

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, Feb. 24, 2024, 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, C. Black, S. Baker. and J. Gierke.

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 7-0.

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. Ray Queener reviewed the comments from the community regarding the drafts of the mission and vision statements. The board deliberated on the comments and felt the words they chose in the draft encompass the comments from the community. Due to state mandates the board will vote on rescinding the 2024 version of Policy 522 Title IX and vote on reinstating the 2020 version of Policy 522 Title IX. M Schoen updated the board on new security procedures at the high school and at the Tiger Activity Center. Schoen, Thompson and B. Dahlke are working with the architects of the intermediate school building and are considering security improvements. J Gierke arrived at 6 p.m. K. Thompson gave an in-depth update on the Intermediate School. Things that are working well at the intermediate school include the implementation of and support of FAST data and security measures. Student math proficiency since the fall has improved and reading proficiency has declined by .02 percent. The consistent security measures at all building levels is working well at DIS. Challenges at DIS include scheduling the staff with the number of students in the classrooms. Hiring and retaining Special Education teachers has been a challenge. The school is reconfiguring some rooms to better utilize the physical space at DIS. Thompson briefed the board on professional development and LTRS training and on the success of I Love to Read Month. The board recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review

I Love to Read month, Rachel Schultz. Schultz showed a video featuring the I Love to Read activities, and students from the elementary school shared how much they like to read and why they read.

6. Consent Agenda

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

A. School Board Minutes

1. Jan. 27, 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

7. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts

Upon motion by C. Black, and seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Personnel Matters

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

9. Administrative Reports

Superintendent **M. Schoen** updated the board about some new Legislative Bills that are being discussed: A bill eliminating the requirement for every student to complete Algebra II and adding a personal finance course as a qualifying math credit for graduation; the District's requirement to adopt policies and processes to assist parents who require language assistance; and a bill requiring public high schools to participate in the direct admissions program.

A. Principals

Katie Thompson reported on behalf of the intermediate school. **SBLT**: Feedback on principal, looking at year-end dates and plans. **PD**: 2-hour late start, staff had time for LETRS, FAST data review (intervention planning and growth analysis). **MTSS**: FAST scores: Reading: Fall 85%, Winter 83% (-2) and Math: Fall 82%, Winter 87% (+5). Events: Ice fishing was a big success. Wednesday students are going to Powder Ridge. 5th grade is going to Biztown after break. I Love to Read events included cozy days, book trivia and a Book Fair.

Rachel Schultz reported on behalf of the elementary school. **SBLT**: Parent drop off/pick up at unassigned locations continues to be a problem. The district is brainstorming on solutions. Working on Handbook Revisions, FAST certification and Mid Year Check in SIP Plan. **PD**: LTRS training and zones of regulation refreshers, SAEBRS results, Educclimber training and Math Curriculum Adoption. **Summer School**: Getting staff solidified and student recommendations. The summer school program focuses on maintaining gains met during the year, not closing the gap. **Kindergarten**: About 140 kindergarteners based on responses to our initial survey. Round Up is on March 18 and 20. Teachers and paras signed up to help with the event and Paul and Rachel will present to the parents, while the kids spend time in the kindergarten classrooms. Celebrations/Success: **Book Fair**: Schultz thanked Jennah Verhey and Jill York for their work, Books and BINGO, and Reading Carnival. Conferences had a 97% attendance rate.

Barry Voight reported on behalf of the high school. Voight recognized student successes: Cora Hinkle participated in the State Gymnastics meet this past week, Tate Olson will compete at the state wrestling competition, Boys and Girls basketball and boys swim/dive all compete in sections this week. **Activities**: PAC meeting on March 18 and a transition meeting for our incoming 6th graders on March 18. The registration process is completed and Voight is working with department leaders to assign the appropriate number of sections so the master scheduling process can begin. Administrators are looking at alternative education to see how it can be improved as part of the continuous improvement process. **SBLT**: Continuing work to allocate PD funds and finalize the 25-26 school year budget. Continued discussions regarding changes to the student handbook.

B. Business Manager

Business Manager **M. Reeder** briefed the school board on business and finances. Reeder is updating the district's budget Projection Model. The preliminary fiscal year 2026 budget will be shared with the board during the May work session and the final FY26 original budget will be approved at the June board meeting.

C. Community Ed

Interim Community Education Director, **C. Runke** briefed the school board on behalf of

community ed. ECFE is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. ECFE is not offered in any other state in the U.S. ECFE is funded through a combination of State Aid and local levies. A sliding-scale fees ensure affordability. During the 2024-25 school year, Delano ECFE programs have 750 registrations. ECFE is the first experience families have with the school district

10. Student Board Representative Reports.

- A. Student representatives Sophia Grant and Logan Wermager presented student reports. Representatives hosted the last listening session with current seniors to learn about their experience at Delano Public Schools.

11. Board Reports

- A. MAWSECO
Board member S. Baker reported on behalf of MAWSECO. The most recent meeting was an organizational meeting where officers were elected, goals were reviewed and changes to Special Education qualifications were discussed.
- B. Wright Tech Center. J. Gierke reported on behalf of WTC. The most recent meeting was an organizational meeting. The group discussed hiring an SRO and the final four candidates for Wright Tech.

12. Old Business.

- A. No old business.

13. New Business

- A. Approve the first and only read of Policy 519, Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies, due to statutory changes. Upon a motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Depa the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policy 519, Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies, due to statutory changes. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Approve the first and only read of Policy 102, Equal Educational Opportunity, Policy 214, Out of State Travel by School Board Members, Policy 401, Equal Employment Opportunity, due to no changes and yearly review. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by S. Baker the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policy 102, Equal Educational Opportunity, Policy 214, Out of State Travel by School Board Members, Policy 401, Equal Employment Opportunity, due to no changes and yearly review. Motion passed 7-0.
- C. Approve the first and only read of Policy 212, School Board Committees and Policy 421, Gifts to Employees and School Board Members, due to nonsubstantive changes. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policy 212, School Board Committees and Policy 421, Gifts to Employees and School Board Members, due to nonsubstantive changes. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. Approve the 2025/2026 School Calendar. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education, approved the 2025/2026 School Calendar. Motion passed 7-0.
- E. Approve to rescind the 2024 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, due to a federal court order. Upon a motion by R. Schaust, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved to rescind the 2024 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process, due to a federal court order. Motion passed 7-0.
- F. Approve the first read of the 2020 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process. Upon a motion by R. Depa, seconded by C. Black the Board of Education approved the first read of the 2020 version of Policy 522, Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process. Motion passed 7-0.

13. Public Comment

No public Comments

14. Adjournment

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

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER