Dawson-Boyd School Board

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Time - 6:00 p.m.

Dawson-Boyd Board Room

Monthly Board Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order - 6:00 p.m.
    - Pledge of Allegiance
2. Adopt/Amend Agenda
3. Public Comments
4. Consent Agenda: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR CONSENT APPROVAL
    a. Approval of Meeting Minutes

    Regular Board Meeting September 8, 2025 Minutes
    Special Board Meeting Meeting September 12, 2025

    b. Approval of Financial Report and Monthly Claims and Accounts

    c. Approval of Staffing Matters/Personnel
    Hires:
    Brooke Rossow - childcare, effective 09-30-2025
    Quinn Larson - childcare, effective 10-15-2025
    Erika Ramirez - .32 Spanish teacher effective 08-20-2025
    Ryan Lund .4 Agriculture teacher 01-05-2026

    Resignations:
    Rhonda Olson-Nelson, JH Volleyball, effective 10-09-2025

    Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence:
    Pat Halldorson effective immediately through
5. Communications: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION
6. Information Items:
    a. Board Member Reports

    b. Teacher Report
    Loral Webster will present on her proposed gingerbread house challenge

    c. Principal Reports
    1. Elementary Principal - report attached.
    2. Secondary Principal - report attached

    d. Director of Activities, Transportation, and Community Education Coordinator Report

    e. Superintendent Report

    f. Football Field Update

g. MDE Assurance of Compliance
Background:
The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires all school districts to complete and submit an annual **Assurance of Compliance**. This document verifies that the district complies with state and federal laws related to civil rights, equal opportunity, and non-discrimination in its programs and employment practices.
Dawson-Boyd Public Schools submitted the 2025 Assurance of Compliance on **September 22, 2025**, as required.
Information:
This item is provided for board awareness. The district's submission ensures continued eligibility for state and federal education funding.
Fiscal Impact:
None.

h. District Literacy Lead Stipend
Background:
The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires each district to designate a Literacy Lead to guide implementation of the READ Act and ensure alignment with state literacy requirements. The Literacy Lead coordinates curriculum decisions, professional development, and data review related to literacy instruction.
At Dawson-Boyd Public Schools, this role most closely aligns with the responsibilities of the Elementary Principal and was assigned to that position beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.
A $3,000 stipend for the Literacy Lead was approved as part of the district's literacy plan and is funded through the literacy aid allocation. It recently came to our attention that this stipend had not yet been paid out for the 2024-2025 school year. It will be included on the next payroll. The stipend for the 2025-2026 school year will be paid on the July 30 payroll.
Information:
This item is for board awareness. The $3,000 stipend for the Literacy Lead for the 2024-2025 school year will be paid per the approved literacy plan using literacy aid funds.
Fiscal Impact:
$3,000, funded through literacy aid with no impact to the general fund because we have already received the funds.

7. Discussion/Approval Items:

a. 25-26 School Safety Plan Approval
Background:
The Dawson-Boyd Public Schools School Safety Plan has been updated with current year information, including staff assignments, contact lists, and emergency procedures. The overall structure and content of the plan remain the same as the version revamped and approved by the board last year.
Recommended Action:
The Board is asked to approve the updated School Safety Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.
Fiscal Impact:
None.

b. Kindergarten Open Enrollment
Background:
Enrollment in the Dawson-Boyd kindergarten program has reached a level that raises concern about maintaining class sizes conducive to high-quality instruction and individual student support. With limited classroom space and staffing capacity, additional open enrollment students would create challenges in meeting student needs and maintaining a balanced learning environment.
Recommended Action:
The Board is asked to approve closing open enrollment for kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year due to high class sizes.

c. Minnesota Cybersecurity Grant Update
Dawson-Boyd Public Schools received a $50,000 Minnesota Cybersecurity Grant to strengthen digital safety and protect district data systems. This funding supports improvements in network security, data protection, and staff training.
The district's cyber insurance premium of $3,092.23 has already been covered through the grant, leaving a remaining balance of $46,907.77. These funds will be used to continue enhancing cybersecurity measures, ensuring that our systems and student information remain secure.

We are awaiting one quote that we have been assured will be here prior to the board meeting. Based on that quote, the leadership team will present recommendations for the remainder of the funds.

8. Action Items:
   a. Resolution-District Donations
   b. Approval of School Fundraisers

      1. FCCLA-Walnut Grove Fudge sales
      2. Choir-Online goodies/Widdy up/Chocolate bars
      3. Industrial Arts class-selling various student projects
      4. NHS- Bake Sale during Parent Teacher Conferences
      5. Blackjack Childcare - Bake Sale
      6. Band- Serving Breakfast and Lunch at Vendor Fair
      7. Music Department - Buttons for Admission
      8. NHS - Selling Bracelets for Neon Nights
      9. Band - Riverfest Carnival
      10. State Signs
      11. Volleyball - 50/50 Raffle
      12. Volleyball - Serving Contest

   c. SWWC Board Member Nomination and Resolution
   d. Lane Changes
      2 teachers submitted lane change requests in the timeframe required by the master agreement. These requests were inadvertently left off of the September agenda. Requesting formal approval.

      Hailey Gritmacker from Step 5 BA10 to Step 5 BA20
      Tony Aafedt from Step 2 MA to Step 2 MA10

   e. MSHSL Form A Grant Resolution
      Background:
      The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) provides the Form A Grant to support schools in promoting participation in MSHSL activities. Each year, districts must complete and approve the Form A Grant to remain eligible for funding.
      Dawson-Boyd Public Schools has completed the required documentation to access these funds for the 2025-2026 school year.
      Recommended Action:
      The Board is asked to approve submission of the MSHSL Form A Grant for the 2025-2026 school year.
      Fiscal Impact:
      None.
   f. Schedule Truth And Taxation

Background:
Minnesota Statute 275.065 requires all school districts to hold a public Truth in Taxation hearing prior to certifying the final property tax levy. This meeting provides community members an opportunity to review the proposed levy, ask questions, and share feedback before the board takes final action.

Recommended Action:
The Board is asked to schedule the annual Truth in Taxation meeting for 6:00pm on Monday, December 8th, 2025 in the Dawson-Boyd Public Schools board room.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

9. Adjournment

Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378
Special September Board Meeting
September 12, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 12, 2025, in the Dawson-Boyd Blackjack Den (board room). Members present were Kelly, Marotzke, Jurgenson, Schindler, Bothun, and Lynch. Chair Kelly called the board meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The agenda was approved as presented (Bothun/Marotzke).

Supt. Ward presented the DBEA 25-27 Master Agreement with language per the final offer presented by the board to DBEA. The agreement union leadership placed before DBEA and was voted upon did not match the final written offer by the school board. DBEA leadership presented a version with 2 revisions:

1. Teachers with 16+ years be allowed to accumulate 1 additional day of personal leave.
2. A revision to health contributions when a married couple are both members of DBEA.

The board carefully considered each request. A motion was passed (Bothun/Marotzke) to vote on each request individually followed by the contract.

1. Teachers with 16+ years will be allowed to accumulate 1 additional day of personal leave. (Lynch/Bothun) - motion passed unanimously.
2. To deny the request for revision to health contributions when a married couple are both members of DBEA (Marotzke/Jurgenson) - motion passed unanimously.
3. To approve the 25-27 DBEA Master Agreement with as presented and amended through this series of motions (Marotzke/Schindler) - motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm)

Clint Schindler, School Board Secretary

Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378

Regular September Board Meeting

September 8, 2025

The regular September meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 8, 2025, in the Dawson-Boyd board room. Members present were Schindler, Kelly, Marotzke and Schacherer as well as administrative staff. Jurgenson, Bothun and Lynch were absent. 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 (Marotzke/Schindler).

Regular claims and accounts totaling $417,844.96, $10.00 for student activities, and $62,598.91 for the building project were approved as presented. The Board reviewed electronic transfers and state tax payments made in August. Minutes from the August 11, 2025 Regular Board meeting, August 11, 2025 special meeting, August 25, 2025 special meeting, August 27, 2025 special meeting were approved (Schacherer and Marotzke).

RESOLUTION #R1-91 - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of $5,000.00 from CEDA and City of Dawson, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the school district in the Childcare program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Schacherer and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-91A - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of $1,182.98, from Johnson Memorial Health Services, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to purchase popcorn bags for concessions stand. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Schacherer and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-91B - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of $258.50, from the Grace Lutheran Church, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the school district to help purchase food for the Backpack for Jacks program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Schacherer and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-91C - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of $500.00 from Carli Bothun, Celtic Insurance, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to offer 250 free bags of popcorn for two home games. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Schacherer and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-91D - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift $1,908.00, from LQP Co-op Oil, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used for 2025-2026 water bottle sponsor for concessions. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Schacherer and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes.

In staffing matters, the board approved the resignation of paraprofessional Miranda Palmer, effective September 8, 2025; approved the resignation of Childcare Aide Trishana Maharaj, effective July 3, 2025; approved the resignation of Childcare Aide Brooklyn Lee, effective August 13, 2025 as well as the following hiring's: Madison Peterson, Childcare Aide sub,

effective date August 11, 2025; Brooklyn Bendickson, Childcare Aide, effective August 22, 2025; Mitchell Myers, Paraprofessional sub, effective September 2, 2025; Val Tuff, Long term sub-HS SPED, effective September 2, 2025; and Brooke Rossow, Paraprofessional, effective September 8, 2025 (Schacherer/Marotzke). Fundraisers were approved for the Shadows Dance team for a taco meal; Homecoming button sales for Student Council; Robotics team for community sponsorships; FFA Homecoming car smash; FFA Fruit sales/butter braids and popcorn (Marotzke/Schacherer).

In Communications, Chris Ziemer, with ICS gathered information for the board concerning needed updated projects including tuck pointing (that is currently taking place), maintaining the roofing work, parking lots, boiler/courtyard lot drainage, community center parking lot, stairs and ramp in front of the high school entrance. Also, Indoor air quality, which includes more of the heat pumps which cost $34,500 each with eight remaining. The school board will be holding a work session with the information from ICS in order to gather and review their options. Superintendent Ward noted September is School Board Appreciation Month and encouraged staff and the community to take a moment to reach out to the board to show the appreciation for their work. She also informed the board with the Student Achievement Report for Reading & Math. This report shares Dawson-Boyd student performance on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) in Reading and Math, comparing district results to statewide averages and examining outcomes for key student groups (Free/Reduced Meals, Multilingual Learners, and Special Education). Reading: Dawson-Boyd students continue to score above the state average, though proficiency has declined from 58% in 2021 to 53% in 2025. The statewide average for 2025 was 49.6%. Math: Dawson-Boyd students has fluctuated. They matched the state average in 2024 but dropped in 2025 to 40.3%, below the state average of 45.2%. The switching of Math curriculum this school year, we will hopefully see a rise in scores. Principal Hiedeman shared highlights from the open house, upcoming early childhood screenings, motivational speaker Joe Beckman will be presenting to the 5-12th graders about Just Look Up, a mental health resource, Blackjack Reading Bowl and Multi-Cultural Family Night on September 29, 2025. Principal Stotesbery shared about the first few weeks in the high school, upcoming homecoming, picture day, National Honor Society applications are out and fall conferences. Athletic Director/Transportation Director and Community Ed Coordinator Kleven commented that fall sports are well underway; gave an update on the new replacement of signs for state championships that are in place at each end of town, in Boyd and in the gym. Other areas reported on were youth football and volleyball in community ed. Mattiah Kemen gave an update on daycare numbers and happenings. Superintendent Ward reported they needed to make a correction to the legal name of the schools for the IRS. The legal name currently on file for the district is Lac qui Parle County Independent School District No. 378 while the official legal and operating name is Dawson-Boyd Public Schools. This creates confusion with some agencies when receiving grant funds. This was approved for the update to Dawson-Boyd Public Schools so the Employer Identification Number correctly matches the name. The board also approved Policy Addition 609 Religious and Cultural Observances and who the district will approach religion and cultural observances within its programs and curriculum. Activities must serve a secular purpose, neither advance nor inhibit religion and avoid excessive entanglement with religion. The board accepted two SHIP grants through Countryside Public Health. A

hydroponic garden to grow fresh lettuce in food service for $2,999 and the Be Good People curriculum support grant for $3,000 with our school social workers. They also accepted the REAP grant for $51,260 from the Rural Energy for America Program that provides renewable energy system support. Supt. Ward said they have also applied for a $50,000 cyber security grant to strengthen the systems. Alicia Croatt, Alyssa Croatt and Shelby Monahan were recognized by Superintendent Ward and the Board as educators who have received tenure.

In action items the board approved to certify the maximum levy amount for the 2025-2026 school year as presented (Marotzke/Schindler-MCU); approved the IRS Legal name correction to Dawson-Boyd Public School (Schacherer/Schindler-MCU); approved Policy Addition 609 Religious and Cultural Observances (Schacherer/Marotzke-MCU)

With no other matters, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm (Marotzke/Schindler).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk

ISD 378 Dawson Boyd Public Schools
Reconciliation Worksheet Report
09/30/2025

Audit No	Statement Date	Co	Bank Code	Bank Name/Description
1044	09/30/2025	0378	BNK1	Greater Community Credit Union Finance Checking

Statement Amount	199,771.57
Deposits in Transit	0.00
Outstanding Payments	
Checks	21,796.44
Wires	2,275.47
SHR - Payments	0.00
SHR - Third Party	0.00
Cash	0.00
ACH	0.00
Adjustment Amount	409.64
Amount Per Bank	176,109.30
GL Account Balance	176,109.30
Difference	0.00

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Adjustments

Manual	09/30/2025	1	Wire	188.00	partial clear WEX
Manual	09/30/2025	2	Fee	221.64	aduit adjust

ISD 378 Dawson Boyd Public Schools
Reconciliation Worksheet Report
09/30/2025

Audit No	Statement Date	Co	Bank Code	Bank Name/Description
1051	09/30/2025	0378	BNK3	Greater Community Credit Union Student Activities

Statement Amount	73,443.58
Deposits in Transit	0.00
Outstanding Payments	
Checks	0.00
Wires	0.00
SHR - Payments	0.00
SHR - Third Party	0.00
Cash	0.00
ACH	0.00
Adjustment Amount	0.00
Amount Per Bank	73,443.58
GL Account Balance	73,443.58
Difference	0.00

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ISD 378 Dawson Boyd Public Schools
Reconciliation Worksheet Report
09/30/2025

Audit No	Statement Date	Co	Bank Code	Bank Name/Description
1043	09/30/2025	0378	PMA	PMA/MNTrust PMA Bank

Statement Amount	2,284,778.09
Deposits in Transit	0.00
Outstanding Payments	
Checks	0.00
Wires	0.00
SHR - Payments	0.00
SHR - Third Party	0.00
Cash	0.00
ACH	0.00
Adjustment Amount	0.00
Amount Per Bank	2,284,778.09
GL Account Balance	2,284,778.09
Difference	0.00

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SEPTEMBER 2025 TRANSFERS FROM MN TRUST TO GREATER COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

9/15/2025	$300,000.00
9/30/2025	$350,000.00

SEPTEMBER 2025 TRANSFERS FROM INVESTMENTS (CONSTRUCTION TO GREATER COMM CU)

SEPTEMBER 2025 MANUAL CHECKS/VOUCHERS/WIRE PAYMENTS

WIRE	9/15/2025	Aviben	$	6,337.78
WIRE	9/15/2025	TRA	$	27,786.62
WIRE	9/15/2025	WEX	$	2,275.47
WIRE	9/15/2025	PERA	$	12,141.39
73928	9/09/2025	Benson Food Service	$	281.00
73929	9/09/2025	Bernard Food Industries Inc.	$	2,470.26
73930	9/09/2025	Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.	$	449.85
73931	9/09/2025	IFD Foodservice Distributor	$	15,715.64
73932	9/09/2025	Kemps LLC	$	2,694.43
73933	9/09/2025	Mary Berglund	$	116.00
73934	9/09/2025	Newzbrain Education	$	309.00
73935	9/09/2025	Pan-O-Gold Baking Company	$	443.96
73936	9/09/2025	Till360 LLC	$	9,250.00
73937	9/09/2025	Wager Chiropractic LLC	$	750.00
73938	9/09/2025	Dawson Golf Association	$	1,000.00
73939	9/09/2025	Gannon Andrews	$	750.00
73940	9/09/2025	Jim's Clothing	$	510.00
73941	9/09/2025	Sarlettes Music	$	800.00
73942	9/09/2025	SW/WC Service Co-op	$	6,080.00
73943	9/09/2025	USI Consulting Group	$	1,500.00
73944	9/15/2025	Madison National Life	$	490.93
73945	9/15/2025	South Dakota Division of Child Support	$	389.00
73946	9/16/2025	Great Plains Natural Gas	$	699.27
73947	9/16/2025	VOID	$	0.00
73948	9/16/2025	Jax of Benson	$	106.93
73949	9/16/2025	John Kleinwolterink	$	140.00
73950	9/16/2025	Michael Wood	$	140.00
73951	9/16/2025	TMB Volleyball	$	75.00
73952	9/17/2025	Fork Farms	$	4,145.00
73953	9/17/2025	Paige Diekmann	$	1,469.06
73954	9/19/2025	Bounce Around and Find Out	$	255.00
73955	9/19/2025	VOID	$	0.00
73956	9/19/2025	Dawson-Boyd Baseball Association	$	300.00
73957	9/19/2025	Dawson-Boyd Robotics	$	480.00
73958	9/19/2025	Dawson-Boyd Volleyball Booster Club	$	750.00
73959	9/19/2025	Greater MN Family Services (Meat Raffle)	$	1,140.00
73960	9/19/2025	Heather Pennie-Roy	$	350.00
73961	9/19/2025	Jim's Clothing	$	814.00
73962	9/19/2025	John Kleinwolterink	$	350.00
73963	9/19/2025	Jordon Roos	$	140.00
73964	9/19/2025	Jordon Roos	$	350.00
73965	9/19/2025	Keith Adelman	$	350.00
73966	9/19/2025	LQP Extension Office	$	2,469.74
73967	9/19/2025	Mary Asche	$	350.00
73968	9/19/2025	Redwood Area Schools	$	325.00
73969	9/19/2025	Ronda Krosch Benefit	$	450.00

73970	9/19/2025	Ryan Knudson	$	350.00
73971	9/19/2025	Stephanie Kelly	$	33.88
73972	9/19/2025	Typing.com	$	225.00
73973	9/25/2025	Valley Tree Farm	$	400.00
73974	9/25/2025	Adrianna DeBoer	$	140.00
73975	9/25/2025	Amazon Capital Services	$	3,865.46
73976	9/25/2025	Danny Hup	$	140.00
73977	9/25/2025	High Point Networks	$	140.00
73978	9/25/2025	Mark Ekren	$	140.00
73979	9/25/2025	Michael Lee	$	140.00
73980	9/25/2025	New London-Spicer Public School	$	60.00
73981	9/25/2025	Ryan Mogard	$	140.00
73982	9/25/2025	Tanner Picht	$	140.00
73983	9/29/2025	DBEA	$	2,096.42
73984	9/29/2025	Everly Group Life Ins.	$	54.64
73985	9/29/2025	NCPERS Group Life Ins.	$	8.00
73986	9/30/2025	DBEA	$	2,005.18
73987	9/30/2025	Everly Life Insurance	$	54.64
73988	9/30/2025	Madison National Life	$	373.25
73989	9/30/2025	NCPERS	$	8.00
73990	9/30/2025	South Dakota Division of Child Support	$	389.00
73991	10/3/2025	Borch's Sporting Goods Inc.	$	115.00
73992	10/3/2025	Camden Conference	$	750.00
73993	10/3/2025	DJ Bettin	$	140.00
73994	10/3/2025	Jackson Lacek	$	140.00
73995	10/3/2025	Jordon Roos	$	140.00
73996	10/3/2025	Michael Lee	$	140.00
73997	10/3/2025	Otter Tail Power	$	12,247.35
73998	10/3/2025	Ryan Knudson	$	140.00
73999	10/3/2025	Stelter, Kendall	$	75.00
74000	10/3/2025	Thomas Bovee	$	140.00
74001	10/3/2025	Thomas W. Holland	$	140.00
74002	10/6/2025	Kevin Monson	$	18,250.00
74003	10/6/2025	City of Dawson	$	1,291.69
74004	10/6/2025	VOID	$	0.00
74005	10/6/2025	VOID	$	0.00
74006	10/6/2025	VOID	$	0.00
74007	10/6/2025	MN Valley Coop Center	$	12,494.15
WIRE	9/30/2025	BCBS of MN	$	75,891.50
WIRE	9/30/2025	Delta Dental	$	2,675.75
WIRE	9/30/205	Greater Community Credit Union	$	20.00
WIRE	9/30/2025	WEX	$	310.61
WIRE	9/30/2025	Colonial	$	3,521.98
WIRE	9/30/2025	Merchants Bank	$	332.83
WIRE	9/30/2025	Payline Data	$	25.00
WIRE	9/30/2025	VSP	$	821.68
WIRE	9/30/2025	WEX	$	6,337.78
WIRE	9/30/2025	TRA	$	27,530.35
WIRE	9/30/2025	WEX	$	2,275.47
WIRE	9/30/2025	PERA	$	12,821.01
			$	297,860.95

SEPTEMBER 2025 MANUAL CHECKS-STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT GCCU

WIRE	9/30/2025	Greater Community Credit Union	$	10.00
7716	9/09/2025	Dufault Publishing Inc.	$	490.56
7717	9/09/2025	Emily Redepenning	$	10.63
			$	511.19

SEPTEMBER 2025 FEDERAL & STATE TAX PAYMENT

FEDERAL	09/15/2025	$50,411.75	STATE	09/15/2025	$8,350.36
	09/30/2025	$51,561.37		09/30/2025	$8,542.52



Amy Hiedeman - Elementary Principal

Notes for October 2025 Board Meeting - 10.14.2025

- Enrollment -
  - PreK 3 - 33
  - PreK 4 - 40 PreK = 73
  - K - 53
  - 1 - 44
  - 2 - 45
  - 3 - 46
  - 4 - 43
  - 5 - 39
  - 6 - 46 K-6 = 316 Total 389

- September was a great month! We just wrapped up 5 consecutive 5 day weeks! That's one of our longest stretches of the year without interruption. Lots of review and learning routines and procedures - but we're now full go in the content! It's fun to see kids excited about learning.

- Hosted Preschool Screening at the end of September - thank you to Leah Prestholdt for organizing this and to our excellent TEAM of screeners who work hard those two days! You're amazing!

- Openings -
  - Paraprofessionals
  - Substitute Paraprofessionals
  - Substitute Teachers - I'm willing to assist anyone who has a bachelor's degree and is interested in learning more about becoming a short-call substitute.

- Field trips -
  - Great opportunities that teachers tie to their classroom content and learning
  - 4YO PreK - Valley Tree Farm
  - 2nd Grade - Rustic Iron Orchard
  - 4th Grade - Valley Tree Farm
  - 5th Grade - will be heading to Fagen Fighters WWII Museum

- Great event - Blackjack Reading Bowl
  - Nearly 70 students in attendance with at least one adult
  - Adults listened to a message from speaker - Joe Beckman

- Extra thanks to our local Fire Department for partnering with us for Fire Prevention week
  - PreK-2 students made a visit to the fire station
  - 3-6 participated in the "smoke house" experience

What we're looking forward to:

- ★ Parent-Teacher Conferences/Book Fair - happening NOW!
- ★ Multicultural Family Night
- ★ End of first quarter - already!

Dawson-Boyd Public Schools
Independent School District #378
848 Chestnut St.
Dawson MN 56232

Small School. Big Opportunities.

Ryan Stotesbery - High School Principal October Board Report

Current Enrollment:
7th 40
8th 46
9th 46
10th 49
11th 43
12th 47
Total: 271

Homecoming Week went very well - special thank you to Mrs. Schacherer and the student council members who put in a lot of time and effort. The students did a great job of participating and I am grateful to the staff for their support and flexibility.

Field trips/Events in the last few weeks included:
8th graders to a YMIC (Achievement & Integration event) activity led by Youth Frontiers with the other schools in the collaborative.
10th graders to the Career Expo in Marshall - another YMIC event.
Seniors to a college visit at either Lake Area Tech or SDSU.
A bus load of choir students to see a musical in the Twin Cities.
Senior high choir to Singfest in Marshall today.

Thanks to Andrea Knutson and Darla Swedzinski for securing a SHIP grant received from Countryside Public Health, we were able to purchase new resources to support classroom regulation and student well-being.

Looking forward to our new student led conferences over the 13th and 14th. Students and parents will meet with their advisory teacher with students leading the meeting/discussion. Thanks to Kelly Tufto for making the slides for the students to complete. Parents and students can also check in with other teachers if they would like.

Ms. Hiedeman and I completed the annual Achievement and Integration Progress Report required by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Looking forward to:
MRVED Common Day on Wednesday in Benson.
End of first quarter at the end of October.
Annual Veteran's Day Program in November.
Music concerts in November.

9/13/2025	ECFE	Dawson Fire Department	$780.00	
9/13/2025	Challenge Program	Dawson Fire Department	$1,140.00	
9/13/2025	Robotics	Dawson Fire Department	$480.00	
9/13/2025	Ronda Krosch benefit	Dawson Fire Department	$450.00	
9/13/2025	Dawson Drakes	Dawson Fire Department	$300.00	
9/13/2025	Dawson-Boyd Volleyball Booster Club	Dawson Fire Department	$750.00	
9/26/2025	DB Concessions	David & Damaris Bergeson	$500.00	
9/26/2025	Robotics	Barbara Torstenson	$1,000.00	
9/26/2025	DB Music Department	Barbara Torstenson	$1,000.00	
10/3/2025	DB Band Department	Anonymous	$300.00	Approved @ the 10/14/25 mtg.

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: September 30/2025

Person Completing Form: Loral Webster

Organization Represented: FCCLA

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Walnut Grove Mercantile - Fudge Sales

Start Date & End Date: October 20/2025

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $1000 - 2000

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Advisor + Students

How Will Revenue Be Used: STAR Event

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Loral Webster

Loral Webster
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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 9/29/25

Person Completing Form: Brenda Harley

Organization Represented: Choir

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Online Goodies / Wiggly up possible / chocolate Bars

Start Date & End Date: 11/1/25 - Feb 15th 2026

Estimated Revenue From Activity: ?

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Harley

How Will Revenue Be Used: Folders / Risers Fund

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Harley

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 10/9/25

Person Completing Form: Keith Knutson

Organization Represented: Ind Tech Dept

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Selling various projects made by production class pens, coasters, cotton tables, Bean bag boards etc.

Start Date & End Date: 10/13/25 - End of year

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $500 - $1,000 (hopefully more)

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: myself

How Will Revenue Be Used: Buy materials to have on hand, small tools as needed

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: myself

Keith Knutson
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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 10/1/25

Person Completing Form: Solem | Swenson

Organization Represented: NHS

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Bake Sale during Parent Teacher Conferences

Start Date & End Date: Oct 13-14

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $300

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: NHS members / Advisors

How Will Revenue Be Used: NHS projects

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Advisors and members

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 10/6/25

Person Completing Form: Mattiah Kemen

Organization Represented: Blackjack Childcare

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Bake Sale at November Bake Sale

Start Date & End Date: Nov 1st

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $200

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Mattiah Kemen

How Will Revenue Be Used: Supplies for rooms & gifts for students

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Mattiah Kemen

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 9-18-25

Person Completing Form: Chris Lehne

Organization Represented: Band

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Serving breakfast + lunch at Vendor Fair Nov 1 '25

Start Date & End Date: 11-1-25

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $500

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Chris Lehne + parent volunteers

How Will Revenue Be Used: band supplies + instruments

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Chris Lehne, Stacy Stratmoen

Christopher Lehne
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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 9/17/25

Person Completing Form: Allysa Hurley

Organization Represented: Music Dept.

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Concert Buttons for all concert admissions $30 each

Start Date & End Date: 11/1/25

Estimated Revenue From Activity: 150 @ $30 = $4,500

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Music Dept.

How Will Revenue Be Used: Supplemental Materials for music ensembles

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Music Dept.

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 9-5-2025

Person Completing Form: Swenson + Solem

Organization Represented: NHS

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]
sell bracelets for neon nights

Start Date & End Date: Ongoing

Estimated Revenue From Activity: recover costs of misorder

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: NHS

How Will Revenue Be Used: recover costs

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Swenson/Solem

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 9-18-25

Person Completing Form: Chris Lehne

Organization Represented: Band

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Riverfest Carnival

Start Date & End Date: June 27 '26

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $3,000

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Chris Lehne + parent volunteers

How Will Revenue Be Used: band supplies + instruments

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Chris Lehne, Stacy Stratmoen

Christyn Lehne
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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 10/8/25

Person Completing Form: Carrie Kleven

Organization Represented: State Signs

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

2 parking spots
dd state signs to highest bidder - to highest bidder for playoffs

Start Date & End Date:

Estimated Revenue From Activity: 10/15-10/31/25

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Carrie

How Will Revenue Be Used: to help pay for signs

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Stacy & Carrie

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 10/6/25

Person Completing Form: Hailey Gritmacher

Organization Represented: Volleyball

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

50/50 Raffle

Start Date & End Date: 10/14/25

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $200

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: Toby Kemen

How Will Revenue Be Used: LQP Hope Network

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed:

Hailey Gritmacher

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FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date: 9-30-25

Person Completing Form: Rhonda Olson

Organization Represented: Volleyball - JH

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Serving Contest

Start Date & End Date: Oct 14th

Estimated Revenue From Activity: $100

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue: (JH workers) - Rhonda

How Will Revenue Be Used: Volleyball supplies

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed: Coach - Board

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RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING
FORM A APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA
STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Dawson-Boyd Secondary recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Dawson-Boyd Secondary supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

October 14, 2025
Date

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Board Chair/Head of School

October 14, 2025
Date

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Board Clerk – Treasurer/ Finance Director