

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Delano Public Schools

Independent School District #879

Delano Minnesota

January 8, 2008

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1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The January 8, 2007 regular school board meeting was called to order by chair Peter Brasket at 7:00 p.m. at Delano City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tim Douglas, Carolyn Milano, Kevin Max, Sarah Gallagher, Lorrie Mulholland and Peter Brasket. Absent: Becky Schaust
2. **AUDIT – James Ford, Eide Bailly Accounting:** Mr. Ford presented the audit of the financial affairs of the school district for FY07. T Douglas moved, K Max seconded to approve the 2007 Audit.
Motion passed 6-0.
3. **PROGRAM REVIEW:** LINK Crew – Mr. Schoen introduced Mandy Weinandt and Megan Gibas who gave an overview of the transition program for freshmen. Three freshmen, Charlie Gallagher, Eric Nelson and Samatha Drusch did a mock presentation with the board members of the first day of interaction with freshmen.
4. **MEETING AGENDA:** S Gallagher moved, L Mulholland seconded to approve the meeting agenda.
Motion passed 6-0.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** C Milano moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the consent agenda.
Minutes: Board minutes for December 11, 2007, and January 3, 2008 Organizational School Board Meeting; Financial Affairs: Current Budget Status with Year to Date Adjustments, Investment Transactions, Automatic Payment Summary, Wire Transfer 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: \$1,000 to 2 elementary classes from Vickerman Construction Supply and \$350 donation to each school from Stahlke Bus Service.
Motion passed 6-0.
6. **PERSONNEL MATTERS:** K Max moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the following recommendations for employment:
 - A. Oda Sturey, increase from 3 to 4 hours per day, HS/MS Kitchen, effective 1-2-08
 - B. Jeri Anne Lovett, Long Term HS English Substitute, effective 1-21-08 through end of school year.Motion passed 6-0.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sam Nelson commented on the upcoming election and talked about land options for the new 4-6 building and suggested we have a visual presentation to present to the public before the next election.
8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
 - A. Superintendent: Dr. Sweet reported on the Chinese language program. Dr. Wang is the high school language teacher this year and Qiuli Wang is our exchange teacher here on a grant teaching middle and elementary school. Qiuli Wang is eligible to extend her stay another school year and the school district would be responsible for her housing and transportation expenses. Dr. Wang will decide in February if he will stay at Delano another year. If Dr. Wang leaves, Qiuli Wang will move to the high school to replace him.
 - B. High School Principal: Matt Schoen reported on the LINK Crew programs value and success. He also talked about registration in all grades and has revamped the registrations forms to be simpler and easier for families to use when registering their students.
Middle School Principal: Renee Klinkner thanked Stahlke Bus Company for their donation which will be used in the rewards incentive program and the anonymous Santa who gave students treats before break. She commented on the quality and how enjoyable the music programs were. She also commented on how valuable the volunteers are that come in consistently and work with the

students. Student Council has started their Pennies for Patients drive with a goal of \$10,000. The staff is involved in scheduling and upcoming workshops.

Elementary School Principal: Darren Schuler reported on the planning for their Jan. 21st workshop day with training and reps discussing the reading programs. Their Site Based Team is working with families on parenting meetings. Jan 20 starts paraprofessional appreciation week and Mr. Schuler thanked Ms. Miller and the custodial staff for their efforts in carpeting 12 classrooms in the 3rd and 4th grade.

- C. Director of Business Affairs: Sarah Miller updated buildings and grounds projects, food service and enrollment. She showed a US Energy comparison where we are down 25% from last year at this time in natural gas. We are benefiting from buying gas on the futures market.
- D. Director of Community Education: Dr. Sweet reported for Diane Johnson on the drivers ed program and the new Community Education brochure that was mailed out to the community.

9. BOARD REPORTS

- A. MAWSECO: S Gallagher reported the last MAWSECO meeting was held at Village Ranch, a year around living site for students in Cokato where students live and go to school.
- B. Wright Technical Center: None
- C. Community Education: L Mulholland reported they will meet next Thursday.
- D. Advisory Council: L Mulholland reported they will meet next Thursday.
- E. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE): C Milano reported that SEE is an organization to engage parents in the Educational process. They are upgrading their web site and the next general membership meeting is January 25th.
- F. DASA: S Gallagher attended a meeting before the holidays. Talked about DASA being privately owned and a financial review and the new bleachers.
- G. Safe Schools Committee: The next meeting is January 30th.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Report on status of energy savings project – Perry Schmidt, Energy Services Group: Mr. Schmidt gave a project update on the Energy Efficiency/Deferred Maintenance Project and the Ventilation System Replacement Project.
- B. Consider changing board meeting times from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in March (township meetings), September (Primary Election) and November (General Election) to avoid conflict with state law regarding no meetings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on these dates. After discussion S Gallagher moved, K Max seconded to hold the 2008 school board meetings commencing February on the 4th Monday of the month. The meetings to be held at the Delano City Hall with the exceptions of the March, May and December meeting, which will be held on the 3rd Monday at the HS Media Center or another location as board determined.
Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Discussion regarding bond election and resolution authorizing submittal for Review and Comment in connection with a great 4-6 building: Dr. Sweet gave an overview of a letter from the district's legal counsel regarding a question on the wording of Ballot Question No. 1 on the November 6, 2007

election. According to legal counsel "the District acted in accordance with Minnesota law by proposing Ballot Question No. 1 seeking an increase in general education revenue without stating a particular purpose for the revenue." There was discussion on costs for the 4-6 building, bond amounts, other improvements and dates for an election. Amy Johnson from the audience, spoke on ballot questions and the need for a site plan and building drawing for the community to visually see where their money will go. P Brasket moved, C Milano seconded a motion for intent to pursue referendum on 22 April 2008 for the construction of a 4-6 grade school building and other improvements for an amount not to exceed \$27,295,000.

Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Consider resolution to limit open enrollment in grades 1-12 for 2008-09. K Max moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve resolution #01-08-08-02 limiting the number of nonresident students who may enroll under the Enrollment Options Program (Open Enrollment) in grades one through twelve to one percent of the total enrollment at their particular grade level in accordance with District Policy and State Law.

Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** S Gallagher moved, T Douglas seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Motion passed 6-0.

RECORDER _____
Mary Foell

BOARD CLERK _____
Carolyn Milano