

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2015 5:47 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 L. Seguin, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda.

3. Work Session

J. Koets shared information about the Jazz Band extended field trip request that will take place Thursday, February 5, through Saturday, February 7, at Bemidji State University. There will be 12 students attending this field trip. M. Schoen reported that the district has entered into an agreement with The Morris Leatherman Company to facilitate a feasibility study for the district. M. Schoen has shared the Facilities Committee recommendations with Morris Leatherman so they can compile the first draft of questions. They should begin this study by the third or fourth week of February and will present findings to the Board at a special meeting on March 9. M. Schoen stated after review of the findings, a Board decision regarding the Facilities Committee recommendation should be made by July. M. Schoen will follow up with the Facilities Committee after the feasibility study. In addition, he shared information regarding the Delano Waterpark Group and has asked them to hold off their survey efforts until next year. M. Schoen explained non-substantive and legal reference changes to school board policies. M. Schoen explained the MAWSECO Joint Powers Agreement with member districts. M. Schoen explained options one and two of the 2015-16 school district calendar. The Board discussed how the calendar is set, the statute that requires Minnesota schools to begin after Labor Day and they expressed interest in dialog about year-round school. M. Schoen explained the 2015-16 Open Enrollment Resolution to be approved at January board meeting. M. Schoen gave school board members a summary of his mid-year review from district staff.

Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by R. Durick, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:50 p.m. Motion passed.

A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:01 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review - Activities Update (Mike Lindquist)

M. Lindquist shared the MSHSL process of training coaches for grades 7-12. He stated that Delano Activities is supporting what MSHSL teaches by sharing educationally built models such as the book entitled, "Inside Out Coaching", with all coaches in the district. This MSHSL initiative helps them understand why they coach and the difference between transactional vs. transformational coaching philosophies. M. Lindquist shared the coaching purposes of Amy Gould, DHS Girls Basketball Coach

and Gerrit van Bergen, DHS Boys Hockey Coach. He shared that coaches at the middle and high school levels are encouraged to share this information with youth coaches to create a common language among sports teams district wide. M. Lindquist stated that the activities department will be reviewing their mission statement and revising as they deem necessary.

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. R. Durick abstained. Motion passed.

A. School Board Minutes

1. December 11, 2014
2. December 15, 2014
3. January 5, 2015, Special Board 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

7. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts

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

8. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the personnel matters. A. Johnson abstained. 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 that Delano Public Schools entered into an agreement with The Morris Leatherman Company to do a feasibility study. This scientific study will determine community support for the Facilities Committee recommendation. He shared that after the feasibility study is complete, the Board will review the feasibility study and Facilities Committee recommendation to decide on a potential bond referendum for the fall of 2015.

B. Principals:

1. Ms. Klinkner

Ms. Klinkner reported that DMS PIE has allocated a portion of their budget for technology needs at the middle school. She added that DMS PIE has designated another fundraiser to support their technology needs. Ms. Klinkner reported that 103 DMS 8th graders have been chosen to take the NAEP test in reading, math or science. This is a national test and the data is used to establish the nation's report card in comparison to other countries. Ms. Klinkner shared that DMS staff has analyzed discipline issues for the period September-December, and the greatest problem is first period tardiness. She stated that parents are using the Skyward Mobile App on their mobile device and this is a positive communication channel for DMS. Ms. Klinkner reported that the annual student survey was complete. DMS asked the students the following question, "I feel staff are interested in me as a student?" She stated that the percentage of students the feel staff are interested in them is growing. The survey also addressed bullying issues and 95% of students feel safe at school.

2. Dr. Heil

Dr. Heil reported that the recent parent/student EXPLORE and PLAN test assessment and registration meetings educated parents on the purpose of the EXPLORE and PLAN tests and how they can help students plan their classes and future educational path. He added that student test booklets were also given to them for review. Dr. Heil stated that the high school staff restructured the 2015-16 Registration Handbook to help parents/students understand the process. He added that they aligned electives with students' strengths and interests to help determine future career paths.

3. Mr. Schuler

Mr. Schuler reported that the FAST assessments took place of the NWEA tests this year. He shared that elementary conferences were held earlier in the trimester than in years past, to encourage earlier education interventions. Mr. Schuler added that staff and parents were pleased with this change. He stated that February is "I Love to Read Month", lots of activities are planned and the month will end with a carnival. Mr. Schuler shared that DES will be hosting a Winter Activity Night on February 9. In addition, the Fall Fundraiser top sellers were taken on a stretch limosine ride in January. Mr. Schuler reported that the Tiger Fun Fair has been moved up to Saturday, February 28 this year, due to space restrictions at the Tiger Activity Center in April.

