

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, April 22, 2024, 5:45 p.m.
Delano City Hall
Delano Public Schools
Independent School District #879, Delano, Minnesota

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Record of members present or absent.

Members present: R. Depa, R. Schaust, A Johnson. C. Black, S. Roeser and S. Baker. Absent J. Gierke.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

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

3. Work Session

E Erlandson briefed the school board on the Conference Placement progress. Erlandson surveyed coaches and athletic advisors about the Wright County Conference and about exploring other conferences, notably the Wright County West and the Mississippi 8 conferences. Erlandson reviewed the responses and the board discussed the pros and cons of staying in the Wright County Conference and applying to another conference. K Thompson, B Voight and R Schultz briefed the board on the changes to their 2024/25 student handbooks. The board revisited the READ Act Policy, Legislative updates. W Sorenson provided a student school board representative.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review

6. Consent Agenda

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

A. School Board Minutes

1. March 18, 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 S. Roeser, seconded by A. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Personnel Matters

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

9. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent M. Schoen provided district updates. The strategic planning committee will participate in an environmental exercise. Schoen commissioned Wold Architect to do a

facilities analysis and comprehensive plan. The plan will encompass property acquisitions. The district is also doing a demographic scan to review potential growth.

B. Principals

DIS Principal, Katie Thompson

K. Thompson updated the board on DIS. SBLT: discussed the handbook. Planning day April 2 was very productive. Good plan for upcoming year to align events with our academic and SEL goals. PD: 4/17: team worked on the website, training w/ MAWSECO consultant for sped. MTSS: MCAs and FAST tests will be reviewed one final time in May. Events: MCAs. Special Recognition to Andy Brown, Rebecca Olmscheid and Teresa Campbell for a successful Give Back Week. Food Items: 4523 items donated by DIS students and staff. A very generous additional donation of paper plates, silverware, candy, and paper products was made by Delano Coborn's; Pop Tabs: DIS students collected 145.5 lbs of pop tabs; LLS Money: DIS students and staff raised \$1667.25 to help the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

DHS Principal, Barry Voight

B. Voight provided an update from the high school. On Sunday, April 14 - Advisors Cassidy Nelson and Jodie Fredrickson inducted 61 new members into the Delano Chapter of NHS. Congratulations to current members Grace Ulberg, Josie Strobl, Kaitlyn Pink, Grant Forliti, Drew Nielsen, and Sophia Grant who've been selected as the new executive officers.

Eight, 8th grade teams competed at the state History Day competition in Minneapolis. Four of the teams moved to the final round and earned honorable mentions on their projects. For their documentary on Charles Manson and the Dawn of Victim's Rights Laws: Landon Lundquist, Nathan Mullen, and Max Schmit. For their website on the speedy system, Lachie Mitchell and Sam Halvorson. For website on radium girls, Braylee Rue, Emma, Ristau, and Olivia Bushey. And for their website on October Revolution Alex Bahe, EJ McCaustland, and Darin Droogsma. Senior Awards Night is Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 pm in the TAC. Staffing is complete for the time being, CIS Spanish will transition to AP Spanish. SAEBRs and MySAEBRS were completed this past week and teams will review the data. NED Grant - Tash Meyer, student support specialist has been a great addition - licensed social worker, implemented a planning room, she's helping with ISS, finding ways to use and most importantly, creating systems to have as much impact as possible next year! SBLT: DHS has spent a significant amount of time reviewing proposed changes to the handbook

DES Principal, Rachel Schultz

R. Schultz provided an update from the elementary school. Schultz recognized Janelle Olson for her involvement in Family Resource Night and HS Peer Mentor Partnership and Lifespan Mental Health. Site Base Update: handbook revisions, mid year SIP review - complete. Looking ahead WIN, scheduling, flexible grouping, utilizing our NED para differently, structuring our academic interventionists, push in services SEL - evaluate which practices and what makes the most impact. Staffing: SpEd position for 24-25 and one long-term sub position for the fall. MTSS Update: SAEBRs - SEL screener/rating. Reviewing data DES shifted some risk to low risk mostly, but each grade rated 1-2 more students as high-risk. Graphing the support needed with services helps us to see what adjustments are needed. Kindergarten numbers: 159 enrollment, two less than last year at this time. Events include Imagination Fair - 128 entries, math MCAs this week. Upcoming Family BINGO Night- this Thursday, Tiger Dash, Saturday, May 4. Music Concert/Art showcase for 3rd grade Field Trips now through May, Field Day, May 17.

C. Business Manager

Business Manager M. Reeder briefed the board on the preliminary FY25 budget timeline.

D. Community Ed

Community Education Director, E. Erlandson presented community ed updates. Brochure was delivered to more than 8,000 Households - Registration opened on Tuesday.

Registrations totaled more than 938 on the first day of registration and are currently at 1,218 in the first week. Summer TKC- Record number of 298 students currently registered for

summer TKC. TKC will use 9 classrooms at DES this summer to accommodate. Preschool TKC is housed at CE. Spring Activities are fully underway. 21 competitions are on today's schedule. 68 this week Monday - Saturday; 457 students participating in team sports or musical this spring.

E. Student School Board Representatives

Student representatives, W. Sorenson the board on activities at the elementary school, intermediate and high schools. DHS -many seniors are not around as its getting closer to graduation. Prom and the grand March were highly successful. Spring musical is at the end of the week. DIS students recognized food service team for their work and MCAs are approaching. DES: Imagination Fair was a big success, third graders are doing MCAs and field day is approaching.

10. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

Board member A. Johnson reported on behalf of MAWSECO. MAWSECO hired third-party vendor to comb through student records to ensure accurate billing.

B. Safe Schools.

R Depa reported on behalf of Safe Schools. Delano is updating its emergency management protocols and procedures. DARE has been revitalized and is coming back to the intermediate school.

C. Wright Technical Center.

Board member J. Gierke was absent. Meeting minutes were attached to the agenda.

11. Old Business.

- A. Approve the second read of Policy 631, Reconsideration of Media Materials. Upon motion by S. Roeser, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education the second read of Policy 631, Reconsideration of Media Materials. Motion passed 6-0.

12. New Business

- A. Approve the first read of Policy 621, Literacy and The READ Act. Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by R. Schaust, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 621, Literacy and The READ Act. Motion passed 6-0.

13. Public Comment

Parent had concerns about the public comment segment of school board meetings. 1) Stating an address in a web-searchable and recorded format causes privacy concerns for some. Providing that information in the speaker registration form/visually supplying evidence to 1 member of the board should suffice. 2) The public is currently not allowed to share about topics that are on the board agenda. As some topics appear in back to back meetings with the final meeting potentially including a vote on that topic it seems as though public opinion is either not welcome or needs to happen via 1:1 interactions with board members outside of formal meetings.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER