

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 27, 2017 5:45 PM

Delano Public Schools

Independent School District #879, Delano Minnesota

1. Call to order

- A. Record of members present or absent

Members Present: A. Johnson, C. Milano, L. Seguin, A. Briesemeister, R. Depa, C. Black and M. Larson

Members Absent: None

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Work Session

L. Seguin reported on Project Oversight Committee and use of contingency dollars. She added that POC approved the intermediate gymnasium size increase and discussed flooring in intermediate and secondary buildings. L. Seguin stated that discussions have begun regarding athletic facilities and schedules due to construction and items to be reused at secondary and intermediate buildings. She added that the Finance Committee will discuss a Building and Grounds Coordinator position and the community education projects are close to completion. L. Seguin reported that the district is working on amendments to lease agreements with DAYHA and DASA due to locker room encroachment, and district fundraising efforts were discussed. In addition, the 2017-2018 Open Enrollment Resolution, 2017-2018 school calendar and Administrative Committee meeting summary were discussed.

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:38 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:00 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review - I Love to Read Month (John McDonald)

First grade teacher, Nicole Jensen and kindergarten teacher, Jennifer Weise shared information about the past six years of first grade reading assessments and the elementary's decision to have kindergarten through fourth grade assessment days on the first two days of the school year. N. Jensen and J. Weise expressed that these assessment days have already proved a valuable tool for students and staff.

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

- A. School Board Minutes

1. January 23, 2017

- B. Financial Affairs

1. Current Budget Status with Year-to-Date Adjustments
2. Investment Transactions
3. Construction Bond Investment Transactions
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 C. Milano, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Personnel Matters:

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the personnel matters. Motion passed 7-0.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

M. Schoen thanked school board members for their service to the school district community. He shared an update on the building projects and stated that renderings will be posted throughout buildings as a visual display for community members. M. Schoen reported that the district is in year 4 of the 5 year strategic plan. He stated that at the beginning of year 5 the district will make adjustments to the four major aims to set the course for the next five years. M. Schoen reported that 90% of the K-6 math curriculum mapping is complete, each course will be vertically and horizontally aligned and mapped to state and national standards. He added that secondary courses are mapped differently depending on the course and specific curriculum. M. Schoen stated that the district goal is to finalize all maps pre-k through grade 12 so they are seamless and aligned. M. Schoen shared that staff members have developed two major goals for professional development which include curriculum mapping and hands on technology training. He added that the district has formed a task force to analyze learning management systems, data warehouse management and curriculum mapping tools. M. Schoen added that vendors that provide all three tools are being considered to streamline this educational investment.

B. Principals:

1. Mr. Voight

B. Voight reported that the Pennies for Patients fundraiser surpassed their goal of \$8000. He thanked Mr. Schramel and the MS Student Council for their work during this fundraiser. He added that the Butterbraid fundraiser will begin soon and is sponsored by MS PIE. B. Voight stated that MCA testing season will begin the first week of April. He stated that on Monday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 7, Intermediate School Informational meetings will be held for parents and community members. B. Voight plans to collect questions, comments and concerns, discuss with team members, and explore methods of communication regarding the new school to keep stakeholders informed.

2. Dr. Heil

S. Heil shared information regarding section and state tournament participants in activities and athletics. He reported that all juniors will take the ACT test on Tuesday, February 28. S. Heil reported that registration conferences were held February 6 and the the schedule is developing for the 2017-18 school year. A. Johnson shared that parents are thankful they can be a part of the registration process. S. Heil shared information about new high school class offerings which included Intro to Computer Science and Computer Science Principles, which is offered through the Project Lead the Way program. He added that the HS Blood Drive will be held March 1, and staff are working on parking/street adjustments to assist with traffic flow.

3. Mr. McDonald

J. McDonald reported I Love to Read month is underway and the goal of each team at the elementary is to reach 200,000 minutes. He added that the Reading Carnival is Friday, March 3. J. McDonald stated that ES PIE will sponsor the APEX Fun Run fundraiser in March, students can be sponsored for the amount of laps they run in 30 minutes and the money raised will be used to enhance the kindergarten playground and add student technology at the elementary. He added that the Tiger Fun Fair was well attended and a Tiger Way Celebration was held on Friday, March 3. J. McDonald also noted that third grade teacher, Charlene Warne, has become a semi-finalist for MN Teacher of the Year.

C. Business Manager

M. Reeder reported that lawn mowing bids for the 2017 season are due in the district office by Thursday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m. and the chosen vendor will be announced at the March 20 school board meeting. She added that health insurance bids are due in the district office by Tuesday, March 28, at 3:00 p.m. M. Reeder stated that three members of the Delano Teachers Association, M. Schoen, and M. Reeder will attend a meeting on March 30 to open and discuss bids. On April 6, an insurance committee meeting will be held to review and discuss bids. She added that if needed, negotiations can be had with vendors and the chosen vendor will be disclosed at the April or May school board meeting.

D. Community Education Director

D. Johnson stated they are looking for additional members for T. Friedman's new book discussion group. She reported that the elevator inspection is scheduled for March 15, S. Kennedy is back in the front office and they are making adjustments to the door locking system. D. Johnson shared that Pathway II funding was approved for early learning scholarships and amount was increased to \$22,500 each year for two years, Delano will be a pre-k site for MN Reading Corps program again this year, Early Childhood Screening will take place on March 9 and 10, the DHS Robotics Team presented their robot to young students to spark an interest in the program, Tiger Kids Club registration opens for current families on February 28 and new families on March 14. In addition, the TKC Advisory Council is sponsoring a Gerten's fundraiser for families and community members. D. Johnson stated that the Skiing/Snowboarding Club season is complete, gymnastics has started a new session, special education activities have included bowling and swimming, the Twinkle, Twinkle Dance and RISE Dance will take place on March 5 and two Destination Imagination teams have

qualified for the state tournament thus far, with the remainder of the teams competing in regionals on Saturday, March 25.

11. Student Board Representatives Report

- A. Alex Moe reported
A. Moe reported that DES celebrated I Love to Read Month with the east and west sides of the building competing for the most minutes. He stated that their goal is 200,000 minutes and the west is leading at this time. A. Moe stated that the Tiger Fun Fair was well attended and Jump Rope for Heart raised \$9100 this year and their goal was \$6500. He added that DMS celebrated Winterfest with dress up days, Pennies for Patients raised \$8293.61, History Day was successful and students enjoyed the bowling unit in physical education. He added that DHS students participated in Suicide Prevention Awareness Day and students felt it was a very positive experience. A. Moe shared information on athletic regional and state competitions, ACT test date, upcoming Robotics team competitions, Winterfest, and the March Blood Drive. He also stated that 60-70 students are signed up to participate in the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics. A. Moe reported that the question of the month asked students their opinion on the building projects. He shared that elementary students loved the new part of the building, but were frustrated that they couldn't use the fields during recess; middle school students were excited about the new performing arts center and were interested in how the curriculum and scheduling would work at the intermediate and secondary schools; high school students wanted to know when the performing arts center would be completed, what is going to happen to the TAC weight room and if there will be additional parking spaces. A. Moe stated that overall the students were excited about the building projects.

12. Board Reports

- A. MAWSECO (Board Minutes 1.24.17)
A. Johnson reported the last meeting was an organizational meeting and they welcomed a new board member from Rockford.
- B. Wright Technical Center (Board Minutes 2.7.17)
A. Briesemeister reported the last meeting was an organizational meeting and he was appointed to the Meet & Confer and Re-Licensure Committees. He added that a Ford motor was donated to the auto mechanics program and donations were made for additional training for instructors. A. Briesemeister stated that WTC's business report proves they are financially stable. He added that the WTC director reported on their strategic plan.
- C. District Advisory Committee (Minutes 2.9.17)
A. Johnson reported that Marji Miller, DMS Social Studies Teacher, shared parts of social studies curriculum and demonstrated 5th and 6th grade projects with committee. A. Johnson encouraged parents to contact Joe Vieau, Director of Teaching and Learning, to fill open positions on the curriculum committee. She shared that 9th and 10th grade social studies curriculum will be shared in April.
- D. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)
R. Depa reported that a 2% increase to the funding formula each year for the next two years is being discussed at the legislature, there are 36 bills on education funding up for consideration during this legislative session, and Rep. Joe McDonald is a member of the committee working on funding equalization and debt aid. R. Depa stated that a speaker discussed student discipline and keeping kids in school, yet pertained mostly to minority students. M. Schoen stated SEE is waiting on the state funding forecast to get a sharper vision of what legislature will do with funding. He added that he will testify to legislature in regards to funding equalization and debt aid.

13. Old Business

A. **Second read of policy due to substantive and/or legal reference changes: Policy 809-Health & Safety.**

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Milano, the second read of Policy 809-Health & Safety was approved. Motion passed 7-0.

14. New Business

A. Approve Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment and Adopting Standards for Accepting and Rejecting Open Enrollment Applications

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment and Adopting Standards for Accepting and Rejecting Open Enrollment Applications was approved. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Approve 2017-2018 School Calendar

Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by L. Seguin, the 2017-2018 school calendar was approved. Motion passed 6-1. Voted for: Larson, Johnson, Black, Milano, Seguin, Briesemeister. Voted against: Depa.

C. Approve books as surplus property

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by R. Depa, the books as surplus property was approved. Motion passed 7-0.

15. Adjournment

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Milano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.