

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The March 17, 2008 regular school board meeting was called to order by chair Peter Brasket at 7:10 p.m. at Delano High School Cafeteria.  
  
**ROLL CALL:** Present: Tim Douglas, Carolyn Milano, Becky Schaust, Sarah Gallagher, Lorrie Mulholland and Peter Brasket. Absent: Kevin Max
2. **Middle School Student Council Presentation:** The Middle School Student Council presented a check for \$7,704.88 to the Leukemia Foundation for research and patient programs. We are one of 21,000 schools throughout the nation that have raised over \$18 million this year for Leukemia.
3. **PROGRAM REVIEW:** School Within a School (SWAS) – Matt Schoen, High School Principal introduced Shallyn Tordeur who teaches the SWAS program. She presented a power point presentation outlining components of the program that reach out to assist students that need help to graduate with their class. Two components used are completion of MN State Graduation Standards and a Work Program.
4. **MEETING AGENDA:** B Schaust moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passed 6-0.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** C Milano moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the consent agenda.  
Minutes: Board minutes for February 7, 2008 and February 25, 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: None Motion passed 6-0.
5. **PERSONNEL MATTERS:** L Mulholland moved, B Schaust seconded to approve the following:
  - A. Retirements/Resignations:
    1. Lori DuBois, High School Mathematics and Head Girls Basketball Coach, Resignation effective end of school year.
    2. Janet Beard, Resignation, Title I/Basic Skills, effective end of school year.
    3. Alan Briesemeister, Resignation, Head Boys Soccer Coach, effective March 13, 2008
  - B. Recommendations for Employment:
    1. Lona DeSutter, part-time High School Media Center Paraprofessional, replaces Birdie Johnson who retired, effective March 31, 2008
  - C. Contract Changes/Approvals:
    1. Volunteer Coordinators Contract for 2007-08
    2. Food Service job share agreement
    3. Erin Alden, BA+30 to BA+45
    4. Mike Daily, BA+30 to BA+45
    5. Natalie Dinger, BA to BA+15
    6. Debra Lovegren, MA+15 to MA+30
    7. Jacob Olson, BA+15 to BA+45
    8. Kay Pederson, BA+15 to BA+45
    9. Rebecca Rue, BA+30 to BA+45
    10. Mark Schramel, BA+30 to BA+45
    11. Chad Wagner, BA to BA+15

Motion passed 6-0.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Amy Johnson and Lisa Seguin from the Vote Yes Committee thanked the School Board and the Community for their support of the upcoming election. They are focusing on educating the public on the two questions up for vote on April 22. They also reported that the Vote Yes Committee is funded by private donations only.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- A. Superintendent: Dr. Sweet reported on a subscription to the Instant Parent Contact Program which will give the district access to contact all families for emergencies and/or announcements. This program is essential for the safety of our students. It has an e-mail component and will be used for attendance, lunch, late starts, cancellations, power outages etc. Becky Schaust also stated this is a better way to communicate and increase security for our schools.
- B. Elementary School Principal: Darren Schuler reported the elementary school raised \$6,000 for KS95 Radiothon for Gillette Hospital. They just finished conferences with 98% attendance. FRED night was March 10<sup>th</sup> with 70 dads and 85 children attending. There will be a follow up on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Their recent lyceum, Critters and Company did a program on teasing and harassment in disguise that was very well received. Currently they are wrapping up Kindergarten Roundup.
- C. High School Principal: Matt Schoen reported the high school is in the midst of hiring – Social Studies teacher, Athletic Director, Math teacher and Media Center Specialist positions as well as Girls Basketball, Soccer and Cheerleading Coaches. The master schedule is being worked on and all students are registered. They are reviewing the College In The Schools process and also looking at having one registration conference with parents and students to involve more of the parents in class selection. Matt Schoen welcomed Lona DeSutter as the new Media Paraprofessional.
- D. Director of Business Affairs: Sarah Miller reported on US Energy Gas Bills, with the cold winter we are staying even with last year's energy costs. Food Service is replacing the Walk In cooler/freezer and hot lunch participation is up 25 students in the elementary and 75 students in the middle/high school this year. She noted the election process is on track with the ballots printed. Enrollment is stable with 2258 students to date which includes preschool.
- E. Community Education Director: Diane Johnson reported they are focusing on summer programs and the brochure is going to print next week. They are 3 sessions for Driver Education registration and the Comm Ed Gym is open again.

**8. BOARD REPORTS**

- A. MAWSECO: S Gallagher reported they met Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and had a presentation on autism and surveys for end of year reports on programs. All Special Ed teachers have a secretary now to help with the large amount of paperwork associated with the programs.
- B. Wright Technical Center: B Schaust reported on a joint meeting with the Superintendents of all districts associated with Wright Technical Center. They are winding down for this year and gearing up for next year, looking at starting teacher negotiations, discussed the calendar and issues with coordination with all districts and student programs. Their fund balance is good.
- C. Community Education: None
- D. Advisory Council: L Mulholland reported they reviewed the proposed books for next year in Health and Science and those will be approved in June.
- E. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE): C Milano reported on the regional meeting with discussion on the inequity in school funding. There will be a Parents United Summit on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul open to all parents who have an interest in funding changes for the education of our students.
- F. DASA: S Gallagher reported they met March 3<sup>rd</sup> and went over financials which showed ice rental had a positive cash flow. They will be working on summer safety projects such as security cameras, new doors, locks for locker rooms etc.

G. Safe Schools Committee: T Douglas reported the next meeting is April 30.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Action regarding Briesemeisters' leave request: Dr. Sweet reviewed the leave request stating that at the February 7 meeting the board did take action on the request for an extended leave of absence and on February 25 the Memorandum of Agreement did not pass. State law provides that if a request for an extended leave of absence is denied the board needs to state the reasons. T Douglas moved and B Schaufst seconded a motion to deny the Briesemeisters' request for an extended leave of absence for two reasons: 1) teachers were previously granted an extended leave of absence and 2) granting the extended leave of absence would require the school district to fill three hard to fill positions (science, special education and head boys soccer coach) at the same time and on a temporary basis, which would not be in the best interests of the students of the school district. B Schaufst moved to amend the motion to add a third reason "that the request did not meet the requirements of the Master Contract," T Douglas seconded. Motion passed 4-2 with Schaufst, Douglas, Brasket, and Mulholland voting yes and Milano and Gallagher voting no. The original amended motion to deny the Briesemeisters' request for an extended leave of absence for three reasons: 1) teachers were previously granted an extended leave of absence, 2) granting the extended leave of absence would require the school district to fill three hard to fill positions (science, special education and head boys soccer coach) at the same time and on a temporary basis, which would not be in the best interests of the students of the school district and 3) the request did meet the requirements of the Master Contract passed on a 4-2 vote with Schaufst, Douglas, Brasket and Mulholland voting yes and Gallagher and Milano voting no.

B. Review legal notice of election, letter and election update: Dr. Sweet reviewed the letter and legal notice required by law to be sent to all district residents regarding the election on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This mailing will be mailed March 31<sup>st</sup>.

C. Resolution naming additional judges and head judges for April 22 election: In addition to the Resolution passed on February 25<sup>th</sup> the following people will be added as judges and head judges: Joan Kittok – judge, Marlene Kittok, Toni Hirsch, Bonnie Bryant, Ted Turnham and Chuck Tryon as head judges. S Gallagher moved, L Mulholland seconded to approve the above judges.  
Motion passed by Roll Call Vote 6-0.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Highway 12 construction update and re-naming 9<sup>th</sup> Street "Tiger Drive": Bob VanLith from the City of Delano discussed the permanent name change of 9<sup>th</sup> street to Tiger Drive. Highway 12 construction will be starting soon with detours and renaming 9th Street would make directions to the school campus easier for visiting towns and teams. Julie Bernick from Stahlke Bus Service also talked about transportation issues during construction of Highway 12. B Schaufst moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the renaming of 9<sup>th</sup> street to "Tiger Drive". Motion passed 6-0.

B. Resolution for sale of Capital Facility Bonds in connection with the energy savings project: S Gallagher moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the resolution stating the intention of the school board to issue general obligation capital facilities bonds to finance certain capital projects, after a review from Perry Schmidt from Energy Services Group. Motion passed by roll call vote 6-0.

C. Lawn Mowing Bids: Joe Kittok from Jan's Landscape Co. talked about his lawn mowing business and previous work for the school district and 4.0 School Service reps also reported on their bid and experience in the business. After discussion B Schaufst moved, P Brasket seconded to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs and go with 4.0 School Services for the 2008 school year.  
Motion passed 5-1, T. Douglas abstained

- D. Name district legal counsel chief negotiator for contract talks with classified employees: The School District Paraprofessional group has recently unionized so there is no established contract at this time. The recommendation is for hiring legal council to expedite the process efficiently in terms of time. S Gallagher moved, L Mulholland seconded to name Mick Waldsperger as chief negotiator for contract talks with classified employees . Motion passed 6-0.
- E. Set special meeting for March 31, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.at Delano City Hall for the purpose of the sale of Alternative Facility Bonds in connections with the energy savings project: B Schaust moved, T Douglas seconded to approve a special school board meeting on March 31, 2008. Motion passed 6-0.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** C Milano moved, S Gallagher seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. Motion passed 6-0.

RECORDER \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Foell

BOARD CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Milano