

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Tiger Den, Delano High School
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, J. Gierke, S. Baker, S. Roeser. Absent was C. Black for the work session. C Black was present for the School Board Meeting.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

3. Work Session

During the July School Board Work Session, the school board authorized the district to explore options for improving the existing community education (CE) building. In collaboration with Wold Architects and Engineers, the district is in the early stages of evaluating three options: (1) renovate the existing facility, (2) pursue a referendum to purchase land and construct a new building, or (3) partner with the City of Delano to develop a shared site and infrastructure. The Board worked with Ray Queener on a Governance Plan. The board will continue creating and discussing the plan. J Monke and L Westphal updated the policies. Westphal explained that the district is aligned with the Literacy and Read Act Policy. FAST tests are approved by MDE and are aligned with the timelines of the new Literacy and Read Act Policy. Monke discussed the first read of policies 618, 624, 534, 621. The first and only reads of 517, 528, 529, 611, 701.1, 702. 703, 705, 706, 801, 805 due to nonsubstantive changes and policies 531, 518, 532, and 533 due to review schedule.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Program Review

Superintendent M. Schoen discussed the strategic plan. Schoen presented the descriptions of the desired daily experiences for staff, students and parents. He explained the district's and the classroom Theories of Action and the four major strategic directions from the district's strategic plan.

7. Consent Agenda

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

A. School Board Minutes

1. July 28, 2025, School Board Meeting Minutes

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. Schaust, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 7-0.

9. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by S. Baker seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 7-0.

10. Administrative Reports

Superintendent M. Schoen briefed the board on the success of the new teacher week. Sixteen new teachers attended four days of training. New teachers met their mentors, district staff and got a tour of Delano.

A. Principals

Rachel Schultz reported on behalf of the elementary school. **Summer School Program:** Goal is to maintain progress made over the course of the school year to reduce the summer slide going into fall. Shultz recognized Lora Voight as the summer school supervisor. Emily Walters was the admin intern and did a great job supporting and learning alongside Lora. Custodians did a great job getting our building ready for teachers and continue to get things ready for our families next week. Site Base Planning Day: Value in teams, action cards and CIP. Popsicles with the Principals - Aug. 19. Schultz thanked the Delano Education Foundation for sponsoring this and Mel Weise for ordering popsicles. Workshop Week: four new staff, TDE updated rubric, FAST Certification, De-escalation Training and LETRS training. Enrollment numbers for the 25-26 School Year: Seven sections of K - 157/156; 7 sections of 1- 163/177; Eight sections of 2 - 181/185; Eight sections of 3 - 186/194. Current enrollment at DES 687. Average class sizes are 22-24 students per teacher. First PIE Event - Outdoor Movie Night - Friday, Sept. 12.

Katie Thompson reported on behalf of the intermediate school. Summer SBLT Strategic Planning Day was 8/14/25. The team refined action cards related to CIP. Worked on curriculum, interventions, building safety and security procedures and creating a multi-grade Tiger Time. Enrollment updates: 575 (556 last year, increase of 19 students). This year DIS added 28 new students, last year they added 20. This year DIS had 9 withdrawals, compared to last year they withdrew 5. Enrollment numbers: 4th-199 (8 sections), 5th-182 (7 sections), 6th-194 (7 sections). Staffing updates: Hoping to recruit Math Corp Tutor, in need of one para. Events and Recognitions: STEP, 2nd annual--Jess Benker, Stu Cabe, great way to welcome 4th grade. Finishing updates to SpEd area. Thompson thanked the Custodial, IT, and office teams for the work they do over the summer to prepare for the school year.

Barry Voight reported on behalf of the high school. 2025-26 Best High Schools - US News and World Report #59 in MN according to their metrics. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of staff and school community. Welcomed new staff today at the high school: Tyler Wiens - math, Justin Klepel - math, Ashlyn Mattson - math, Molly Beaton - social studies, Cody Richardson - PE/para, Katie Larson - EL, Kristina Adickes - para, Trina Sachs - para, Marisa Samuelson - health office aide. SBLT retreat on August 14; a lot of work coordinating efforts around the new strategic plan for continuous improvement. Direction this year: Class meetings for 7/8th grade, Tiger Tracks Induction Program, AI Strategies and Policy, Data Driven Decision Making, Profile of a Graduate, Coach development and evaluation. All are aligned with the updated strategic directions as adopted by the board this summer. Open house on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. New student information session at 5:30 p.m.

B. Business Manager

Business Manager, **M. Reeder** briefed the school board on the preliminary budget and fund balances. The report is attached to the minutes in the district office.

C. Community Ed

Community Education Director, **A. Lang** presented Community Ed updates. Wrapped up

TCK summer session with “last day, drink day” (42 drinks delivered). Workshop week: welcoming two ECFE teachers, two preschool teachers, one parent educator and one classroom assistant. This year’s theme: What’s Your Impact? Currently working with the team to brainstorm additional ways to bring impact into our programs and throughout the year. Launching into orientation next Tuesday/Wednesday with the first day of preschool next Thursday. TKC fall session starts on Tuesday. The first day of ECFE is the week of the 15th. First Advisory Council meeting coming up early September. CE is excited to continue developing its CPI and working to ensure goals are aligned with the strategic directions. Action cards will support their work and the impact on students, staff and the community.

11. Board Reports

A. Wright Tech Center

Board member Jim Gierke reported on behalf of WTC. Wright Tech had its first board meeting with the new superintendent. They hired a construction instructor and a math teacher.

12. Old Business

- A. Approve the second read of Policy 418, Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School. Upon motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 418, Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Approve the second of Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records. Upon motion by R. Schaust, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records. Motion passed 7-0.
- C. Approve the second read of Policy 516, Student Medication and Telehealth. Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 516, Student Medication and Telehealth. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. Approve the second read of Policy 602, Organization of School Calendar and School Day. Upon motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 602, Organization of School Calendar and School Day. Motion passed 7-0.
- E. Approve the second read of Policy 709, Student Transportation Safety Policy. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 709, Student Transportation Safety Policy. Motion passed 7-0.
- F. Approve the second read of Policy 802, Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 802, Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material. Motion passed 7-0.
- G. Approve the second read of Policy 807, Crisis Management. Upon a motion by S Baker, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the second read of Policy 807, Crisis Management. Motion Passed 7-0.

13. New Business

- A. Approve the adoption of the new K-12 Math Curriculum. Upon a motion by R Schaust, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved adoption of the new K-12 Math Curriculum. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Approve the first and only read of Policies 517 Student Recruiting, 528 Student Parental, Family and Marital Status Nondiscrimination, 529 Staff Notification, 611 Home Schooling, 701.1 Modification of School District Budget, 702 Accounting, 703 Annual Audit, 705 Investments, 706 Acceptance of Gifts, 801 Equal Access to Facilities of Secondary Schools and 805 Waste Reduction and Recycling due to nonsubstantive changes. Upon a motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved Approve the first and only read of Policies 517 Student Recruiting, 528 Student Parental, Family and Marital Status

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- C. Approve the first and only read of Policy 518 DNR-DNI Orders, 531 The Pledge of Allegiance, 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Team to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds, and 533 Wellness due to the review schedule. Upon a motion by R. Depa, and seconded by S. Baker the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policy 518 DNR-DNI Orders, 531 The Pledge of Allegiance, 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Team to Remove Students with IEP's from School Grounds, and 533 Wellness due to the review schedule. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. Approve the first read of Policy 534, Unpaid Meal Charges. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 534, Unpaid Meal Charges, with the removal of Section I, Article 2. Motion passed 7-0.
- E. Approve the first read of Policy 618, Assessment of Student Achievement. Upon a motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the first read Policy 618, Assessment of Student Achievement. Motion passed 7-0.
- F. Approve the first read of Policy 621, Literacy and READ Act. Upon a motion by R. Depa and seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 621, Literacy and READ Act. Motion passed 7-0.
- G. Approve the first read of Policy 709, Student Transportation Safety Policy. Upon a motion by S. Roeser, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 709, Student Transportation Safety Policy. Motion passed 7-0.
- H. Approve the first read of Policy 624, Online Instruction. Upon a motion by C. Black, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 624, Online Instruction. Motion passed 7-0.

14. Adjournment

Upon motion made by R. Schaust, seconded by S. Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER