$300.00) and the Volleyball Booster Club (\$750.00). Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schacherer, Lynch, Bothun and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-92A - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$500.00, from the Dawson Area Men's Bible Studies group, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to support the concessions stand. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schacherer, Lynch, Bothun and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-92B - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$2,000.00, from Barbara Torstenson, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the robotics and music programs. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schacherer, Lynch, Bothun and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-92C - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$300.00, given anonymously, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to support the band program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schacherer, Lynch, Bothun and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-92D - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the Governing Board of Dawson-Boyd Secondary supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees (Schacherer/Bothun). Roll call of members voting in favor of the resolution were Schacherer, Lynch, Bothun and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-92E - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the following candidate, Tonya Kelly, who is a current school board member of Dawson-Boyd Public School, be nominated for election to said board of directors for a four-year term, January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2029 (Bothun/Lynch). Roll call of members voting in favor of the resolution were Schacherer, Lynch, Bothun and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes.

In staffing matters, the board approved the resignation of Junior High volleyball coach Rhonda Olson-Nelson, effective October 9, 2025; as well as the following hiring's: Brooke Rossow, Childcare Aide, effective date September 30, 2025; Quinn Larson, Childcare Aide, effective October 15, 2025; Erika Ramirez, .4 Spanish Teacher, effective August 20, 2025; and Ryan Lund, .4 Ag Teacher effective January 5, 2026. Lastly, the board approved an unpaid leave of absence for Pat Halldorson effective immediately through the end of November (Bothun/Lynch). Fundraisers were approved for the Walnut Grove Fudge sales for FCCLA; Online goodies/chocolate bars for Choir; Industrial Arts class for selling various student projects; NHS for a bake sale during parent teacher conferences; a bake sale for Blackjack Childcare; serving breakfast and lunch at a vendor fair for Band; selling admission buttons for the Music Department; selling bracelets for neon nights for NHS; Riverfest carnival for Band; 50/50 raffle for Volleyball; and a serving contest for Volleyball (Lynch/Schacherer).

In information items, English and FACS teacher Loral Webster is organizing a Gingerbread House Challenge for students. She is seeking local businesses interested in supporting the challenge. Students will build and vote on their gingerbread houses, and there will be taste testers. Any leftover supplies will be used for future projects. Allysa Hurley, Orchestral Music and Elementary Classroom Music teacher expressed her ideas in teaming up with the English department for their fall concert, which will have a campfire theme. The orchestra will have a concert on November 13. The elementary concert is under review in order to ensure the program reflects a fair and balanced selection of content. Due to Elementary Principal Amy Hiedeman and HS Principal Ryan Stotesbery being away at conferences, written principal reports were provided. Elementary Principal Amy Hiedeman's report included an enrollment breakdown, with a total of 389 K-6 students. Hiedeman provided updates on hosting preschool screenings, and current openings for full-time and substitute paraprofessionals, and substitute teachers. She concluded her report by highlighting upcoming field trips for preschool through fifth grade. High School Principal Ryan Stotesbery provided a breakdown of current enrollment, noting a total of 271 students. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who helped make Homecoming week a success. He thanked Andrea Knutson and Darla Swedzinski for securing a SHIP grant from Countryside Public Health. Both Stotesbery and Hiedeman are looking forward to the end of the quarter on October 30. Superintendent Holly Ward's report included updates on the new Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) law, completion of her LETRS Administration training, and progress on the MARSS reporting. She noted her anticipation for the Agriculture Reality Fair on November 14, which she has met with PURIS to help develop the program. Additionally, she reported that the district is reviewing football field expenses and has asked the city to research whether a written agreement exists between the school and the city. A District Literacy Lead Stipend amounting to \$3,000 will be given to Amy Hiedeman for her role in curriculum decisions, professional development, and data review related to literacy instruction.

In Discussion/Approval Items, the updated 25-26 School Safety Plan was approved (Schacherer/Bothun). Kindergarten enrollment numbers have reached a level that raises concerns about maintaining appropriate class sizes to ensure a productive learning environment

for teachers and students. The board approved closing the open enrollment for kindergarten for the remaining school year (Bothun/Lynch). Kindergarten open enrollment will reopen for the 2026-2027 school year.

In action items, the board approved Chair Tonya Kelly's continued service as a representative on the SWWC Service Cooperative Board in Marshall (Bothun/Lynch). Two lane changes were approved for Hailey Gritmacker and Anthony Aafedt (Lynch/Bothun). The board approved submission of the MSHSL Form A Grant for the 2025-2026 school year (Schacherer/Bothun). Lastly, the board approved to schedule the annual Truth in Taxation meeting for 6:00pm on Monday, December 8th, 2025 in the Dawson-Boyd Public Schools board room (Schacherer/Bothun).

With no other matters, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm (Schacherer/Bothun).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk