

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2017 5:46 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, R. Depa, C. Black and M. Larson

Members Absent: A. Briesemeister

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

3. Work Session

J. Fitzer shared information about the 2018 extended student trip to Spain that will take place from March 30-April 9, 2018. L. Seguin reported that the Project Oversight Committee approved the flooring upgrade and the increased gym size at the intermediate school. She added that the upgraded flooring for the secondary building was also approved at \$200,000 with the condition that this approval could be suspended if expenses arose in other areas of the project. L. Seguin reported that the funds allocated for locker rooms will be allocated to M. Lindquist. She added that community groups are raising funds for locker room upgrades. If enough is raised, these funds will be used in addition to allocated funds for locker room upgrades. L. Seguin stated that fields will be ready for fall sports and locker rooms will be ready for winter sports. She added that the community education elevator was inspected on Thursday, March 16, some items were addressed and elevator was approved on Monday, March 20. L. Seguin stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 29, at 11 a.m. M. Schoen explained the current lease agreements with DASA and DAYHA, along with the amendments that must be approved for the construction of lockers to begin. He stated that both lease amendments will be on the April School Board Agenda. M. Reeder reported the district received one lawn mowing bid from 4.0 Services which reflected a price decrease for 2017. M. Schoen reported that the finance committee met two weeks ago and the district is financially sound. He added that operating levy dollars allocated for the new intermediate school will begin to be utilized in 2019. M. Schoen shared information regarding legislative state funding discussions. In addition, teacher contract negotiations and health insurance bidding procedure were discussed. M. Schoen shared that the district should have more concrete information regarding future health care costs by April 6, 2017. A. Johnson shared that the board discussed using professional development funds to educate staff about campus culture, diversity, bullying and how to talk with youth about these topics. She added that communication to parents, students and community members about what we are doing in the schools to teach diversity is important, and development of short and long term goals to combat these issues have begun.

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:41 p.m.

Board Chair A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:01 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review: COMPASS Program - Shallyn Tordeur/Marie Techam

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. February 27, 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 R. Depa, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Personnel Matters:

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the personnel matters. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Public Comment: School patrons are given the opportunity to address the school board regarding items that are not on the agenda. All patrons will be asked to state their name and address for the record.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Schoen shared information about the Delano candlelight vigil and meeting with the Safety Technical Center Director to discuss ways to increase awareness of diversity, acceptance and creating a welcoming environment. He added that the three major areas of concentration are: adult experiences and effects, long term training tools to help establish culture, guide students and review past events, critique and create proactive and safe guidelines for students and staff. M. Schoen shared that Delano Schools have partnered with Delano United to continue the conversation of rebuilding the community. In addition, the school district will communicate with stakeholders regarding short and long term plans in support of diversity education throughout district. M. Schoen reported that the second floor concrete slab of intermediate school will be constructed soon and the community education elevator passed inspection.

B. Principals:

1. Mr. Voight

Mr. Voight reported that the public meeting for the new intermediate school was well attended and participants have provided valuable input and asked questions that will be entertained. He added that a curriculum survey was presented on Facebook and the top skills class requested was character building. B. Voight stated that the DMS Site Base Team are designing a tool to collect information from students and parents regarding the school's climate. He added that the Butterbraid fundraiser has begun and orders are due by Tuesday, March 28. B. Voight reported that the middle school has applied for an ADSIS grant to offer more comprehensive math and reading intervention support.

2. Dr. Heil

Dr. Heil stated that he emailed parents regarding graduation and practice, spring fling and the senior breakfast will all be held on Wednesday, May 18. He added that a Mock Car Crash will take place on April 20 or 21 and will focus on distracted driving, not just substance abuse. S. Heil shared that this event will include steps leading up to the booking of the distracted driver and there will be a meeting in the auditorium with students afterwards to discuss the event. S. Heil stated that Prom will take place on Saturday, April 22. He added that the high school has invited a speaker to visit on Wednesday, April 4, to talk to students about diversity tolerance. S. Heil shared that the presentation will be given twice, to 9th/10th graders and 11th/12th graders.

3. Mr. Schuler

Mr. Schuler reported that third and fourth graders were preparing for MCA testing. He added that because testing is online, the time spent testing all students will be decreased from four to two weeks. D. Schuler stated that the Apex Fun Run kick-off began last week, and the goal of this run is to raise funds for technology and kindergarten playground equipment through pledges raised. He added that students participated in Bus Driver Appreciation Day in February. D. Schuler stated that students wrote letters to bus drivers to thank them for their service. He commended the bus company for the joint effort with the schools in working with students and their families. D. Schuler reported that students of the class of 2030 were welcomed to DES at Kindergarten Round-Up. He stated that 141 students attended this event. D. Schuler shared that Delano's Teacher of the Year, Charlene Warne, was chosen as a semi-finalist for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

C. Business Manager

Ms. Reeder reported the health insurance bids are due on March 28 by 3 p.m. She stated that bids will be opened on Thursday, March 30 and an insurance committee meeting will take place on April 6. M. Reeder added that the district will be soliciting bread and milk bids in April with approval of a bid at the May school board meeting. M. Reeder stated that the approval of this bid will reflect an increase in meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year.

D. Community Education Director

D. Johnson reported that Early Childhood Screening appointments are available, the Tiger Kids Club Gerten's fundraiser will conclude on March 31, and Wee Tiger Kids Club registration is open to all new and existing families. She stated the Kim Finn was hired at the Tiger Activity Center Coordinator. D. Johnson reported that gymnastics classes have 101 participants, swim lessons have 189 participants and eight Destination Imagination teams will compete at Regionals on Saturday, March 25.

11. Student Board Representatives Report

A. Dani Stevens and Alex Moe reported

D. Stevens reported that DES students participated in an on-site crime lab science museum where

they were able to put clues together to solve a crime. She added that students were excited for the Apex Fun Run. D. Stevens stated that high school students just ended third quarter, the Robotics team won an excellence in engineering award, spring activities have started, band concert took place on March 10, students are partaking in school trips to Germany and Florida over spring break, and CIS class sign-up has begun. She shared the question of the month, "What do you think about school lunches?" Students in the elementary school said the lunch ladies work hard, but they don't like all the lunches and high school students are not picky, if they don't like the lunches offered they pack their own. A. Moe reported the MS Science Olympiad Team placed third at state, spring sports have begun, and the butterbraid fundraiser is underway. He added that middle school students like the variety of lunches served, new choices and dominoes pizza, but they miss the cheese on the hamburgers.

12. Board Reports

- A. MAWSECO (Board minutes 2.28.17)
(Child Count 12.1.16)
- B. Wright Technical Center (Board minutes 3.7.17)
- C. Activity Advisory Council
C. Black reported that M. Linquist has formed a task force to help with naming facilities and creating maps to help community members navigate throughout the campus. He added that the council is working on criteria for a Delano Schools Hall of Fame that would include all activities commemorating students, staff and community members.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

- A. Approve Lawn Mowing Services Proposal for 2017
Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by C. Black, the 2017 lawn mowing services proposal from 4.0 Services was approved. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. Approve Surplus Items from MS FACS Classroom and TAC/Circuit Rooms Exercise Equipment
Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by R. Depa, the surplus items were approved. Motion passed 6-0.

15. Adjournment

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Black, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.