

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
Monday, March. 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m.  
DPS 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 J. Gierke. Absent was C. Black.

**2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

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

**3. Work Session**

J. Gierke arrived at 6 p.m. Representatives for extended field trips to Eagle Bluff 2025, Madrid Spain, Delano Dance Team camp, Football camp and Girls Volleyball tournament in Marshall Mn briefed the board on their requests. Mel Wiese, Food Services Director, updated the board on changes in the lunch room: DES has a self-serve cold bar for fruits and veggies; DIS students can select either a main entree or a sandwich along with as many fruits and veggies as they want. DHS has a new condiment station, salad bar and A La Carte station. Wiese updated the board on new sodium limits, flavored milk, sugar and the recommendations to buy American Provisions. M. Reeder updated the board on the facility improvement projects at WTC and the Establishment and Adoption of the School District Budget. M. Schoen reviewed the changes in Policies 410, 614, 617 and 701. He also provided a summary of Policies 101, 103 and 402. There were not any changes in the policies. The policies were scheduled for a review. Schoen discussed the three-year governance plan created by the board. Schoen discussed scenarios for DPS if the Federal Department of Education is dismantled and funding is cut.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Program Review**

Angie Lauderbaugh, special education supervisor, spoke on behalf of the Special Education program. Students participated in an adaptive floor hockey event and are preparing for Unite 2025, an event that prompts inclusive sports programs for K-12. Lauderbaugh talked about the district's transition to the MTSS model, which emphasizes early intervention. MTSS has led to fewer referrals for certain disabilities, indicating that students are receiving the help they need earlier.

**6. Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by S. Baker and seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. School Board Meeting, Monday, Feb. 24, 2025
2. Special School Board Meeting Monday, March 10, 2025
3. Special School Board Meeting, Monday, March 17, 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 Gierke, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.

## 8. Personnel Matters

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

S. Roeser said Superintendent Matt Schoen met or exceeded the board's expectations in developing emergency procedures, strategic planning and district operations. The board identified communications and overall district process as areas of potential growth.

## 9. Administrative Reports

Superintendent **M. Schoen** updated the board about potential proposals from the governor on Minnesota. The governor suggests reducing library aid in the fiscal year 2024/28 and reducing community ed equalization aid. Districts would levy for funding should they need it. Districts are asking to start school before Labor Day, and the policy bill deadline is April 4. Schoen introduced the new Community Education Director, Abbey Lang. Lang will begin her responsibility on July 1 2024.

### A. Principals

**Katie Thompson** reported on behalf of the intermediate school. **SBLT**: SIP check-in, actions steps: Academics: Continue using process as is, review screening data as it is available, Behavior: Tier 2 implementation, fidelity checks. learning environment: cohesion between Tiger PRIDE traits and Habits of a Scholar-curriculum. Events: planning end of the year. **PD**: 2-hour late start; staff had time for LTRS, Vertigo Training FAST data review (intervention planning and growth analysis). **MTSS**: SAEBRs Screener next month. Events: Give Back Week: raising money for RMH, LLS-record-breaking year for pop tab collection. Speaker Bill Deering this Thursday and MCAs in April.

**Rachel Schultz** reported on behalf of the elementary school. **SBLT**: Mid-year review of their plan, checking progress on meeting their goals. SAEBRs screening aligns strongly with our SST process. SLBT is making handbook revisions and planning for the August Retreat Day. **PD**: LETRS - TDEP, Educlimber, training and FAST Certification **Events**: Kindergarten Round Up - Tuesday and Thursday this past week and we have about 150 students registered. Tiger Fun Fair - thank you to PIE for making that happen. Upcoming events include preparing for MCAs, the Art Fair on April 24 and the Tiger Dash on May 3.

**Barry Voight** reported on behalf of the high school. Voight recognized student **Mike Simons**, who won the welding contest at AWS "Behind the Mask" at St. Paul College, which is the state's largest welding contest. Technical colleges across the state were in attendance. Competition was based on timed welding tests on four different disciplines. Competing with 120 college students, Mike Simons, a Delano student, took 1st place in TIG. Voight introduced Emily Walters as an Administrator Intern. **SBLT**: 6th grade transition meeting - hosted 6th graders and their parents on March 18, provided information and self-guided tours. Staff is looking forward to welcoming them back during the August Open House and pending the evolution of our Tiger Tracks program. The PAC meetings are a great way to get on the same page with the coach's expectations and the role of student athletes. MCA Testing is coming - Baughman figured out the schedule and is working with staff - staff are incentivizing. Staff is working on handbook changes, next year's WIN Schedule and the Master Schedule.

