

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, June 24, 2024, 5:45 p.m.
Council Chambers, Delano City Hall
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., C. Black, J. Gierke and S. Baker.

Absent S. Roeser.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

3. Work Session

The Community Education Director Eric Erlandson, updated the board on the idea of the district changing conferences. After multiple discussions and surveys with coaches and since there isn't an urgency for Delano to make a decision immediately, the district decided to table discussions regarding changing conferences until next year. Erlandson also discussed Delano joining a boy's volleyball team coop with Mound Westonka and a girl's gymnastics cooperative with Mayer Lutheran. The board will act on both cooperatives during July's school board meeting. Mary Reeder discussed the Water in Lead Management Plan. The plan requires more testing and reporting than in past years. Delano water fountains and faucets will be tested this summer. With the updates made at the CE building, the district should fare well in the report. Matt Schoen provided a legislative update; School boards are required to adopt a weighting grade point average, and schools cannot withhold grades or diplomas for nonpayment of fees and health standards shifted from local to statewide academic standards. The board discussed closing open enrollment for kindergarten and first grade due to the statutory enrollment cap for the 2024/2025 Kindergarten and First grade classes at Delano Public Schools has been reached (Minn. Stat. 124D.03, subd. 2). The school board reviewed a resolution for renewing the districts membership in the Minnesota State High School League and the new language in a policy that states all student information in the directory is not considered private data.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review

Megan Gibas, Q Comp Coordinator provided a Q Comp update. Grades 2 through 12 did not meet the aReading assessment Q Comp goals. The percentage of all students in grades 2-10 who take the FAST aMath assessment and achieve "low risk" or "college pathway" did increase from 81.5% to 82% in Spring of 2023 to Spring 2024. District wide highlights include professional development and the PLCs Plan, which addresses the four PLC questions: What do students need to know and be able to do; How will we know students are learning; How will we respond when students don't meet objectives; and How will we respond when students meet objectives?

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. May 20, 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 A. Johnson, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by R. Schaust, seconded by A. Johnson the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent M. Schoen recapped the legislative items discussed during the work session. School boards are required to adopt a weighting grade point average, schools can no longer withhold grades or diplomas for nonpayment of fees and health standards shifted from local to statewide academic standards. Schoen recognized board member S. Roeser for five years of service and A. Johnson for 15 years of service.

B. Principals

DIS Principal, Katie Thompson

K. Thompson updated the board on end-of-year FAST testing data. In reading, grades 4th and 6th grades showed a decrease in students meeting proficiency and 5th grade recorded an increase. In math, the number of 4th and 5th grade students meeting proficiency increased and sixth grade maintained the same. Other updates included DIS is fully staffed for next year, the SBLT planning and goal-setting day is August 5 and DIS is kicking off a STEP program (Students Transitioning w/ Excellence and Purpose) for fourth graders on August 14.

DHS Principal, Barry Voight

Barry Voight recognized track athletes who went to state. School Climate Survey update-student results all trended upward concerning only two categories, 1 - student behavior in the hallway, 2 - I respect others - while the remaining 8 items were all more positive than winter, they did not reach the levels originally set after trimester 1. Staff results: staff results reported the highest results of the school year with 55% reporting agreement with inclusion and 60% agreement with respect. 56% of students believe that cafeteria behaviors are respectful whereas only 11% of staff agree. T3 Discipline Report - DHS experienced an improvement in overall discipline offenses compared to the past two years, and attendance spiked. SBLT Retreat is on August 15. Graduation 176 of 177 students graduated. FAST results. For Reading - students meeting proficiency is at 81%, which is a 3% drop from the start of the school year. The most significant drop was in grades 9-10 - likely the result of sustaining motivation at the end of the year. Proctoring challenges likely created most of the drop. Math remained steady at the end of the year at 83%, this even includes a 5% drop in 10th grade, similar scheduling difficulties to the reading, and we are missing about 50 students from 9-10 grade from these results.

DES Principal, Rachel Schultz

R. Schultz provided an update from the elementary school. ESY and Summer School begins July 8. There are about 100 students for summer school and ESY in grades PK-3. There were some recent resignations so DES will hire a classroom teacher and a physical education teacher. FAST/QComp Goals DES did not meet our QComp goal. A few highlights from FAST and some action steps for next year to help improve our scores and move them closer to that 80% mark. aReading - 2nd grade - 70% increase of +4 from School Start (66%); 3rd grade - 78% increase of +1 from School Start (77%). aMath - 2nd grade - 75% increase of +3 from School Start (72%) and 3rd grade- 75% decrease of -6 from School Start (81%). Increases are occurring and growth is occurring despite not reaching a building goal. Action Steps:

- a. Adjusted mini-observation for better follow up to support staff.
 - b. All staff and admin trained in LETRS.
 - c. Fidelity checks on intervention and progress monitoring.
 - d. SST data driven conversations with follow up.
 - e. Literacy Coordination to improve consistency.
 - f. Review opportunities for WIN - scheduling challenges.
- C. Business Manager
Business Manager M. Reeder briefed the school board about the upcoming school board election. There are three open spots on the school board and the last day to file for a seat and submit the \$2 fee is Aug. 13.
- D. Community Ed
Community Education Director, E. Erlandson presented Community Ed updates. Summer Recreation and Enrichment; 1,405 Recreation registrations, 1,005 unique users; 436 Enrichment registrations, 324 unique users; 1,329 kids are enrolled in enrichment or recreation activities this summer. The summer TKC theme is The Escape to 2024. Each week students travel to a new time period. Hiring: Head Coach for Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer have been hired. Megan Chatterton will be hiring assistant coaches. Chatterton begins July 1. ECFE: Recommendation to add coordination responsibilities to ECFE current employee Maggie Olson, while redistributing other administrative duties among our team.

10. Board Reports

- A. MAWSECO
Board member A. Johnson reported on behalf of MAWSECO. MAWSECO is providing training to Wright County SROs on students with special needs.
- B. Wright Technical Center.
Board member J. Gierke briefed the board on the WTC board meeting. WTC completed teacher contract agreements and they were approved.
- C. SEE
Board member Rachel Depa reported on behalf of SEE. SEE reviewed end of year data and also recorded that public libraries, including libraries in public schools, cannot ban books.

11. Old Business.

- A. None

12. New Business

- A. Approve the first read of Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, due to substantive changes. Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by C Black the Board of Education approved the the first read of Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. Approve the Resolution to limit Open Enrollment for the 2024/2025 academic year. Upon motion by C Black, seconded by R Schaust the Board of Education approved the Resolution to limit Open Enrollment for the 2024/2025 academic year. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Approve the 2024 - 2025 Original Budget. Upon motion by R Schaust seconded by J Gierke the Board of Education approved the 2024 - 2025 Original Budget. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Approve the FY26 LTFM 10-Year Plan Resolution. Upon motion by J Gierke, seconded by C Black, the Board of Education approved the FY26 LTFM 10-Year Plan Resolution. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Approve the Lead in Water Management Plan. Upon motion by R Schaust, seconded by A Johnson, the Board of Education approved the Lead in Water Management Plan. Motion passed 6-0.
- F. Resolution certifying the population estimate for the 2024 payable 2025 levy of Delano Public Schools. Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by S Baker, the Board of Education approved the Resolution certifying the population estimate for the 2024 payable 2025 levy of Delano Public Schools. Motion passed 6-0.

- G. Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election. Upon Motion by R Schaust, seconded by C Black, the Board of Education approved the Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election. Motion passed 6-0.
- H. Approve Surplus Property for Sale/Disposal/Recycling. Upon motion duly made by J. Gierke, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the Surplus Property For Sale/Disposal/Recycling. Motion passed 6-0.

13. Public Comment

No public Comments

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER