

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, July 23, 2012 7:11 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, P Brasket, C Milano, L Seguin, S Baker, R Durick, C Black

Members Absent: None

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Brasket Second: Baker Vote: 7-0

3. Program Review - Community Education/Senior Center Report Gail Sinkel

Gail Sinkel, Delano Senior Center Coordinator, gave a program review on the Delano Senior Center. The Senior Center has been in existence for 30 years, and Delano Community Education and other community programs were a vital part of getting the Center in place by providing start up funding. The mission statement of the Senior Center is provide services and activities that promote healthy and active aging and keep seniors living independently and actively engaged in their community. Delano Senior Center works closely with Catholic Charities Senior Dining, River Rider Transportation and Delano Community Education. Catholic Charities Senior Dining has provided the onsite meals plus the meals for the Meals on Wheels program since the Senior Center opened in 1982. River Rider Transportation provides transportation for all area residents, not just seniors. Since 1982, Delano Community Education has offered adult enrichment classes at the Senior Center, along with intergenerational programs, to help bring the youth and seniors of the community together. Delano Public Schools also partner with the Senior Center - Elementary students join the Seniors for lunch once a month; the Middle and High Choirs and Bands perform at the Center; Middle School students have Senior Center Pen Pals; SHARP and Honor Society students assist with special events, serve lunches and deliver meals on wheels; the College in the Schools students are in a joint writers group with seniors; and Preschool classes join the seniors for lunches and activities. The Senior Center is mainly funded with dollars from the City of Delano; other funding comes to them through Delano Community Education, various other townships and partnerships, as well as fundraising and fees. The Senior Center's 2012 goals are to continue marketing the programs and services that they offer to area seniors.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Durick Second: Seguin Vote: 7-0

A. School Board Minutes

1. June 25, 2012

B. Financial Affair

1. Current Budget Status with Year to Date Adjustments
2. Investment Transactions, Wire Transfers, and Minnesota Liquid Assets Fund
3. Cash Report
4. Revenue Report by Fund
5. Expense Report by Fund
6. Expense Report by Program
7. Expense Report by Object
8. List of Bills Presented for Payment
9. Donations: 2012 All Night Grad Party Committee - \$1,000 for two new iPads for SWAS Program and \$2,075 to assist in coverage of CIS fees for students on free or reduced status; New York Life (Sonja Schlosser) - \$60.

5. Personnel Matters:

Motion: Brasket Second: Milano Vote: 7-0

A. Retirements/Resignations/Terminations

1. John Byers, DES Paraprofessional, resignation effective 08-09-12.

B. Recommendations for Employment

1. Kristine Cruikshank, DHS Special Education EBD Teacher, beginning 8-22-12. Replaces Jennifer Froehlich who resigned.
2. Kathleen Kerber, Community Education TKC Teacher, effective 6-7-12. Replaces Robin Jacobson who resigned.
3. Daniel Clark, Community Education TAC Student Lifeguard, effective 6-18-12.

C. Contract Changes/Approvals

1. Sarah Farniok, TAC Recreation Programs Coordinator, Letter of Understanding effective 7-1-12 through 9-30-12.

D. Leaves of Absence

1. None

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.

7. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr Schoen reported that he has spent the past few weeks transitioning into his new position and

learning about the roles of the different staff; he will continue that transition throughout the next month.

Last week, Operation Tiger Chem took place, which was set up through the State Homeland Security; worked with local, state, and federal emergency response agencies; simulated an explosion in the High School Chemistry Lab. The second day was the investigative mode of the scenario - bomb and nerve agent were suspected to have been used. The superintendent, as the head of the business where the emergency took place, worked very closely with Command Leader (Bob Van Lith) throughout the operation - the local leader keeps command during the whole operation

The agencies were very thankful that the district allowed them to come in and do the mock operation. This was a great experience for the school leadership and the agencies to have this learning opportunity. The group will come back together to go over what went well and what needed work.

B. Business Manager

Ms Reeder reported that the annual audit will be taking place the first week of October and that School Board candidate filing opens on July 31 and closes at 5 PM on August 14, 2012.

C. Community Education Director

Ms Johnson reported that the partnership with General Federated Womens Club for the Concerts in the Park is ongoing; in the event of bad weather, the concert will moved to the Middle School Auditorium. The concerts take place at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays.

There are 164 students registered for summer Tiger Kids Club, which surpasses prior years. Fall Registration will be held on Aug 7th from 4:30 - 6:30 PM; registrations have to be in by Aug 20th this year so that kids can start in Tiger Kids Club on the first day of school; if the deadline is missed, then the students would start in Tiger Kids Club on September 10th.

Wee Tigers Preschool has 110 students registered for fall; still have some space left. There will be an additional screening date added on August 21st for students who have entered the district over the summer and would start Kindergarten in September.

Discovery Zone camps are going well in the morning; though not as much community participation as had been expected. Voyageur camp is new this summer; space is still available.

Summer Trek and Tiger Kids Club field trips have been combined, which means that no field trips have been canceled this year due to lack of attendance.

The Destination Imagination Open House will be held on September 18th at 7 PM in the Middle School Media Center

Pool has been very busy this summer; there have been more students receiving swimming lessons this year than in the prior year.

8. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

P Brasket reported that MAWSECO met on June 26; items discussed were pledges of collateral substitution, staffing - a few positions left to fill, and overall, the budget is in great shape.

B. Wright Technical Center

R Durick reported that the meeting's discussion centered around finding Julie Warner's replacement and the summer repairs and maintenance that are taking place.

C. Community Education Advisory Council

L Seguin reported that there was no meeting.

D. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)

C Milano reported that there was no meeting; the next meeting will be in September. Ms. Milano talked about the opportunity gap that exists here and in many schools throughout the state; there will many forums where citizens can ask those that are running for the legislature what their priorities are for the upcoming election.

Ms. Milano also noted that 90% of districts have operating levies in place; MN received a grade of a C - 34th in the country; school fees paid by parents increased by 45% from 2002 to 2005.

E. Delano Area Sports Arena (DASA)

P Brasket reported no meeting.

9. Old Business

A. 2012 Operating Levy Update

District Communications Plan

Mr Schoen reported that he had met with Traci Lawman and Mary Reeder to discuss the communications plan to inform our district residents about the upcoming operating levy. On August 10th, the "Welcome Back" newsletter will go out to all district residents; the introduction and the front page will be devoted to presenting the facts regarding the operating levy. At the end of September, an additional newsletter will be mailed that will give more information. In mid-October, the required first class mailing that includes the sample and tax impact statement will be sent out. Mr. Schoen would like this to be the last mailing from the district since it will show the ballot and have explanations of the ballot and operating levy facts. Mr. Schoen wants to make sure that all district residents are fully educated, and as informed as they can be before election day. Mr. Schoen also stated that he will continue to field all questions raised. Starting the third week of August, Mr. Schoen will be facilitating a "Message from the Superintendent" in the two local newspapers and to those citizens that have requested communication from the district. The website will continue to be updated. Mr. Schoen stated that the district will exhaust all opportunities to educate the voters.

10. New Business

A. Policy 205 Open Meetings And Closed Meetings.

The change for this policy is under Article 4, Section E - Closed Meetings - subdivision 2. All closed

meetings used to require recording, but the new rule states that recording is not allowed when a meeting is closed by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Mediation Services.

Motion: Brasket Second: Seguin Vote: 7-0

B. Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy

Ms. Reeder reported that this resolution states where and when candidates are allowed to file affidavits of candidacy for the school board member positions that are open.

Motion: Seguin Second: Baker Roll Call Vote: 7-0

C. Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election

Ms. Reeder reported that this resolution calls for the election for three four-year term school board members and also calls for the school district general election, which will be held in conjunction with the general election held at all of the precincts within the school district.

Motion: Milano Second: Seguin Roll Call Vote: 7-0

D. Resolution Calling Special Election to Fill School Board Vacancies

Ms. Reeder reported that this resolution is to call a special election to fill the three two-year school board member vacancies; the terms for these members will expire in January 2015.

Motion: Durick Second: Baker Roll Call Vote: 7-0

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Motion: Seguin Second: Brasket Vote: 7-0

Recorder: _____
Mary Reeder

Board Clerk: _____
Carolyn Milano