

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, May 19, 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, C. Black and J. Gierke.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Upon motion by J. Gierke and seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Work Session

R Schultz provided an update on the operations at the elementary school. **FAST Update** - Fall to Spring (2nd/3rd) CBM - Biggest indicator of reading progress and dyslexia screener; 2nd - 63% - 74%, 3rd - 68% - 75%. aReading; reading fluency, comprehension and vocabulary: 2nd - 71% - 74%. 3rd - 75% - 75%. aMath: measure general math, 2nd - 73% - 81%, 3rd - 79% - 78%. Pick up/Drop Off - unexpected positive - community building and relationships between families, staff and kids. Playing on the playground, connecting. Field Trips - guidelines and clear expectations for parents who are chaperones. Principals Voight, Schultz and Thompson discussed changes to the school handbooks. Minor words were changed for consistency across all buildings. K Thompson and S Bersie presented the TDE Manual and answered questions. The 2023-25 TDEC and DPS have jointly developed the Delano TDE to satisfy the requirements of Minnesota Statute 122A.40 Subd. 8 and this 2025 revision includes requirements to satisfy Minnesota Statute 122A.41 Subd. 5. Revised [Standards of Effective Practice](#) for teachers were introduced by PELSB in 2023. Delano's TDE committee is a combination of administrative team representatives and teacher representatives-including Q-comp took on the task of updating our current Formal Observation framework to include the necessary components of the new SEPs. The requirement for integration of new SEPs is that each standard is included somewhere in the observation process, not necessarily each sub-standard. The process: Crosswalk our current rubric, the new SEPs and the Danielson Framework for Teaching. They worked to be sure all elements were incorporated while still creating a document that was useful and manageable for teachers and administrators. The final copy includes three domains for the actual classroom observation with other elements integrated into the pre- and post- conference portions of the formal observation process. The final copy also includes "look fors" to help guide observers and provide consistency in implementation of the rubric. Next steps will include introduction of the document to staff during workshop week and ongoing revision of the rubric as needed by the team after it has been implemented for a year or so. The MSHL Resolution was discussed - no questions. Schoen suggested the board pass a resolution limiting the number of non resident pupils for the school year 2025/26. Information regarding the FY 26 preliminary budget was shared, as was an LTFM Revenue and Expense Summary. The board reviewed Policy 501 and discussed possible dates for a board retreat. A motion to recess was made by Baker and seconded by Moyryla, vote 7-0. Recess time was 7:02 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comment

No public comments

6. Program Review

Maggie Olson provided an overview of the early childhood family education program. More parents are participating in the ECFE programs due to creative parent and child learning and growing opportunities.

7. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by R. Schaust and seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. April 21, 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 7-0.

9. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by R. Black and seconded by J. Moyryla the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 7-0.

10. 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 parent volunteer Maria Nellis who has just completed her 20 year tenure on DHS PIE. Partners in Education (PIE) is a parent organization that looks to support our staff and students...they support field trips, staff appreciation, and classroom requests that go above and beyond what the typical instructional budget will support. Wednesday, May 8 was Senior Awards Night. HS handed out more than \$110,000 worth of scholarships on behalf of local organizations and DASA (Delano Area Scholarship Association). Some other recent High School News: April/May are big months for testing. DHS completed all of the MCA testing as well as AP testing in several disciplines. The last of the FAST testing will be occurring soon with 7-10th grade math and reading testing taking place in their respective classes and make ups happening during WIN time. DHS has implemented the last round of SAEBRs/MySAEBRs testing which them understand the Social, Emotional and Behavioral needs of students. **SBLT (Site Based Leadership Team)** is making adjustments to the WIN/Advisory schedule for the 2025-26 school year. DHS will move WIN/Advisory to the middle of the day, specifically after period 4. Advisory time will be used for Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for 7-9 students and Career/college planning for our 10-12 students. Students had a soft launch of the Xello platform, which is a new program mainly for our 9-12 students. Graduation is Sunday, June 2.

Katie Thompson reported on behalf of the intermediate school. **Staffing Updates:** 4th grade: offer accepted Music: Behavior Intervention and Sped. **SBLT:** MCA, initial data review and observations. Slight decrease from last year, same number of opt outs with a few more who could not finish due to timing of the test with Spring and Easter break. Well above state average: Reading, -4% from last year. Overall: 75.6% (2024: 79.4%). 2024 State Average: 49.9%. Math, -3% from last year. Overall: 69.4% (2024: 72.9%). 2024 State Average: 45.5%. **PD:** Late start (this week), LETRS, FAST data review, intervention placement, Para PD session. **MTSS:** FAST aMath, T3: 86% College Pathway or Low Risk, up 4% from T1 (goal met). FAST aRead T3: 86% College Pathway or Low Risk, up 1% from T1 (goal met). DIS is looking at intervention effectiveness and placement for next year. **Events:** MCA Brain Freeze, Brain Break--Thank you PIE. Track and Field--Rescheduled for

this week, Talent Show. 5th gr Saints Game--Choir performing tomorrow. 6th grade Homesteading Wastewater Treatment Plant, RAD Zoo and Valley Fair.

Rachel Schultz reported on behalf of the elementary school. **Site Base Update:** Highlights of the year - celebrated at our end of year staff meeting. Pick up/Drop Off - unexpected positive - community building and relationships between families, staff and kids. Playing on the playground, connecting with each other. Field Trips - guidelines and clear expectations for parents who are chaperones. **Upcoming events:** PE Game Day - postponed to Friday, May 23; 2nd/3rd grade concerts; K-1 Field Trips; 3rd graders head to DIS to check out the building they will be a part of next year; All school picnic on May 27.

B. Business Manager

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

C. Community Ed

Interim Community Education Director **C. Runke** briefed the school board on behalf of community ed. Preschool Registration is currently open. Recreation and Sports; wrapping up the 7th & 8th-grade Spring Sports Seasons. 7th and 8th-grade Softball and Baseball ended their seasons last week and Golf had their last match scheduled for earlier today. Runke shared two messages CE received from parents: Regarding 7th-Grade Baseball, "I just had to share this with you... as a mom of the opposing team, but an avid Delano Tigers fan. Andy- I was so impressed with the coaching, culture, and experience you have established for the 7th-grade baseball team. The team was engaged and responsive to your feedback. Process and progress were addressed and celebrated. And they seemed to be genuinely enjoying the opportunity to play baseball under your leadership. Thank you for your work and all you do for our student athletes!" Regarding 7/8th-grade Softball - Coach Paul Walsh: "The girls all seem to be having so much fun, have won all their games so far, and the biggest thing: (especially for 13 and 14 year olds)- they really seem to listen and respect him. Coaching is a thankless and time-consuming job, and especially at the junior high level, you never know how it's going to go. I can't tell you how thrilled we are that the girls got a knowledgeable coach who wants all of the girls to do well, have fun, and continue their love of the game."

11. Student Board Representative Reports.

Sophia Grant and Logan Wermager presented the board the work they did throughout the year. The presentation is attached to the agenda.

12. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

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

B. Wright Tech Center.

J. Gierke briefed the board on Wright Tech. An Executive Director was selected. Minutes are attached to the agenda.

13. Old Business.

- A.** Approve the second read of Policy 413, Harassment and Violence, due to substantive changes. Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 413, Harassment and Violence, due to substantive changes. Motion passed 7-0.
- B.** Approve the second read of Policy 213, School Board Committees, due to substantive changes. Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by S. Baker the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 213, School Board Committees, due to substantive changes. Motion passed 7-0.

14. New Business

- A. Approve Food Service Prime Vendor. Upon motion by R. Schaust, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the Food Service Prime Vendor. Motion passed 7-0.
- 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 7-0.
- C. Approve amending the 2025/26 school calendar to change graduation from June 7 to May 31, 2026. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved amending the 2025/26 school calendar to change graduation from June 7 to May 31, 2026. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. Approve the first read of Policy 501, School Weapons. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 501, School Weapons, due to substantive changes. Motion passed 7-0.

15. Adjournment

Upon motion made by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER