### SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES **Delano Public Schools**

Independent School District #879 Delano Minnesota

1. CALL TO ORDER: The October 17, 2005 regular school board meeting was called to order by Howard Glas at 7:00 p.m.

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

- 2. PROGRAM REVIEW None.
- 3. MEETING AGENDA: B Schaust moved, P Brasket seconded to approve agenda items with the following changes: New Business B. Dumping of Refuse on School Property, and Action Item E. Resolution for Refunding of 1994 Bonds. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA: L Roering moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve consent agenda. Minutes: Board minutes for September 19, 2005, Financial Affairs: Financial Report and Budget Revisions, Bills Paid between Board Meetings, List of Bills Presented for Payment, Cash Report, Summary of Investment Transfers. (Attachment A) Donations: True Value to Destination Imagination Program. Motion passed 7-0.

#### 5. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- A. Recommendations for Employment: P Brasket moved, L Mulholland seconded to approve the following employment:
  - 1. Kelly Loberger, Elementary School Paraprofessional, effective 10-12-05
  - 2. Bethany Chaffey, Community Education Center Paraprofessional, effective 9-26-05
  - 3. Sarah Eckdahl, CE/ECFE Paraprofessional, effective 9-6-05

  - Jeanne Kaiser, Tiger Activity Center Supervisor, effective 9-15-05
     Sarah Eckhoff, Tiger Kids Club 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 9-12-05
  - 6. Meagan Kubes, Tiger Kids Club teacher
  - 7. Sam Ross, Tiger Activity Center Monitor, effective 10-6-05
  - 8. Stephanie Kuka, Tiger Activity Center Monitor, effective 10-6-05
  - 9. Paula Bottko, Middle School Paraprofessional, effective 10-10-05

Motion passed 7-0.

- B. Resignations: B Schaust moved, D Price seconded to approve the following resignations:
  - 1. Aaron Stupar, Community Ed Adult Enrichment and Facilities Coordinator, effective 9-27-05 Motion passed 7-0.
- C. Leave of Absence: D Price moved, L Roering seconded to approve the following leave: 1. Faith Wokasch, Title | Teacher, effective 12-6-05 through 2-13-06 Motion passed 7-0.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

#### 7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Superintendent: Dr. John Sweet reported on October 24th the Transportation Committee will meet to review for cost efficiencies in transportation driven by high fuel costs. He also reported a Microsoft class action law suit was settled and our school district will receive a voucher award of \$37,000 to be used for hardware, staff development and software items. Tiger Tales is a 30 minute cable interview of school district staff and will air on cable Channel 12 Wednesday and Fridays and is accessible on the Superintendent's web site.

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- B. <u>Elementary School Principal</u>: Darren Schuler reported on the Elementary School Building Improvement Plan for 2005-06. Highlights of core values to be implemented are aligning social studies to the Minnesota standards for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, mentorship of new staff, site based plan to service at risk students academically and to develop a program to reduce the incidences of bullying. They will also promote reading within the school and community and the parent portal family access site. Mr. Schuler stated that he thought the elementary school was very adequately staffed at this time, especially first grade which has an enrollment of 20 students per class.
- C. <u>Middle School Principal</u>: Dick Rominski reported on the Middle School's Building Improvement Plan. He went over the 2004-05 progress report and stated academic excellence was maintained with a 5 star rating in math and a 4 star rating in reading. The middle school also maintained the highest combined percentages in reading (98%) and math (92%) in the state for 2005-06 The Middle School Site Based Team approved plans to maintain the 5 star status in math and obtain a 5 star rating in reading. Mr. Rominski reported that his building is adequately staffed at this time.
- D. <u>High School Principal</u>: Dr. Locklear reported the parent portal is up and going in the Middle School and High School and Elementary will be on line after MEA; 107 students signed up for PSAT class and he also reported on the High School Building Improvement Plan. In 2004-05 10<sup>th</sup> grade writing had a perfect passing rate, 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading fell short of its goal, the math score was up slightly, and we have one National Merit Scholar finalist, Laura Janas. The graduation goal rate was set at 95% and last year it reached 98.46%. and the goal was to improve the 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading, math and approve daily attendance to 95%. For 2005-06 the school improvement plan is to get academic excellence up to 98%, a new Language Arts plan, 10<sup>th</sup> grade state reading preparation in place and imbed Staff Development needs into the plan. Dr. Locklear also reported that staffing is very adequate in the high school for this year.
  - L Roering moved, D Price seconded to approve the 2005-2006 School Improvement Plans for all three buildings.

    Motion passed 7-0.
- E. <u>Director of Business Affairs</u>: Sarah Miller reported there was a bid opening this morning for the Music Room ventilation project.

#### 8. BOARD REPORTS

- A. <u>Wright Technical Center</u>: D Price reported the cosmetology program is very well liked by the students and a law enforcement/fire fighting program will be implemented in 2006.
- B. <u>SEE (Schools in Equity for Education)</u>: S Gallagher reported on a meeting discussing the platform for the legislative session in March. They discussed equity of property taxes incorporated into the school districts and recruiting a group of parents to get involved, learn and educate the public and our legislators, about funding equity in all Minnesota school districts.

#### 9. OLD BUSINESS

None this meeting.

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10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2005 Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Performance: Joe Vieau reported on data in the report. D Price moved, B Schaust seconded to accept the 2004-2005 Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Performance. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. <u>Dumping of Refuse on School Property</u>: After discussion on refuse being dumped on school property facing Elm Avenue, D Price moved and S Gallagher seconded to erect a No Dumping Allowed sign on that property. After more discussion D Price rescinded her motion and the board redirect to the Building and Grounds committee to discuss this issue and return to the board with a recommendation.

#### 11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Second reading of Facility Usage Policy #902: L Mulholland moved, D Price seconded to approve the 2nd reading of Facility Usage Policy #902. Motion passed 7-0.

B. <u>Second reading of Graduation Requirements Policy #613:</u> L Mulholland moved, P Brasket seconded to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Graduation Requirements Policy #613.

Motion passed 7-0.

C. <u>Bids for Music Room Ventilation Project:</u> Three contractors submitted bids at the opening for the Health and Safety regulation requiring Music Room ventilation. B Schaust moved, S Gallagher seconded to accept McDowell Company as low bid in the amount of \$149,760.00. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Resignation of Deb Price, School Board Member: H Glas thanked Debbie Price for her 12 years of service on the Delano School Board. P Brasket moved, S Gallagher seconded to accept the resignation of Deb Price. Motion passed 7-0.

E. Resolution for Refunding of 1994 Bonds: L Roering moved, S Gallagher seconded to approve the resolution pre-authorizing the sale of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 1994A, in accordance with Minnesota Statues, Section 475.60.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**: D Price moved, B Schaust seconded to close the meeting at 8:25 p.m. for negotiations.

Motion passed 7-0.

P Brasket moved, D Price seconded to reopen the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion passed 7.0.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**: D Price moved, L Roering seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.. Motion passed 7-0.

RECORDER Mary Foell
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