SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Delano Public Schools

Independent School District #879 Delano Minnesota

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The July 28, 2008 regular school board meeting was called to order by chair Peter Brasket at 7:10 p.m. at Delano City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tim Douglas, Carolyn Milano, Becky Schaust, Sarah Gallagher and Peter Brasket. Absent: Lorrie Mulholland and Kevin Max.

- 2. **MEETING AGENDA**: C Milano moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

 Motion passed 5-0.
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA: C Milano moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the consent agenda.

 Minutes: Board minutes for June 23, 2008 and July 10, 2008 Meetings: Financial Affairs: Current Budget Status with Year to Date Adjustments, Investment Transactions, Automatic Payment Summary, and Minnesota Liquid Assets Fund. Cash Report, Revenue and Expense Fund Totals, Expense Report by Program, Expense Report by Object, List of Bills Presented for Payment and List of Bills Paid Between Board Meetings. Donations: \$3123.10 for ES Technology and \$3,000 for Middle School Technology from Carolyn Milano and Brad Pappas and hand carts for custodial use donated from Jim Shoening

 Motion passed 5-0.
- **4. PERSONNEL MATTERS**: T Douglas moved, B Schaust seconded to approve the following personnel items:
 - A. Retirements/Resignations:
 - 1. Deb Lovegren, Elementary Grade 1 Teacher, resignation effective 6-2-08.
 - 2. Boak Wiesner, Assistant Track Coach, resignation effective 6-30-08.
 - 3. Nathan Kennedy, Youth Development Coordinator and 8th Grade Soccer Coach, resignation effective 7-23-08.
 - B. Recommendations for Employment:
 - 1. Virginia Diethart, Elementary Basic Skills, English Language Learner, effective 8-18-08, replaces Janet Beard who resigned.
 - 2. Nicole Jensen, ES Grade 1, effective 8-18-08, replaces Deb Lovegren who resigned.
 - 3. Daniel Mathieson, High School Language Arts, 40 days in-house substitute (.22 FTE), replaces Ross Alford who will retire on 11-6-08.
 - 4. Nancy Stellrecht, High School Online Learning, effective 8-18-08, replaces Jeff Sylvester who retired.
 - 5. Annamaria Todd-Dylla, Elementary Special Ed/LD, effective 8-18-08, replaces Cynthia Briesemeister who resigned.
 - 6. Heather Walberg, ES Special Ed/DCD, effective 8-18-08, replaces Char Sorenson who retired.
 - 8. Marcie Heikkila, Elementary Para, effective 8-27-08. Replaces Nancy Larson who retired.
 - 9. Stephanie Schreyer, ES Para, increase to 6.5 hours/day, effective 8-27-08.
 - 10. Rheanna Jerde, ES Para, effective 8-27-08, new positions.
 - 11. Kim Bonine, ES Para, effective 8-27-08, new position.
 - C. Contract Changes
 - 1. Sandy Meyerson, elementary music, request to go from full time to .8.
 - 2. Traci Lawman, District Communications Coordinator.
 - 3. Jackie Jerde, Tiger Kids Club Coordinator.

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Kevin Max arrived at 7:20 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- A. <u>Superintendent</u>: Dr. Sweet reported serving on the SEE Legislative Committee. In mid-August the SEE Committee will present a first draft of their legislative platform. The long term 6 year plan, PS Minnesota Plan, is to reform the school finance system. School funding is currently under financial challenges. The legislative platform will be finalized in November and go to the legislature in December/January.
- B. <u>High School Principal</u>: Matt Schoen reported the high school is finished hiring except for one para position, for the 2008-09 school year. He introduced Joe Haas the new Activities Director.
- C. <u>Activities Director</u>: Joe Haas started July 1, has an open door policy, has contacted all coaches and advisors and has met with most of them. He has set up a Registration Night for Activities, Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 pm in the Elementary School. Joe Maturi from the Univ. of MN Activities Department is scheduled to speak before registration.
- D. <u>Director of Business Affairs:</u> Sarah Miller reported on rising fuel prices and buying on the futures market. We are seeing some energy savings currently. They meet once a week with ESG on current construction projects. Substantial completion date is August 18th for the ventilation upgrade. Food and Milk are increasing so we have joined a coop with Anoka-Hennepin for a savings on our food product Enrollment is on target with a May seat count of 2240 and predicted adjusted count of 2258 pupils.
- E. <u>Community Education Director:</u> Diane Johnson reported the summer programs are wrapping up. The General Federated Women's Club is sponsoring 2 more Concerts in the Park in August.

7. BOARD REPORTS

- A. MAWSECO: S Gallagher reported a new director has been hired, Allyson Kuehn.
- B. <u>Wright Technical Center</u>: B Schaust reported there was no meeting and on a second reposting of the house they got one bid at their asking price.
- C. Community Education Advisory Council: None
- D. Curriculum Advisory Council: None
- E. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE): Dr. Sweet reported earlier in the meeting.
- F. <u>DASA</u>: Sarah Gallagher reported they are putting in a new light system and recycling the old system. The first 20 year bond will be paid off in November.
- G. Safe Schools Committee: None for the summer
- H. Negotiations: The School Board has completed the 8th meeting with the Paraprofessionals this is the first year with a union contract so there is a lot of language to be agreed upon. They have had their first meeting with the Custodians and Administrative Assistants and have started on the Transportation agreement with Stahlke Bus Service.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. <u>Second reading of revision to Policy 417, Chemical Use and Abuse</u>. B Schaust moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the second and final reading of Policy #417. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. <u>Lease of Lundeen Property</u>: After discussion, a motion was presented to permit the district to advertise the availability to lease district property at 617 County Road 30, SE, Delano with the subsequent right to enter into a lease agreement with a private party with the following conditions: 1) a 12-month lease, 2) a recommended monthly rental price of \$1500 including taxes, 3) Renters responsibility to maintain lawn and property (i.e. mowing, snow removal). 4) Renter's obligation to pay all utilities, 5) Renter to submit a rental application and background check, security deposit,

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6) Renter to agree to other terms as determined by the district. K Max moved, B Schaust seconded to approve the above motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. <u>Approve bread and milk bids</u>: T Douglas moved, S Gallagher seconded to award Kemps the firm 2008-09 milk contract and Pan-O-Gold the 2008-09 bread contract as recommended by the Director of Business Affairs and Food Service Director. Motion passed 6-0.
- B. <u>Set Truth in Taxation hearing for December 2 and continuation hearing for December 15, 2008:</u> S Gallagher moved, C Milano seconded to set the truth in taxation hearing dates for December 2nd at 7:00 pm and continuation hearing for December 15th, 2008. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. <u>Approve Health and Safety Attachment 99</u>: K Max moved, B Schaust seconded to adopt the Health and Safety Attachment 99 for 2008-09 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Resolution Establishing dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for the 2008 General School Election: P Brasket moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve resolution #07-28-08-19 -establishing August 26 through September 9th, 2008 as dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for the 2008 General School Election with 4 seats open for 4 year terms.

Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

- E. <u>First reading of revisions to Facility Use Policy and Fee Schedule</u>: Diane Johnson reviewed the proposed changes to the current policy. B Schaust moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the first reading of revisions to the Facility Use Policy. Motion passed 6-0.
- F. <u>Purchase of phone system for Community Education Building:</u> After discussion on the need to upgrade the Community Ed phone system, a proposal was presented for \$38,000 to bring 4 new phone lines into the building, all the wiring and the phone system. C Milano moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the purchase of a new phone system for the Community Education Building. Motion passed 6-0.
- G. <u>Lease of apartment for Chinese Guest Teacher:</u> S Gallagher moved, B Schaust seconded to approve a 12 month lease of a furnished apartment at \$800 per month which includes utilities. Delano Schools is responsible for lodging and transportation for the guest Chinese teacher and the location of this property is close to school and shopping areas. Motion passed 6-0.
- H. <u>Set date for joint meeting with Rockford School District for meeting with legislators</u>: A meeting date of Monday, November 10th, 2008 in the Delano High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm was set Max moved, C Milano seconded to approve November 10th, 2008. Motion passed 6-0.
- Approve Contract Amendment for Community Education and Affinety Web Solutions: S Gallagher moved, P Brasket seconded to approve the contract amendment between Comm. Ed and Affinety Web Solutions. The amendment changes the pricing scheme for the program registration software. Motion passed 6-0.
- **10. ADJOURNMENT**: B Schaust moved, S Gallagher seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion passed 6-0.

RECORDER Mary Food

BOARD CLERK a La Land Carolyn Milano