

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
Monday, June 23, 2025, 5:30 p.m.  
Tiger Den  
**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 members: J. Gierke.

**2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

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

**3. Work Session**

R. Schultz, K. Thompson and B. Voight provided an update from DES, DIS and DHS and answered questions. HS: staff is spending time learning how to use all of the features of eduClimber. The high school met its FAST goals. ES: staff successfully kicked off and implemented LTRS training. IS: DIS met its academic goals. Next year, they will focus on interventions and collaboration with special education teachers. M. Schoen reviewed several policies. There were no changes to the policies. The tennis court light project, a partnership with the city of Delano, is progressing. Legislative update: because Labor Day is later in Sept. 2026 and 2027, schools in Minnesota can start school before Labor Day. Delano will start before Labor Day in 2026 and 2027. Student Support and Library Aid will diminish in 2027. The Board will need to approve the yearly MSHL Resolution during the agenda.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Public Comment**

No public comments

**6. Program Review**

Megan Gibas and Maria Menz briefed the board on the success of QComp this past year. The presentation is included in the minutes. From pre-elementary to graduation, all of the QComp goals were met. Students are understanding central concepts and improving in comprehension. At the high school QComp is aligning summative assessments with updated student information. Looking ahead, QComp will focus on professional development.

**7. Consent Agenda**

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

A. School Board Minutes

1. May 19, 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

**8. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts**

Upon motion by R. Depa, and seconded by J. Gierke the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.

## **9. Personnel Matters**

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

## **10. Administrative Reports**

Superintendent M. Schoen updated the board on the vision and mission and the core values. Presentation is included in the meeting minutes. No change to formula inflationary factors. Special education transportation reimbursement is reduced by \$43 million in FY26-27 and \$48 million in FY28-29. Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education was established to find \$250 million in savings in FY28-29 or commensurate reductions will be made in special education cross-subsidy aid. School library aid is reduced by \$19.6 million in FY26-27 and \$22 million in FY28-29. School lunch reimbursement is reduced by \$13.4 million in FY28-29 Legislative update. Special session policy update: Allows districts to begin the school year on Sept. 1, or later for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years only. Renames Literacy Incentive Aid to Literacy Aid and allows literacy aid to be used to meet the requirements and goals of a district's local literacy plan instead of a list of allowable uses. Expanded flexibility in the uses of food service funds.

### **A. Principals**

**Barry Voight** reported on behalf of the high school. Voight recognized A. Huotari on her 6th Place success at the National History Day Competition. Huotari is the first Delano student to place at the National level! FAST Testing; the percentage of current 7th through 10th graders who took the aReading FAST test in spring 2024 and achieved a Low Risk or College Pathway score. Scores improved from 82.3% in the fall to 83.3% in the spring 2025. Reading - 86.3% (7 - 86; 8 - 84; 9 - 87; 10 - 82). Math - 89% (7 - 89; 8 - 87; 9 - 93; 10 - 87). PSEO DATA - 484 grades - 12% no pass (D - WD). In-school students, 20,651 grades (5% no pass). **Cell Phone Rules** - changed offenses (escalated first offense to be confiscation for the day - no longer 18 freebies).

**Katie Thompson** reported on behalf of the intermediate school. **MTSS:** 24-25 Academic Goals Achievement: Math Goal: FAST Math increased from 82.6% in the Fall of 2024 to 83.1% in the Spring of '25. Goals were met, scoring at 86% low risk or college pathway (exceeded the goal by 3%). Reading goal increased from 83.7% in spring of 2024 to 84.2% in spring of 2025 on FAST aRead assessment. Goals were met, scoring at 86% low risk or college pathway (exceeded the goal by a little less than 2%). **SBLT:** In August, SBLT will work on the 25-26 SIP and will base this year's work on the Action Cards created earlier this month as part of our strategic vision process. **Summer Updates:** Staffing is complete, a behavior interventionist was hired in early June. Working on cleaning and minor building maintenance in preparation for the new school year. Thompson thanked Mike and Joe. Student schedules mostly complete. Thompson thanked Mel, Megan and Greg.

**Rachel Schultz** reported on behalf of the elementary school. **SBLT:** Strategic planning/SIP alignment - action cards. School Wide Expectations-back to school and monthly celebrations/check ins. **ESY and Summer School:** Begins July 8 with 100 students for summer school and ESY in grades PK-4. Hiring: complete as of today. Hired a K teacher and SpEd teacher that will be split between DES/DIS. Emily Hilbelink will be joining Community Ed. as a Parent Educator and supporting Tier 1 Behavior supports one day a week at DES. FAST/QComp: 2nd/3rd grade aReading 74.5% - goal Met! K/1-Early Math.Kindergarten Spring - 96% Low and Some Risk. First Grade Spring - 86% Low and Some Risk. Early Reading-Kindergarten Spring - 92% Low and Some Risk-First Grade Spring - 85% Low and Some Risk.

### **B. Business Manager**

Business Manager **Mary Reeder** briefed the school board on business and finances. Reeder presented the FY26 budget.

**C. Community Ed**

Interim Community Education Director, **Chris Runke** briefed the school board on behalf of community ed. **TAC/Facilities:** At the Tiger Activity Center, attendance continues to trend upward compared to last summer. TAC continues seeing over 100 check-ins by 3 p.m. through the middle of June! TAC attendance is dependent on the weather. Facilities: the courts are active with summer camps, the fields are busy hosting youth leagues, and the stages are busy with arts and dance programs. This level of activity is expected to continue for the next month and a half before we transition into fall camp preparations. Preschool: in the process of hiring for two open preschool teaching positions. TKC- 211 students enrolled; 42 preschool students and 169 School-Age.

<b>Youth Enrichment</b>	558	409
<b>Youth Recreation</b>	1791	1211
<b>Aquatics</b>	116	59
<b>Adult Rec</b>	39	33
<b>Adult Enrichment</b>	1	1
	2,505	1,713

**11. Board Reports**

**A. MAWSECO**

Board member S. Baker reported on behalf of MAWSECO. Minutes are attached to the agenda.

**B. Wright Tech**

No report.

**12. Old Business.**

- A. Approve the second read of Policy 501, School Weapons. Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 501, School Weapons. Motion passed 6-0.

**13. New Business**

- A. Approve the 2025-2026 Original Budget. Upon a motion by S. Baker, seconded by R. Depa the Board of Education approved the 2025-2026 Original Budget. Motion passed, 6-0.
- B. Approve the FY27 LTFM 10 year Plan Resolution. Upon a motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved the FY27 LTFM 10 year Plan Resolution. Roll call vote 6-0.
- C. Approve the Revised FY2026 LTFM Expenditure Application - 0% increase budget categories updated. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the Revised FY2026 LTFM Expenditure Application -0%. Motion passed, 6-0.
- D. Approve the TDE. Upon a motion by S. Baker, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the TDE. Motion passed, 6-0.
- E. Approve the 2025/2026 Student Handbooks for DES, DIS and DHS. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the 2025/2026 Student Handbooks for DES, DIS and DHS. Motion passed, 6-0.
- F. Approve the Resoulution to Limit the Enrollment of Nonresident Pupils During the 2025/2026 School Year. Upon a motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the Resoulution to Limit The Enrollment of Nonresident Pupils during the 2025/2026 School Year. Roll call vote passed, 6-0.

- G. Approve the Resolution certifying the population estimate for the 2025 Payable 2026 Levy of Delano Public Schools ISD 879. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the Resolution certifying the population estimate for the 2025 Payable 2026 Levy of Delano Public Schools ISD 879. Roll call vote passed, 6-0.
- H. Approve the Surplus Property Items for Disposal/Sale. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Surplus Property Items for Disposal/Sale. Motion passed 6-0.
- I. Approve the first and only reads of Policies 523, Policies Incorporated by Reference and 525, Violence Prevention -[Applicable to Students and Staff] due to non-substantive changes. Upon a motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the first and only reads of Policies 523, Policies Incorporated by Reference and 525, Violence Prevention -[Applicable to Students and Staff] due to non-substantive changes. Motion passed, 6-0.
- J. Approve the first and only read of Policies 427, Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers; 510, School Activities; 526, Hazing Prohibition; and 527, Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections and Searches due to scheduled reviews. Upon a motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policies 427, Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers; 510, School Activities; 526, Hazing Prohibition; and 527, Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections and Searches due to scheduled reviews. Motion passed 6-0.
- K. Approve the Tennis Court Lights Installation project. Upon a motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the Tennis Court Lights Installation project. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **15. Adjournment**

Upon motion made by S. Baker, seconded by J. Moyryla, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke  
RECORDER