

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, March 16, 2015 5:50 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

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

3. Work Session

M. Lindquist reported on details of the potential lacrosse cooperative agreement with Rockford. M. Schoen shared a facilities update and will share feasibility study results with the Board in April. M. Reeder reported on HITA timeline. This is a state initiative passed during the 2014 legislative session. M. Schoen reported on the Delano Industrial Park Expansion. M. Reeder explained Delano Schools Bond Sale Resolution. She stated that the district received five bids, expected a 2.3% interest rate and received 1.86%. She shared that Delano Public Schools has a Moody's rating of Aa3 and 75% of MN districts are rated lower. M. Reeder reported on 4.0 lawn mowing bid. M. Schoen reported on DTA agreement to extend MOA one additional year. M. Schoen updated Board on girls' hockey program.

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:57 p.m. Motion passed.

A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:05 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review - Gifted and Talented Program Presentation (Gwen Briesemeister)

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. Motion passed.

A. School Board Minutes

1. February 23, 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 R. Durick, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed.

8. Personnel Matters:

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

9. 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.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Schoen reported on updates to the Strategic Plan. He also shared that the district will be transitioning to Google Education in June 2015.

B. Principals:

1. Ms. Klinkner

Ms. Klinkner was absent. She is on a brief medical leave.

2. Dr. Heil

Dr. Heil reported that DHS has begun student scheduling for the 2015-16 school year. He added that staff members received scheduling training from Skyward and they have been correcting data over the past month which has cleaned up the system and made it more efficient. Dr. Heil added that SciTech will be held on Thursday, April 9. Silpro will be grilling food for attendees from 4-7 p.m. He shared that SciTech continues to evolve and improve to make it a beneficial college and career fair for all attendees and exhibitors. He also shared that DHS PIE has donated two chromebooks as giveaways at SciTech. Dr. Heil stated that testing in the high school will begin Tuesday, April 28.

3. Mr. Schuler

Mr. Schuler reported that 155 members of the class of 2028 attended Kindergarten Round Up in March. He added that during the professional development day on March 9, staff members attended a presentation by Amy Trombley regarding Year 2 of FAST. Mr. Schuler shared that staff members are finishing curriculum mapping at DES and they have three staff members that are Google trained. He added that 11 staff members attended a workshop on positive behavior. Mr. Schuler stated that MCA testing will begin mid-April in the elementary school.

C. Business Manager

Ms. Reeder reported that she, Superintendent Schoen, and Ehlers representatives Gary Olsen and Greg Crowe, participated in a Bond Ratings Call with Moody's to answer questions regarding property valuations, taxpayers and employers, new residential and or business developments within the district, financial history and current status of the district. She stated that the district's bond rating will remain at Aa3, which is the rating the district received the last time bonds were sold in 2008. The interest amount for the bond refunding is lower than what was estimated. The savings to taxpayers will be 2M over ten years and 218K per year.

D. Community Education Director

Ms. Johnson reported that TKC childcare registration for summer is open. She added that the Destination ImagiNation State Tournament is April 11 and Delano has 10 teams competing. Ms. Johnson shared that two gymnasts are advancing to the State Individual Competition, there is an increased demand for private swimming lessons, YAR students have volunteered helping seniors with technology questions, and the Tiger Activity Center purchased some new equipment that was installed on Thursday, March 12. She reported on fall and winter MRC assessments. She shared that MRC will increase from two to six MRC members so each classroom and every student receives the benefit of the program, plus pull out time for students with additional needs.

11. Student Board Representatives Report

A. Abbey Hutchins and Thomas Grover

A. Hutchins reported that 3rd graders collected hygiene projects to donate to Cody's Closet, a non-profit that promotes non-bullying initiatives. She shared that the question of the month addressed "Teacher Connection." "Do you connect well with your teacher and are you comfortable asking them questions?" A. Hutchins shared that elementary students are more shy about asking questions. T. Grover reported that DMS Math Masters took first place at the regional tournament, the MS Jazz Festival was held on Thursday, March 12, and there is a DMS trip for 8th graders that will travel to Washington DC and New York over spring break. He added that middle school students feel that they are connecting well with teachers, not shy about asking questions, and teachers are making an effort to get to know the students. A. Hutchins reported that the HS Science Olympiad Team went to state, spring sports have started, and the student/staff trips to China and Germany leave the week of March 16. She added that T. Grover's father helped update the China itinerary with assistance from a colleague in China. There are ten students and four chaperones going to China from Delano Schools.

12. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

A. Johnson reported that the Board met on Wednesday, February 25. She stated that it was a brief meeting that covered co-op financials and contract settlements.

B. Wright Technical Center

R. Durick reported that the Board met on Tuesday, March 3. He added that there was a finance committee meeting prior to the Board meeting. During the finance meeting the auditor's RFP recommended to stay with KDV. R. Durick stated that the CEO class is moving forward, the Board

has been selected, and the 2015-16 school calendar was approved.

C. Delano Area Sports Arena (DASA)

M. Larson reported that the Board met on Sunday, March 15. He stated that they reviewed the glass bids and they are removing the ice from the arena and laying the turf for spring/summer activities.

13. Old Business

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

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by M. Larson, the second read of Policies 701.2 and 623 due to substantive and/or legal reference changes were approved. Motion passed.

14. New Business

- A. Resolution Awarding the Sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Registration and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A.

There were five bids received and Citicorp won the bid.

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by L. Seguin, the Resolution Awarding the Sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Registration and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A, was approved. Motion passed.

- B. Approve Industrial Tech Surplus Equipment to be Sold

The saw to be sold does not meet educational facility safety requirements. A new saw stop was approved through health and safety which was purchased to replace the saw. The new saw is working great, so the old saw will be put up for sale next week.

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by C. Black, the industrial tech surplus equipment to be sold was approved. Motion passed.

- C. Agreement to Extend Additional Staff Development Day

Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by L. Seguin, the Agreement to Extend Additional Staff Development Day was approved. Motion passed.

- D. 2015-16 School Calendar

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by S. Baker, the 2015-16 School Calendar was approved. Motion passed.

- E. Approve Lawn Mowing Services Proposal

One bid was received which was from 4.0 Services, the district's current vendor. Over the next two years, the estimated cost increase will be less than \$1000.

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by R. Durick, the Lawn Mowing Services Proposal was approved. Motion passed.

15. Adjournment

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Black, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Motion passed.