

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, 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, A. Johnson, J. Gierke, S. Roeser, C. Black and S. Baker.

**2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

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

**3. Work Session**

The board reviewed the request for an extended field trip for the Jazz Band to attend a Jazz Band Festival in Bemidji. The board discussed its photos, addresses and cell phone numbers on the district website. The website will show only school-provided emails. The addresses of elected officials are public information. If a person calls the district office and requests the address of a school board member, the address will be provided. The district will contact a photographer to attend a school board works session and take headshot pictures of the board members for the district website. Interim Community Ed Director, C. Runke provided an update on the Community Ed program. The preschool classes are full and going well considering they are one of four preschool programs in the district. CE is working with Radar to help fill vacant CE employment positions. The ECFE programs are going well and receiving a lot of good/positive feedback. CE is working on marketing strategies to increase participation in ABE/GED classes. Memberships and usage of the TAC and Activity Center continue to climb. Challenges include staffing the TAC and TKC. Activity Center is looking for an additional staff person to help walk the floor and monitor activities in different areas of the TAC. The cost of the football program continues to be a challenge. CE is partnering with All Seasons on strategies to alleviate some of the costs for all participants. TKC staff will survey the kids in the TKC program to get a better understanding of programs they are interested in. CE is focusing on providing swimming lessons this spring and summer. The board identified S. Roeser and the new chairperson and thanked R. Depa for her service as the outgoing chair. The board did not identify a vice chair, treasurer or clerk. Committee assignments must be selected before the Jan. 6, 2025 meeting. M Reeder briefed the board on the Truth and Taxation Hearing Report. The report is available in the meeting agenda. The board ran out of time and did not discuss the two-read policies or the Electric Bus Grant. The board recessed at 6:57 p.m. and reconvened at 7:06 p.m. R. Depa left the meeting at 7 p.m. and returned at 7:27 p.m.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance**

**5. Program Review**

Truth and Taxation Hearing, presented by M. Reeder. The presentation is attached to the agenda. No public comments.

**6. Consent Agenda**

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

A. School Board Minutes

1. Nov. 25, 2024, 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 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 S. Roeser and seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 6-0, 1 abstained.

**9. Administrative Reports**

Superintendent M. Schoen updated the board at the start of the school year. Schoen congratulated S. Roeser and S. Baker on completing phases 1-4 of the MSBA Board Training. Schoen recognized Amy Johnson for her 16 years of service on the school board and presented her with a bell. Johnson shared words of gratitude and appreciation for the board.

**A. Principals**

**Katie Thompson** reported on behalf of the intermediate school. SBLT: Only one meeting, discussed how to continue to encourage academic skills and character traits throughout the year. --Area of school improvement plan PD: Late start this week will be a curriculum cycle work time along with LETRS session. MTSS: The next round of screening will be in January after the break. Events: Class meeting and Tiger Store, Concerts--band and choir and door decorating.

**Rachel Schultz** reported on behalf of the elementary school. Winter FAST testing will begin after the break. There are two new paras starting after the break. Office staff are working on surveying parents on kindergarten students starting school next fall. The family sing-along is on Friday at 8:30 a.m.

**Barry Voight** reported on behalf of the high school. Voight gave his condolences for the passing of a student. Voight recapped the school climate report and discussed cell phone usage. Voight talked about the uptick in student's vaping incidents. Students reporting students vaping has helped identify offenders.

**B. Business Manager**

Business Manager **M. Reeder** briefed the school board on business and finances. The district is due for fiscal monitoring this year. The district has many good processes in place and is expected to do well during the audit. Reeder recognized Food Service Director for her work in running the high school kitchen. For the first time since before Covid the high school kitchen is fully staffed.

**C. Community Ed**

Interim Community Education Director, C. Runke presented Community Ed updates. The winter/spring brochure is out. Popular classes on day one of registration were: Ski & Snowboard Club, Tiger Paint Club, Driver's Education, and Spring Tennis Clinic. Many of the ECFE classes also saw high registration activity! New classes: Valentine's Event; Saturday is Dad's Day. Gymnastics Registration will open on Wed., December 18, at 6 a.m.

**10. Student Board Representative Reports.**

A. Student representatives Sophia Grant and Logan Wermager presented student reports. NHS students visited students at DIS and DES and helped teachers with festivities. Representatives met with 7/8th grade students for a listening session. Participants talked about not knowing about school traditions and clubs, not being allowed to bring backpacks into classrooms and homework.

**11. Board Reports**

- A. MAWSECO  
Board member A. Johnson reported on behalf of MAWSECO. The board discussed the audit, and how they are out-growing their current space and looking at additional learning spaces.
- B. Wright Tech Center. J. Gierke reported on behalf of WTC. The board discussed the budget, the construction program and the search for a new superintendent.
- C. SAFF. R. Depa discussed changes in legislation and budgets for the upcoming year.

**12. Old Business.**

- A. Approve the first read to rescind Policy 808, Site-Based Management. Upon a motion by R. Schaust and seconded by A. Johnson the Board of Education approved rescinding Policy 808, Site Based Management. Motion passed 7-0.

**13. New Business**

- A. Approve to Certify the 2024 Payable 2025 Final Property Levy. Upon a motion by A. Johnson, seconded by S. Roeser the Board of Education approved to Certify the 2024 Payable 2025 Final Property Levy. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Approve the first read of Policy 721, Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources due to substantive changes. Upon a motion by J. Gierke, seconded by S. Roeser the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 721, Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources. Motion passed 7-0.
- C. Approve the first read of Policy 509, Enrollment of Nonresident Students. Upon a motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 509, Enrollment of Nonresident Students. Motion passed 7-0.

**13. Public Comment**

No public Comments

**14. Adjournment**

Upon motion made by A. Johnson, seconded by R. Schaust, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke  
RECORDER