

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Delano Public Schools

Independent School District #879, Delano Minnesota

December 21, 2009

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1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The December 21, 2009 regular school board meeting was called to order by chair Peter Brasket at 7:00 p.m. at the Delano Middle School Media Center.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tim Douglas, Becky Schaust, Carolyn Milano, Amy Johnson, Lisa Seguin, Joy Bodin and Peter Brasket. Absent: none
2. **MEETING AGENDA:** T Douglas moved, L Seguin seconded to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
3. **Review tax levy and budget for FY 10:** Dr. Sweet and Sarah Miller reviewed the tax levy and budget for FY10. They discussed why property taxes vary, basic school funding formula, State aid vs local levy, levy certification recommendations, 09 pay 10 levy analysis, and a 09-10 budget summary.
4. **Adopt Tax Levy for Taxes Payable in 2010:** C Milano moved, T Douglas seconded to adopt the tax levy for tax payable in 2010 as presented by the Administration. Motion passed 7-0.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** B Schaust moved, J Bodin seconded to approve the consent agenda. Minutes: Board minutes for November 23, 2009, Special Board Minutes for November 30, 2009 and December 7, 2009; Financial Affairs: Current Budget Status with Year to Date Adjustments, Wire Transfers 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. Donations: \$700 from the Delano Jaycee's to Destination Imagination and a Park bench in the name of Class of 2009 from the Crow River State Bank. Motion passed 7-0.
5. **PERSONNEL MATTERS:** A Johnson moved, L Seguin seconded to approve the following:
 - A. Retirements/Resignations/Terminations
 1. Amber Socher, Tiger Kids Club paraprofessional, resignation effective 12-04-09.
 - B. Recommendations for Employment
 1. Joshua Menard, Tiger Activity Center supervisor, effective 12-1-09.
 - C. Leaves of Absence
 1. Virginia Diethart, Basic Skills/ELL teacher, Medical Leave of Absence, beginning 1-4-2010 through approximately 4-5-2010.
 2. Rebecca Olmscheid, DMS Grade 6, Family Medical Leave of Absence, beginning approximately 3-18-2010 through 06-04-2010. Motion passed 7-0.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Superintendent: Dr. Sweet reviewed all publications produced by Traci Lawman, our Communications Specialist. Only the "Eye of the Tiger" is mailed, all others are on-line, Elementary School's "Tiger Cub News", Middle School's "Tiger Tracks", and High School's "Through Tigers Eyes". He also noted that Community Educations new Winter-Spring brochure has been mailed and is also on-line.

Elementary School: Darren Schuler reported 7 staff members attended the TIES technology conference and talked about the Elementary School Blog becoming more interactive with instant pictures daily. The United Way Fund Drive has wrapped up beating the goal of \$10,000. The high school staff had the most contributors followed closely by the Elementary School. They have completed FRED Night with 66 dads and 77 children participating in grades K through 2.

High School Principal: Matt Schoen reported that the US News magazine has reported the top high schools in America and Delano received the bronze rating for a 2nd year in a row. These ratings are determined by test scores required to be better than state averages and college readiness. Delano High School partners with three universities for CIS courses and in 2009, 1203 credits were earned.

Director of Business Affairs: Sarah Miller reported earlier on Truth In Taxation.

Community Education Director: Director: Diane Johnson acknowledged everyone on the success of "An Old Fashioned Christmas" and also noted the brochure has been mailed.

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- A. MAWSECO: Amy Johnson reported meeting December 15th. The Director highlighted program trends and staffing needs. They received an update on cash flow funding and the audit is done.
- B. Wright Technical Center: Becky Schaust reported meeting Dec. 1st. They reviewed negotiations; heard a report on the status of the construction; are considering 2 new programs, Project Lead The Way and a Certified Nursing program; and they had some policy reviews.
- C. Community Education Advisory Council: No meeting this month.
- D. Curriculum Advisory Council:
- E. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE): Next meeting is January 22nd.
- F. DASA: Did not meet.
- G. Safe Schools Committee: Did not meet.
- H. Staff Development: Dr. Sweet reported they are organizing the January In-Service which will include a healthy breakfast and speaker. They also reviewed curriculum items in each building.
- I. City/School Task Group: Have not met.
- J. Teacher Negotiations: Peter Brasket reported negotiations have been very positive and productive. Health Care costs and State financing that has been frozen, are the current issues. Both sides have agreed on a mediator and they will meet January 6th.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Approve revisions to Policy #515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records: After discussion on feedback from board members, B Schaust moved, L Seguin seconded to approve revisions to Policy #515 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve QComp Goals and Budget for 2009-10: Neva Stoebner and Dr. Sweet reported on the goals and budget for QComp. Delano received a letter on Dec. 14th approving the goals. The elementary school increased their goal by 1%, middle school's goal changed with a 2% increase and high schools goals stayed as written. Every school will have to have a peer review and or school audit. Next year's budget will be \$637,439 with \$41,000 carry over from last year. The budget is driven by student count. They may also be adding all ECFE teachers in the future. A Johnson moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the QComp goals and budget for 2009-10. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Approve MOA regarding Race To The Top Federal Stimulus Program: J Bodin moved, C Milano seconded to approve the MOA regarding Race To The Top Federal Stimulus program which is related to QComp. There is a \$4.3 billion education stimulus package of federal money and Minnesota will receive about \$200M if application is approved. All MN schools are eligible to apply. There are 4 components to this: Standards and Assessments, Data Systems, Great Teachers and Leaders and Turn Around Persistently Lowest Achieving Schools (which is not applicable to Delano.) Delano could receive \$548,917 per year for four years for implementing the Race To The Top program.

Motion passed 7-0.

- C. First reading revisions to Policies: 512 – Student Disability Discrimination; 613 – Graduation Requirements; 615 – Basic Standards Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions; and 616 – School District System Accountability: T Douglas moved, L Seguin seconded to approve the first reading revisions to: Policy 515 – reflecting extensive changes in federal law and regulations; 512 – changes made to reflect federal law changes; 613 – language change with local requirements based on year of graduation ; 615 – clarification and updates to references within policy and in legal references; and 616 – a description for this policy has been added with minor updates and clarifications made within policy and legal references. Motion passed 7-0.

- D. Resolution establishing Health Care Savings Plan administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) for retired teachers who qualify for Medicare: After discussion A Johnson moved, B Schaust seconded to approve the resolution for a health care savings plan as presented. Motion passed by roll call vote 7-0.

- E. Approval of Agreement relative to Medicare eligible retirees leaving district insurance plan and associating with the MSRS Health Care Savings Plan: B schauast moved, J Bodin seconded to approve the Agreement. Motion passed 7-0.

- F. Set organizational meeting for 2010: T Douglas moved, C Milano seconded to set Monday, January 4th, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Delano City Hall as the 2010 Organizational Meeting for the School Board. Motion passed 7-0.

13. ADJOURNMENT: L Seguin moved, B Schaust seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Motion passed 7-0.

RECORDER _____
Mary Foell

BOARD CLERK _____
Carolyn Milano