

Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378
Regular December Board Meeting
January 12, 2026

The regular January meeting of the Board of Education was held on January 12, 2025, in the Dawson-Boyd board room. Members present were Lynch, Bothun, Jurgenson, Schindler, Marotzke, and Kelly as well as administrative staff. Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no public comments. The meeting agenda was approved (Bothun/Marotzke).

Reorganization of Dawson-Boyd Public School's Board took place. Marotzke nominated Kelly to be chair. Motion carried. Bothun nominated Marotzke for vice chair. Motion carried. Marotzke nominated Schindler for clerk. Motion carried. Kelly nominated Bothun for treasurer. Motion carried. The board meetings time and dates will be the following: February 9, 2026; 6:00pm, March 9, 2026; 6:00pm, April 13, 2026; 6:00pm, May 11, 2026; 5:30pm, June 8, 2026; 6:00pm, July 13, 2026; 6:00pm, July 22, 2026; 6:00pm, August 10, 2026; 6:00pm, September 14, 2026; 6:00pm, October 12, 2026; 6:00pm, November 9, 2026; 6:00pm, December 14, 2026; 6:00pm, and January 11, 2027; 6:00pm (Kelly/Marotzke). School Board pay was established at \$50 per meeting and officer salaries were set at \$225 for board chair, \$275 for clerk, and \$175 for treasurer (Bothun/Schindler). The Dawson Sentinel was designated as the official newspaper (Bothun/Marotzke), Greater Community Credit Union and Minnwest Bank were designated as the official financial institutions (Bothun/Marotzke), Pemberton Law Office and Swenson/Nelson/Stulz were designated as official school attorneys (Jurgenson/Bothun). The board chair, Superintendent Ward, and Finance Director Stratmoen were designated with authority to contact regarding school business (Jurgenson/Marotzke). Dana F. Cole was designated as the auditor (Marotzke/Bothun). Official signatories are the board chair, board clerk, Ward, and Stratmoen (Marotzke/Schindler). The following committee appointments were made: Policy Committee - Marotzke, Bothun, Schindler; Personnel Committee - Marotzke, Lynch, Kelly; Finance and Facilities Committee - Jurgenson, Bothun, Schindler; Committee to Negotiate with Certified Employees - all board members; Committee for Discussion with Classified Employees - all board members; Staff Development Representative - Lynch; Health and Safety Representative - Marotzke; Cooperative Sponsorship Representatives - Bothun and Jurgenson; Curriculum and Achievement Representative - Kelly; MSHSL Representative - Schindler; Community Education Advisory Representative - Lynch; Meet and Confer - Marotzke; MRVED Representative - Bothun; UMVRDC Representative - Zollner (Lynch/Jurgenson).

Regular claims and accounts totaling \$206,472.29, \$0.00 for student activities, and \$0 for the building project were approved as presented. The Board reviewed electronic transfers and state tax payments made in December 2025. Minutes from the December 8, 2025 Regular Board meeting, were approved (Bothun and Jurgenson).

RESOLUTION #R1-94 - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$400.00 from MN Valley Coop, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used

by the school district by the Project Respect program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Bothun, Lynch, Jurgenson and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-94A - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$279.00, from the Dawson-Boyd Elementary Winter Program, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift of \$93.00 will be donated to the Dawson Food Shelf; \$93.00 donated to Backpack for Jacks program and \$93.00 to be used in the Elementary Music Department. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Lynch, Bothun, Jurgenson and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-94B - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$6,258.36, from the Cari Bothun-Turkey Trot, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the school district to the ECFE reserve program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Lynch, Bothun, Jurgenson and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-94C - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$5,000.00, Anonymously , be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used toward the Choir Riser fund. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Lynch, Bothun, Jurgenson and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-94D - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift \$100.00, from Paul & Pam Helgeson, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used for in the Backpack for Jacks program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Lynch, Bothun, Jurgenson and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes.

The minutes of the December 8, 2025 board meeting was approved (Bothun/Marotzke). In staffing matters, the board approved the resignations of Mark Torgerson, custodian, effective December 15, 2025; Brooklen Bendickson, daycare aide, effective December 24, 2025; as well as the retirement of Gregory Wyum, science teacher, effective May 26, 2026. The board approved the new hire of Joey Hiedeman, paraprofessional, effective January 13, 2026.

In Communications, Amy Bjornjeld of Dana F. Cole completed the audit review. The audit review was approved by the board (Jurgenson/Marotzke). Kassi Albertson, ECFE Coordinator, gave her report on ECFE and expressed it has great enrollment. Principal Stotesbery shared his excitement about the upcoming Precision Agriculture and Ag Business classes made possible through Ryan Lund. He discussed setting goals focused on MCA test preparation.

In Discussion/Approval Items, the board reviewed gate admissions, passes, and activity fees. After discussion, the board approved adult admission fees from \$5 to \$8 and eliminated the \$5 student admission fee, reducing it to \$0 (Bothun/Marotzke).

In Action Items, the board appointed Shawn Zollner to replace Schacherer's spot due to Schacherer's move outside the district (Marotzke/Bothun). The board approved the principal bargaining group contracts with a 2% increase in salary (Bothun/Schindler). Resolution-District Donations were approved (Bothun/Jurgenson). Policies were approved (Bothun/Marotzke). Lastly, the board adopted a resolution directing the Superintendent to develop and present

recommendations for potential adjustments to curriculum, programs, and staffing for the upcoming school year (Bothun/Marotzke).

With no other matters, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm (Schindler/Marotzke).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk