

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 25, 2013 7:04 PM

Delano Public Schools

Independent School District #879, Delano Minnesota

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

A Johnson amended the agenda by removing Item C from the consent agenda personnel items and tabling the item until next month.

Motion: Baker Second: Larson Vote: 7-0

3. Program Review - Long Lake Conservation Camp - Mr. Berggren

Mr. Berggren handed out Science Standards to the Board Members; these standards are addressed while the 5th Grade students are at Long Lake Conservation Camp (LLCC). 1980 was the first year that Delano went to LLCC; this will be the school's 34th year. The students are separated into seven groups of 22-23 students per group; there are 7-8 students per chaperone. The students attend instructional classes that last about 1 1/2 hours each; the first half hour of each class is spent in an indoor classroom. The cost for attending LLCC is \$114 plus \$16 for transportation; the cost includes seven meals, two nights of lodging and the use of all of the equipment and classroom materials. Families can either pay the full cost for the trip or the students can sell candy bars to pay for some or all of the trip. Mr. Berggren noted that there are about a dozen students each year who do not attend, but the school does encourage all students to participate. The activities that the students participate in are canoeing, archery, exploring bogs, looking for organisms from the lake bottom, cooperation challenge courses, Snakes Alive, Who Gives a Hoot, shelter building, outdoor games, orienteering, an orienteering race, and GPS classroom instruction. For the past couple of years, the school nurse has gone up to LLCC to handle all of the medications for the students, which has been very helpful for the chaperones. The trip for this year is planned for May 15th through May 17th.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Durick Second: Seguin Vote: 7-0

A. School Board Minutes

1. January 28, 2013 Regular Meeting

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
11. Donations

5. Personnel Matters: Item C was removed

Motion: Baker Second: Larson Vote: 7-0

A. Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

B. Recommendations for Employment

1. Lindsay Kantrovich, TAC Lifeguard, effective 01-02-13.
2. Megan Leipholtz, TAC Personal Trainer, effective 02-14-13.
3. Lori May, TAC Gymnastics Teacher, effective 01-28-13.
4. Derek Schansberg, DHS Jr. Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach, effective 03-29-13.
5. Daniel Willette, DHS Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach, effective 03-29-13.
6. Katie Youngblut, DHS Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach, effective 03-29-13.

C. Contract Changes/Approvals

1. Traci Lawman, Assistant to the Superintendent/Communications Coordinator, effective 03-01-13 through 06-30-13.

This item was removed per Item 2.

D. Leaves of Absence

6. 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.

Harlan Lewis, 118 4th St S, Delano, stated he was back to challenge the School Board regarding having student representation on the Board. A Johnson informed Mr. Lewis that the School Board has been discussing this issue and that Superintendent Schoen will be meeting with the High School administrative team to discuss possible choices for student representation. Mr. Lewis stated that he would like to hear student input regarding school issues.

7. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr. Schoen reported that the Strategic Planning Process will begin on April 9th with a three hour session for the District Cabinet. Administration will be trained in this session so that they can then go back to their staff to work on the process in the different buildings and departments. There will be online opportunities for community members and other staff members to provide feedback for the

process. Mr. Schoen would like to present the Strategic Plan in August for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Schoen noted that last week was School Board Recognition Week. Mr. Schoen read a letter that was given to each Board member, along with a certificate of recognition.

B. Principals:

1. Ms. Klinkner

Ms. Klinkner reported that Delano Middle School was once again chosen to be part of the NAEP testing process. Sixty 8th Grade students will be tested, and those test scores will be used across the nation to build a national report card.

Ms. Klinkner also reported that every three years, the MN Department of Education does a student survey. This year, 5th, 8th and 11th Grade students will be surveyed. The Middle School started surveying the 8th Grade today and will have all of the 5th and 8th Grade students surveyed by the end of the week. The results will be given back to the schools in the fall.

Conferences will be held next Tuesday and Thursday from 4 - 8 PM.

Ms. Klinkner noted that there have been ample volunteer opportunities in the Middle School, but that those opportunities are different from the Elementary School volunteer opportunities. The Middle School has more of a need in the areas of field trips rather than classroom-based volunteering.

The Middle School will be exploring alternative scheduling for 7th and 8th Grade beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. The Middle School will be asking for parent and student input during that process.

2. Dr. Heil

C Milano congratulated Dr. Heil on receiving his Ed.D. degree. Dr. Heil reported that conferences were being held tonight, but that turnout seemed low, which was probably due to so many other activities and events that are taking place. Dr. Heil noted that the registration conferences went very well. The parents were polled to make sure that the High School is meeting their needs. Parents stated that they appreciated the 10 minute conferences and the help understanding how to plan the four years of their student's High School careers. There are four staff and 13 students preparing to go to China. Joe Vieau will be leaving March 11th, and the rest of the group will be leaving on March 19th. Dr. Heil reported that Susan Farbo, the High School Counselor, has started a quarterly newsletter on college and career testing and readiness. The goal of the newsletter is help students and parents become more informed about college and career options, with the hope that the parents and/or students will contact the High School with any questions. There will be schoolwide CPR and AED training on Wednesday.

3. Mr. Schuler

Mr. Schuler reported that it has been great seeing parents, grandparents, and even the Superintendent, reading to students at the Elementary School. Mr. Schuler welcomes all community members to come and read to the students. PIE's Toast to Art was held last Friday night, and Mr. Schuler thanked Kristin Ely-Bluemke for coordinating the event and Tamra Kowalski for giving free art classes. Mr. Schuler reported that the Elementary School was named a Lifesaver Club Member for Pennies for Patients; \$9,200 was raised this year, with Mrs. Peterson's class raising the most money; the average amount raised per student was \$10. The Elementary report cards will be available tomorrow and can be accessed online. Conferences start on Thursday and continue Tuesday and Thursday of next week, along with the Book Fair. Mr. Schuler noted that the Community Ed play this year is "The Jungle Book"; the cast is made up of 3rd through 6th Graders, and will be presented on February 28th, March 1st and March 2nd.

C. Business Manager

Ms. Reeder reported that the District has published requests for lawn mowing proposals for the past two weeks in the Delano Herald Journal. Anyone wishing for a copy of the specs should contact the District Office. Proposals will be accepted through 10 AM on March 8th; the Board will accept the proposals and choose the vendor at the March 18th regular School Board meeting.

D. Community Education Director

Ms. Johnson reported that the Community Ed's new website was launched on February 1st. Ms. Johnson thanked the CE Advisory Council for their input on the website design. There are several new adult enrichment classes being offered, but it has been a challenge getting the classes filled; some classes have already been canceled. Ms. Johnson called attention to the "An Evening at the Theatre Movie Nights" classes that are being held in cooperation with the Delano Senior Center on March 14th, April 4th and April 18th. The names of the movies cannot be published ahead of time, but anyone interested can contact the Senior Center on the day of the movie to find out what will be playing that night. For \$5, each participant will receive pizza and the opportunity to discuss the movie at the end of the evening with Lani Brown-Worley and Shawne Worley. The first Tiger Kids Club Parent's Night Out event was held on Friday, February 15th. Tiger Kids Club registration begins on March 11th; the registration/information night will be on April 4th from 4:30 - 7 PM. The ECFE winter book study has had 8 participants; there were 17 children and 13 dads who attended the Daddy 'n Me Science Fun Night; and 14 grandchildren and 21 grandparents attended the Grandparent Valentine Craft Night. ECFE raised \$425 for Pennies for Patients during their Leukemia & Lymphoma Pennies for Patients Family Fun Night held on February 7th. Wee Tiger Preschool Open House, Information and Registration Night for the 2013-2014 school year will be held on March 12th from 3:30 - 6 PM. The upcoming Early Childhood Health and Developmental Screening dates are February 28th, March 1st, April 4th and April 5th. The first annual YAR Bowling Tournament is scheduled for March 3rd from 1 - 4 PM at Huikko's Bowling Center in Buffalo; registration forms are in the High School. The Destination Imagination Teams are being spread across three different regional tournament sites. Anyone interested in the Teens Against Tobacco Training (TATU) should contact Ms. Boll. The Midwest Amateur Gymnastics Association (MAGA) team did well at their final regular season meet. Megan Leipholtz has been hired by the Tiger Activity Center as a personal trainer for any members that would like to purchase her services.

8. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

A Johnson reported that MAWSECO meets tomorrow night.

B. Wright Technical Center

R Durick reported that the committee met on February 5th for the Organizational Meeting; new

officers were elected and committees were assigned. Julie Warner officially submitted her resignation; Julie has held six different positions at Wright Tech Center since starting there in 1990. Julie stated that she is worried about Governor Dayton's proposed budget because of the proposed changes to the extended day funding and how that will affect the evening ALC program and the Targeted Services programs, which are held at the different school sites. The Director Search Committee received 21 completed applications; the Executive Committee chose six candidates to interview, but one withdrew. The five candidates were interviewed, and pool has been narrowed to two; the final interviews will be held at the beginning of March.

C. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)

S Baker reported that Brad Lundell gave a brief legislative update; equalization bills are on the table - taxpayers are taxed equally and districts receive equitable funding. Ms. Baker noted that those interested in legislative issues should read Brad's blog, which is a very good resource. The sales tax proposals were discussed, along with discussion regarding the payback of the shift and how that would affect education funding - would it be either the shift gets paid back or if not, would there be additional dollars put on the general education formula. SEE is looking at how it fits in with lobbying efforts; their platform is for fair and equitable funding. Early Childhood and All Day K were discussed; the presenters stated that Early Childhood education can be the great equalizer. Children reap the benefits through their college careers. School readiness is impacted; prepares the children so they are ready to be students. Currently Early Childhood gets 1% of the state budget. The state is now looking at Early Childhood education as a way to reduce the achievement gap. The group also heard from the Chair of the House Education Finance Committee who stated that the funding system is outdated; he also talked about the reliance on property tax levies and that no student should lose educational opportunities because of one vote. The Chair also noted that disparity funding has increased by 57%.

D. Delano Area Sports Arena (DASA)

M Larson reported that the meeting was moved to March 6th.

E. Safe Schools

S Baker reported that the committee met on February 19th, and that part of the mission of the group is to promote collaboration between schools, law enforcement, local government and public health. Wright-Hennepin Public Safety is sponsoring a Citizens Police Academy, which is a seven-week course. Participants will be actively participating in law enforcement activities, which will help raise awareness of how police officers contribute to the community. The county is trying to raise awareness to reduce distracted driving among adults and students. Phil Kern talked about the Safe Routes to Schools Grant. Phil Kern also reported that the City Public Safety Committee met to discuss setting a speed limit on Tiger Drive.

F. Staff Development

R Durick reported that the committee met on February 19th. Under continuous discussion goals, it was decided that the group needs to come up with a position regarding staff development needs and present those needs to the School Board so that dollars can be budgeted for staff development in 2013-2014.

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Motion: Seguin Second: Larson Vote: 7-0