

# **SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

Monday, February 23, 2015 5:45 PM

## **Delano Public Schools**

Independent School District #879, Delano Minnesota

### **1. Call to order**

A. Record of members present or absent

Members Present: A. Johnson, C. Milano, L. Seguin, S. Baker, R. Durick, C. Black and M. Larson

Members Absent: None

### **2. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Before approval of meeting agenda, A. Johnson asked to move item 11 A., the Student Board Representatives Report, to after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by C. Milano, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed.

### **3. Work Session**

J. Aksoy shared information about the high school trip to Germany from March 19-27, 2015. Seven students and two chaperones will be travelling. T. Berggren shared information about the 5th grade extended field trip to Long Lake Conservation Center from May 13-15, 2015. 186 students will be attending, along with 10 parent chaperones. R. Kunde reported that World Strides organizes the middle school trip to Washington D.C. and New York from March 21-25, 2015. 15 students are attending, along with Rachel and one parent chaperone. M. Reeder, along with Gary Olsen and Greg Crowe from Ehlers shared information regarding the 2005 bond refinancing process for the district. They stated that refinancing these bonds will save the district 1.5 million or \$170,000 per year over the life of the bonds. M. Schoen reviewed policy 623-Mandatory Summer School Instruction and M. Reeder reviewed policy 701.2 Fund Balance. M. Schoen shared that the district and teachers are still discussing an additional professional development day which affects the 2015-16 School Calendar. M. Schoen reported on anonymous letters received regarding the high school boys' basketball coach. M. Schoen shared that after discussions with the Delano Aquatics Park committee, the district and city are not going to assist with facilitating a survey regarding this park and hope Aquatics group will hold survey off until after November 8, 2015.

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed.

A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:01 p.m.

### **4. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **5. Student Board Representatives Report**

A. Abbey Hutchins and Thomas Grover

T. Grover reported on I Love to Read month activities and the reading minutes competition at Delano Elementary. He added that PACER visited DES to address bullying issues, friendships and

facilitated role playing. T. Grover shared results from the monthly question, "Does the school provide enough activities and do they want you to get involved?" Students responded, yes and most students are involved in two activities. He shared another question, "Do you have friends outside of school?" Most students replied yes. A. Hutchins reported on the DMS Pennies for Patients fundraiser. In addition, she shared that DMS is promoting awareness about poverty stricken countries and students are collecting items to send to those in need. A. Hutchins reported that Winter Activity Day was a success and students visited a variety of places and experienced new activities. She shared that middle school students felt the district offered activities of interest and they provide social interaction and growth. Most DMS students stated they participate in between 2-5 activities. A. Hutchins reported that DHS has many activities with state participants; Girls' Hockey, Science Olympiad, Math Team, Wrestling, and All-State Choir. She added that Winterfest Week just ended and the Sadies Hawkins Dance was a success. T. Grover shared that students are quite satisfied with the activity offerings at the high school, the school encourages participation in multiple activities, and students spend a lot of time with friends outside the school day.

**6. Program Review - I Love to Read Month presentation (Darren Schuler)**

**D. Schuler reported on I Love to Read month activities. He added that phonics assessments are done over the summer to help teachers assess students' reading levels before the beginning of school. In addition, first graders read to the Board of Education.**

**7. Consent Agenda**

**Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. Motion passed.**

**A. School Board Minutes**

1. January 26, 2015

**B. Financial Affairs**

1. Current Budget Status with Year-to-Date Adjustments
2. Investment Transactions
3. Wire Transfers
4. Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund
5. Cash Report
6. Revenue Report by Fund
7. Expense Report by Fund
8. Expense Report by Program
9. Expense Report by Object
10. List of Bills Presented for Payment

**8. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts**

**Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for the Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed.**

**9. Personnel Matters:**

**Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed.**

- 10. Public Comment: School patrons are given the opportunity to address the school board regarding items that are not on the agenda. All patrons will be asked to state their name and address for the record. Bruce Beltrand, Delano, MN, commented on the accident at the Delano Area Sports Arena on January 29, 2015. He stated that there is a solution to prevent another accident from happening like what happened to his daughter. He expressed that he has had great dialogue with DASA, DAYHA and the school district to decide on a solution. M. Schoen stated that the district will provide some financial assistance from donated funds for costs associated with the proposed solution.**

**11. Administrative Reports**

**A. Superintendent**

Superintendent Schoen reported on the district feasibility study. He stated that Morris-Leatherman will begin calling 400 residents over the next two weeks. Superintendent Schoen added that the March work session will consist of discussing the findings of this feasibility study. In addition, Superintendent Schoen presented the Board of Education with certificates of appreciation in honor of School Board Recognition Week.

**B. Principals:**

**1. Ms. Klinkner**

Ms. Klinkner was not present at the meeting.

**2. Dr. Heil**

Dr. Heil reported on February 23 parent-teacher conferences. He mentioned all high school activities state participants and AAA winners. S. Heil stated that DHS senior Tayler Hedtke is a 2015 National Merit Scholar. He added that SciTech is in April and he is working with local businesses and colleges to finalize plans. S. Heil stated that Jo Reinhardt of Industrial Louvers will be the keynote speaker. He shared that SciTech affords current students and past graduates the opportunity to do internships at local businesses. He noted that some internships evolve into jobs and these businesses assist with education costs.

**3. Mr. Schuler**

Mr. Schuler reported about I Love to Read month. He added that FAST testing in the elementary measures MCA testing success. These tests are complete and the results show that many students moved from high risk to some or low risk. In Math, 48 students moved from high to low risk. In Reading, 21 students moved from high to some risk. D. Schuler shared that 3rd and 4th graders also finished practice tests for the MCAs. He reported that Kindergarten Round-Up is March 10 and 12. There are 155 kindergarteners registered thus far. D. Schuler shared that Tiger Fun Fair is the weekend of February 28 and they need additional volunteers. In addition, the Cinderella play is Feb 26-28 and the 4th grade concert is also Thursday, February 26. D. Schuler added that social worker Michelle Krueger and DES teacher Megan St. Amand will be teaching a new program titled, "Parents are Forever," which is sponsored by Wright County and Delano Community Education. This class will educate parents on keeping kids out of the process of divorce, based on best practices.

**C. Business Manager**

Ms. Reeder reported results of the Food Service Administrative Review which included four minor findings with no financial repercussions. She added that she is working on the FY16 budget and will be meeting with Superintendent Schoen on February 23 to discuss.

**D. Community Education Director**

Ms. Johnson was absent. In her absence, Superintendent Schoen reported that Tiger Kids Club registration will begin on February 24 for summer and fall. He added that the WEE Tiger Preschool

Open House will be held on March 2. Superintendent Schoen added that MN Reading Corp assessment results show significant improvement in student reading abilities. He added that four Destination ImagiNation teams are going to state thus far, with another regional tournament on March 21. Superintendent Schoen stated that community education winter activities are in full swing and participation is high.

## **12. Board Reports**

### **A. MAWSECO**

A Johnson reported that she attended the January organizational meeting. She stated that Director Przekurat explained staff contracts and staffing changes. They also commended paraprofessionals for Paraprofessional Recognition Week.

### **B. Wright Technical Center**

R. Durick reported that he attended the January organizational meeting. He shared that the auditor's contract is out for bid and WTC is saving telecommunications dollars through a contract adjustment. R. Durick added that Director Przekurat is working on SciTech participation and CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class at WTC. He wants to accommodate 20-25 students through this class. R. Durick added that WTC has an opening for a Special Education teacher that will be hired to fulfill a compliance mandate. He reported that WTC is working on a Federal Apprenticeship Grant to help assist students with youth apprentice opportunities. In addition, WTC is working to provide remote learning opportunities so students can continue to learn away from the classroom.

### **C. Curriculum Advisory Council**

L. Seguin reported that she attended the CAC meeting on February 5. She stated that the CAC and Darcie Pemberton discussed the FACS curriculum. L. Seguin also stated that 85% of the district's Curriculum Map is complete. She shared that ideas were discussed about how to engage more community members to be involved in the Curriculum Advisory Council.

### **D. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)**

M. Schoen reported that TRA reporting changes were discussed and this fund is performing well. He added that Senators Kevin Dahle and Susan Kent, members of the Senate Education Finance and Policy committee, presented legislative bills to those in attendance regarding flexibility in allocating compensatory funding, increasing funding for Reading Corps, and a proposed 4% increase in the funding formula for SEE districts.

### **E. Delano Area Sports Arena (DASA)**

M Larson reported that the DASA Board met on February 22 to discuss the safety of spectators. Parent Bruce Beltrand expressed his concern and ideas for a solution to prevent future accidents. M. Larson stated that the rink glass rises five feet above the boards and DASA is considering bringing the glass up to eight feet above the boards. They discussed funding and solutions to the problem. M. Larson stated they hope to have bids in soon and the new glass in by May. He shared that the cost of the glass will be \$15,000 plus labor and shipping costs will be \$5000.

### **F. Safe Schools**

S. Baker reported that they met on February 12. Safe Harbor laws were explained in regards to sex trafficking, sex exploitation, and how individuals are protected by this law. She added that discussions regarding mental health at both the middle and high school levels were discussed, how it affects attendance and resources that are available for students. S. Baker added that chemical and mental health are intertwined which directly affects rise in mental health concerns. S. Baker reported that Delano is looking to add an additional 50 homes to the community in 2015 and with this the trend in mental health could increase.

### **G. Professional Development**

C. Milano reported they met Thursday, February 19. Items discussed for March 9 professional development day were curriculum mapping and technology training. C. Milano shared that the group discussed Professional Learning Community (PLC) training that will take place in June. She added that the professional development work plan and PLC model were discussed. C. Milano shared that there are 11 Google trained and certified staff members. In addition, the professional development budget, schedules and goals were discussed. At the April meeting, the group will discuss Google training and the transition to Google district wide.

H. City/School

L. Seguin reported that they met with Phil Kern and members of the Delano City Council regarding the proposed Aquatics Center. She stated that the group wanted to leverage the city and school to assist with communication efforts. L. Seguin stated that they have asked the Aquatics group to wait to survey residents because of a possible school bond referendum fall of 2015. She expressed that the crossing of the two efforts could confuse district residents. L. Seguin also stated that the school feasibility study is beginning and the positive partnership between the city and school is appreciated.

**13. Old Business**

**14. New Business**

- A. First read of policy due to substantive and/or legal reference changes: Policy 701.2 Fund Balance and Policy 623-Mandatory Summer School Instruction.

**Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by R. Durick, the Board of Education approved the first reading of policies 701.2 and 623. Motion passed.**

- B. Resolution for Sale of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds

**Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Sale of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds. Motion passed.**

- C. 5th Grade Long Lake Conservation Center Extended Field Trip

**Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the 5th Grade Long Lake Conservation Center Extended Field Trip. Motion passed.**

- D. 8th Grade Washington DC/New York Extended Field Trip

**Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the 8th Grade Washington DC/New York Extended Field Trip. Motion passed.**

- E. German Extended Field Trip

**Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by C. Milano, the Board of Education approved the German Extended Field Trip. Motion passed.**

**15. Adjournment**

**Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Black, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed.**