### B. Business Manager

Business Manager **M. Reeder** briefed the school board on business and finances. Reeder and Scheon will meet to discuss the budget projection model results. The district has advertised for the Food Service Prime Vendor; quotes are due April 21 at 1 p.m. Currently, the district uses Upper Lakes as the Prime Vendor. The district will be going out for Bread and Milk quotes this year. The process will begin in April and the vendors will be approved at the May

Board Meeting. If meal prices for adults, second meals, need to increase, it will be discussed at the May Board Meeting.

**C. Community Ed**

Interim Community Education Director C. Runke briefed the school board on behalf of community ed. A primary goal of Community Education (CE) is to encourage people to visit the facilities and explore what the District has to offer. The pool has been utilized for 1,304 hours during the summer and through this point of the school year. This usage accounts for 44% of the pool's total available hours. At the beginning of the school year, a long-time fitness instructor decided to step away from teaching. CE is communicating with an individual who is interested in offering an adult fitness class this summer. CE has been working hard to reestablish swimming lessons in Delano. It is a slow and ongoing process. CE is recruiting water safety instructors (WSI) and a Pool Manager to oversee lessons.

**10. Student Board Representative Reports.**

- A. Student representatives Sophia Grant and Logan Wermager presented student reports. Timmy the Dreamer was a guest speaker at DHS during Mental Health Awareness Month. The reps met with seniors to get their perspective on the Delano Experience. Reps met with DIS student council and are working on ways to get more NHS students involved at DIS.

**11. Board Reports**

- A. SAFF  
Board member R. Depa reported on behalf of SAFF. During the February meeting, SAFF discussed possible Legislative mandates.
- B. MAWSECO  
Board member S. Baker reported on behalf of MAWSECO. Baker recognized Angi Lauderbaugh for her dedication to Special Education. MAWSECO is 50 years old this year. MAWSECO is aware of the issues legislative advocacy leaders are encountering and they support their efforts.
- C. Wright Tech Center. J. Gierke reported on behalf of WTC. At the most recent meeting, the board discussed offering the Superintendent position to a candidate. The floors and the roof at Wright Tech are concerning and need to be replaced.

**12. Old Business.**

- A. Approve the second read to reinstate the 2020 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, due to a Federal Court order. Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by J. Moyryla the Board of Education approved the second read to reinstate the 2020 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, due to a Federal Court order. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. Approve rescinding the 2024 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, due to a Federal Court order. Upon motion by R. Schaust, seconded by R. Depa the Board of Education approved rescinding the 2024 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, due to a Federal Court order. Motion passed 6-0.

**13. New Business**

- A. Strategic Plan. Upon a motion by J. Gierke, seconded by J. Gierke the Board of Education approved the Strategic Plan. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Approve extended field trips for Eagle Bluff, Madrid Spain, Delano Dance Team camp (Iowa), Football camp (Duluth), and Girls Volleyball (Marshall). Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by S. Baker the Board of Education approved the extended field trips for Eagle Bluff, Madrid Spain, Delano Dance Team camp (Iowa), Football camp (Duluth), and Girls Volleyball (Marshall). Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Approve the first and only read of Policy 101, Legal Status of Delano ISD School District. Policy 103, Complaints-Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons and Policy 402, Disability NonDiscrimination Policy, due to the review schedule. Upon a motion by J.

Moyryla, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policy 101, Legal Status of Delano ISD School District. Policy 103, Complaints-Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons and Policy 402, Disability NonDiscrimination Policy, due to the review schedule. Motion passed 6-0.

- D. Approve the first read of Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave. Upon a motion by J. Gierke, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Approve the first read of Policy 614, School District Testing Plan and Procedure. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 614, School District Testing Plan and Procedure. Motion passed 6-0.
- F. Approve the first read to rescind Policy 617, School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards. Upon a motion by S. Baker, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education, approved the first read to rescind Policy 617, School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards. Motion passed 6-0.
- G. Approve the first read of Policy 701, Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 701, Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget. Motion passed 6-0.

**14. Public Comment**

No public Comments

**15. Adjournment**

Upon motion made by S. Baker, seconded by R. Depa, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke  
RECORDER