

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, November 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, C. Black and M. Larson

Members Absent: R. Durick

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Before approval of the meeting agenda, board members asked for the removal of Schools for Equity in Education and Wright Technical Center board reports.

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

3. Work Session

M. Lindquist explained the process of dissolving the Girls' Hockey Cooperative Agreement. M. Reeder explained the 2014-15 General Fund Budget to Actual projections, revenues and expenditures. A. Johnson shared tentative dates with board members for January Special Meeting. M. Schoen, V. Dierks of WOLD Architects and Bob Prell of ICS Consulting shared the next steps for the district's building projects.

Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:51 p.m. Motion passed.

Board Chair A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:03 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review - 2014-2015 Audit Presentation given by Matt Mayer of Bergan KDV

6. 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. October 26, 2015
2. November 10, 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

7. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed.

8. Personnel Matters:

Upon motion from M. Larson, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed.

9. Approve 2015-2017 Delano Teachers Agreement

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the 2015-2017 Delano Teachers Agreement. 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.

11. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Schoen shared an update on the 5-Year Strategic Plan. He stated that he met with WOLD Architects and ICS Consulting regarding the building projects. In addition, M. Schoen spoke to Ehlers regarding the sale of bonds. He shared that Curriculum Mapping has progressed from building the maps to discussing vertical alignment and essential skill sets from grade to grade. M. Schoen stated that Professional Development's focus is to finalize timeframe for curriculum discussions, technology and Google training. He added that District Technology Committee is re-defining purpose.

B. Principals:

1. Mr. Voight

Mr. Voight reported on the middle school's School Improvement Plan (SIP). He shared that the Site Base Committee will analyze reading data from last spring and iReady tests and give results to teachers which will help them make appropriate decisions for student learning. Mr. Voight added that the Student Success Team (SST) is studying at-risk student data to determine what will help these students increase learning. SST is refining the process of identification of at-risk students for teachers, planning targeted services and looking for an iReady replacement which will help align assessment protocols from elementary school through high school. Mr. Voight shared that the staff has set up a Tree of Thanks to recognize colleagues for contributions and to help build a positive culture at the middle school. He added that #WeCare Day, a morning of service projects for DMS students, will be held on Friday, December 4.

2. Dr. Heil

Dr. Heil reported that fall activities are complete. He added a reminder to parents to drive cautiously throughout the campus during the winter months. Dr. Heil asked parents to yield for buses and practice undistracted driving for the safety of our students. He also thanked high school employees for donations collected for veteran's in the community.

3. Mr. Schuler

Mr. Schuler reported on Veteran's Day which included a flag dedication and raising ceremony for students run by Dr. Sweet and American Legion members. He added that music teacher Ms. Sanderson taught students songs about the branches of the military. Mr. Schuler stated that Assistant Principal Mr. McDonald is a veteran and shared his experiences with the students. Mr. Schuler reported that staff members took part in Google training during the last Professional Development day on November 9. In addition, a math series representative showed staff members the benefits of online math products. He shared that elementary FAST testing contains a behavior rating that looks at student behavior which the Student Success Team uses to set a behavior baseline for each student. Mr. Schuler reported on The Tiger Way positive behavior supports and stated they have given out 44 slips this year in comparison with 80 slips at the same time last year. He hopes this reduction has a direct correlation to the new program. Mr. Schuler shared that he and Mr. McDonald gave a bullying presentation to all students regarding stop, walk away and talk about bullying and what to do if you are a bystander. He added that the Fall Fundraiser raised \$36,000 this year and there were many rewards given to students. Mr. Schuler also reported about the staff who attended the LEEA Awards presentation in St. Cloud.

C. Business Manager

Ms. Reeder reported that due to the bond referendum passage, MDE is updating levy documents. She added that the 2007 approved levy amount is reflected in preliminary tax statements. She encouraged residents to use the Tax Calculator that is on the district website to calculate the tax amount for questions 1 and 2 which were not reflected in the 2016 preliminary tax statement.

D. Community Education Director

Ms. Johnson reported that Old Fashioned Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 5, with many participants from the school district and community wide. She stated that this Fall, early morning swim numbers increased, the archery program was very popular, flag/tackle football had higher participation, 141 participants are registered in gymnastics and 116 are registered for an open soccer program. Ms. Johnson reported that the Tiger Activity Center weight room was painted, new signs were hung, and two squat racks were installed. She added that YAR attended WE Day, Destination ImagiNation has 11 teams this year and the ECFE class Daddy & Me was popular. Ms. Johnson shared that Santa will visit Community Education on December 16, Wee Tiger and Pre-K conferences are currently being held and CE raised \$800 for United Way through a silent auction. Ms. Johnson reported that Early Childhood referred 16 students for special education services and

referrals are higher all over the state of Minnesota.

12. Student Board Representatives Report

A. Thomas Grover and Dani Stevens reported

T. Grover reported on HS/MS Veteran's Day program, three high school athletes Letter of Intent signing, HS food drive, MS One Act Play, #WeCare Day, and 5th/6th grade parties. He added that this month's student questions are on social interaction and growth. Question one was "Do schools provide activities of interest?" T. Grover stated that middle and high school students said Delano does a great job. Question two asked, "Does the school encourage you to get involved?" T. Grover stated that most students said yes. T. Grover shared that students also said yes to question three which was, "With all activities, do you spend time with friends outside of school?" D. Stevens reported that Ms. Warne is the Elementary Teacher of the Year, the Tiger Way has helped reduce the number of behavior slips given to students this year, all elementary students participated in a bullying presentation and students got to wear a mustache for \$1 during the month of November and all proceeds went to benefit prostate cancer. T. Grover added that many 18 year old students from the high school voted on the bond referendum.

13. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

A. Johnson reported that the board met last month and talked about the final stages of the building project. She added that MAWSECO is currently moving into the new space.

B. Curriculum Advisory Council

M. Schoen reported that the council received an update on the World's Best Workforce report and discussed curriculum mapping and alignment. He added that two curriculum areas are currently under review; business education and elementary art. M. Schoen stated that two additional curriculum areas will be discussed at upcoming meetings; 7-12 Art in February and World Languages in April.

C. Delano Area Sports Arena (DASA)

M. Larson reported that hockey tournaments are filled, board discussed the concession stand operations staffing and purchasing.

D. Safe Schools

No report

E. Professional Development

C. Milano reported that they reviewed the November 9 Professional Development Day content which included Google training and developing a proficiency checklist, curriculum mapping and how each school is progressing through this process.

14. Old Business

15. New Business

A. MSHSL Application for DISSOLUTION of Cooperative Sponsorship

Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the MSHSL Application for Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship. Motion passed.

16. Adjournment

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by S. Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Motion passed.