

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Delano Public Schools

Independent School District #879

Delano Minnesota

November 20, 2006

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The November 20, 2006 regular school board meeting was called to order by chair Howard Glas at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

ROLL CALL: Present: Howard Glas, Tim Douglas, Lorrie Mulholland, Becky Schaust, Len Roering, Sarah Gallagher and Peter Brasket, Absent: None

Howard Glas commented on how successful the Delano Education Foundation Gala was last Saturday night. He publicly acknowledged Tim Douglas and Sarah Gallagher for their work on the Gala.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS:

- A. Elementary School Principal:** Darren Schuler discussed 2005-06 school year goals and highlights which included providing opportunity to staff through academy classes, attending a international reading conference for all elementary teacher, parent involvement through PIE organization, over 6,000 parent volunteer hours last year and moving forward in technology through Family Access and Gradebook. He went over the 2006-07 school improvement plan presented to the board.
- B. Middle School Principal:** Dick Rominski also reported on the 2005-06 Middle School improvement plan stressing academics in the Math and Reading/Language Arts areas. He reported on the process used to evaluate the improvement plan. For 2006-07 he identified needs in the technology area specifically Tablet PCs and interactive white boards..
- C. High School Principal:** Dr. Locklear reported on the positives of the 2005-06 improvement plans. He publicly thanked Joe Vieau and Cheri Shouts for their work on collecting and reporting data . One goal for the 2006-07 improvement plan is a graduation rate of at least 98%. He talked about the High School receiving a Chinese Guest Teacher Grant that will fund a Chinese teacher from January 2007 through June 2008. The plan is to use the teacher in elementary and middle school. He also reported that Delano High School's application for the "Systematic High School Redesign: Building a Minnesota Model" was rated as one of the best of high school applicants from across the state. The high school is a 5 star school in math and reading and one of only 78 schools in the state to achieve this rating.

B Schaust moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the 2006-07 Improvement Plans for the Elementary, Middle and High School. Motion passed 6-0.

- D. Director of Business Affairs:** Sarah Miller reported on 2 new staff members to the District Office, Bette Alford's Payroll/Human Resources and Brooks Grossinger, District Accountant. She received a letter from the US District Court regarding School Fitness Systems paying restitution to the district. The 2005-06 audit will be presented at the next board meeting. Enrollment is the same as September, 2170 students.
- E. Director of Community Education:** Diane Johnson reported preparation of the Winter/Spring Brochure. They had a successful Community Education conference in October and an ECFE presentation to over 100 people on "Tired or Wired" was very good.
- F. Superintendent:** Dr. Sweet presented his State of the Schools Report.

3. **PROGRAM REVIEW:** K-12 Curriculum Development Process and Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Performance – Joe Vieau. Reported on the 6 year review cycle for curriculum and reviewed the 2005-06 annual report. L Mulholland moved, P Brasket seconded to approve the 2005-06 Annual Report on Curriculum Instruction and Student Performance,
Motion passed 7-0
4. **MEETING AGENDA:** T Douglas moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the meeting agenda.
Motion passed 7-0.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:** B Schaust moved, L Roering seconded to approve the consent agenda.
Minutes: Board minutes for October 16, 2006, November 10, 2006 Special School Board Meeting and November 15, 2006 Special School Board Minutes. Financial Affairs: Current Budget Status, Revenue and Expense Reports by Fund, Expense Report by Object, List of Bills Presented for Payment and List of Bills Paid Between Board Meetings. Donation: None Motion passed 7-0.
6. **PERSONNEL MATTERS:**
- A. Resignations/Retirements: L Roering moved, T Douglas seconded to approve the following resignation and retirement:
1. Paulette J. Hanson, Middle School Media Generalist, effective January 21, 2007
 2. LuAnn Dixon, HS/MS Food Service, effective October 30, 2006
 3. Beth Hoiland, ECFE Wee Tiger Preschool Teacher, effective October 13, 2006
- Motion passed 7-0
- B. Recommendations for Employment: P Brasket moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the following employment:
1. Nichole Awker, Tiger Kids Club Teacher, effective October 1, 2006
 2. Ashley Krenik, Tiger Kids Club Aide, effective September 5, 2006
 3. Denise Fahy, ES Recess Paraprofessional, 2.5 hours per day, effective October, 2006
 4. Bette Alfords, Payroll/Human Resources, effective November 13, 2006
 5. Brooks Grossinger, District Accountant, effective November 20, 2006
- C. Contracts: L Roering moved, L Mulholland seconded to approve the following contract:
1. Youth Development Coordinator, 2006-2007 Motion passed 7-0.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
8. **BOARD REPORTS**
- A. MAWSECO: L Roering reported review of their audit and an increase in fund balance.
- B. Wright Technical Center: B Schaust reported they also reviewed their audit and took a tour of the automotive technology area.
- C. Community Education Advisory Council: L Mulholland reported
- D. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE): S Gallagher reported focus on how the election results tied into Education.
- E. DASA: P Brasket reported on options on current space and exploring improvements in schedule, times, etc.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion on facility needs of the district – Howard Glas reported on a meeting with principals and architects to look at options, cost and tax impact for facility needs. The board set a workshop date of Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. to further discuss facility needs of the district.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

11. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consider agreement with Transworld Systems, Inc. a collection agency that can be used to collect past due accounts for community education, school lunch, and activity accounts – Diane Johnson reported on the merits of such an agreement. After discussion L Roering moved, B Schaust seconded to approve the agreement. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Consider quotes on wireless local area network: After discussion with Jerry Malo, District Technology Coordinator, T Douglas moved, S Gallagher seconded to accept Tech Right Services for the wiring contract and Secure IT for equipment, installation and configuration costs, and Management Hardware, software and setup for a total \$42,375.00
Motion passed 7-0
- C. Declare as surplus property computers and printers: B Schaust moved, L Roering seconded to declare computers and printers not usable by the School District as surplus property.
Motion passed 7-0

13. ADJOURNMENT: P Brasket moved, S Gallagher seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:48pm.
Motion passed 7-0.

RECORDER _____
Mary Foell

BOARD CLERK _____
Sarah Gallagher