C. Business Manager

Ms. Reeder reported that a Food Service Administrative Review was completed during the week of January 20. She stated that lunch service was observed, free and reduced applications were reviewed, along with contract agreements. The result of the review will be shared with the district in 4-6 weeks. Ms. Reeder shared that Special Education's fiscal monitoring will hopefully be complete by the end of the 2014-15 school year. After this is complete, the results will be presented to the district.

D. Community Education Director

Ms. Johnson reported that the Tiger Kids Club summer registration process has changed to encourage past attendees to register first, then open it up to new registrants. This process has changed due to increased enrollment. ECFE classes have started up again after winter break; the Twinkle, Twinkle Dance is on February 8, and an ARISE group event has been planned. Ms. Johnson stated that Minnesota Reading Corps (MRC) student benchmarks are in progress, Destination ImagiNation teams are preparing for regional competitions, and the MAGA gymnastics teams are having a successful season. She added that community education is collaborating with Wright County Soccer to offer recreational soccer on Friday nights this winter. Ms. Johnson shared that there are 151 students registered for swimming lessons this session and CE is beginning to plan summer

programming.

11. Student Board Representatives Report

A. Abbey Hutchins and Thomas Grover

A. Hutchins reported that DES had a Read-a-Thon to kick off winter break. She shared that February is "I Love to Read Month" and the students are excited about the fun activities planned. In addition, DES conferences are complete and students had fun purchasing books at the DES Book Fair. She shared that the DHS One Act Play contests are underway and the Sadie Hawkins Dance will be Saturday, February 7. T. Grover reported that 6th-8th graders will participate in the History Day competition. He added that the MS Activity Day is on Thursday, February 5, Pennies for Patients fundraiser has begun, JO Volleyball is beginning in February, and elementary and middle school students will present the "Cinderella Play" at the end of February. A. Hutchins stated that the question asked of students this month was, "Do students enjoy the learning environment presented to them?" She shared that the elementary and middle school students said yes. These students enjoyed school, friends and they felt teachers promoted an exciting learning environment. She added that high school students had mixed feelings. They felt that if students put effort into their classes learning is enjoyable in the high school.

12. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

A. Johnson reported that the MAWSECO Board met twice in January. The Board discussed the Joint Powers of Agreement and the programs that are housed within the HLWW middle school. A. Johnson stated that MAWSECO will lease space and all members will pay a portion of the lease agreement. She added that members of MAWSECO will support a bond to pay for substantial remodeling of the HLWW middle school which will support the current programming. Members will enter into a 15 year lease agreement and all parties will be bound to the new contract which will financially protect all members of MAWSECO.

B. Wright Technical Center

R. Durick reported that the Board met on January 6. He shared that WTC remains financially strong and they will refinance the building bond which will save the district money. R. Durick shared that Director Ray Przekurat has completed his course work for his administrative license in Minnesota. This is a 6-year license which includes a superintendent's license. R. Durick stated that Delano Schools has the new WTC advertisement on the district website.

C. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)

C. Milano reported that SEE met on January 23 to discuss aligning QComp with the teacher evaluation system. She shared that SEE Day at the Capitol is February 18. This is a day to bring education issues to the legislators to close funding gaps and promote fairness and equity in educational funding. C. Milano shared that constituents met with legislative chairs to discuss meaningful testing and giving back power to local boards, alternative teacher pay, career preparation, mandate relief, formula addition and extra funds. She added that Governor Dayton will release his budget on Tuesday, January 27. C. Milano reported that legislators are working on a bill to support facilities this legislative session.

D. Delano Area Sports Arena (DASA)

M. Larson reported that DASA met on January 21 and Rich Rizzardi joined the Board. He added that they are starting a sponsorship program to support DASA and help purchase a new/used scoreboard for the hockey arena.

E. Professional Development

C. Milano reported that the Professional Development Committee discussed the topics to be covered

during the March professional development day.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

A. First and only read of policies due to non-substantive and/or legal reference changes:

Policy 206-Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations, Policy 208-Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies, Policy 423-Employee-Student Relationships, Policy 502-Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions and Student's Person, Policy 503-Student Attendance, Policy 525-Violence Prevention-[Applicable to Students and Staff], Policy 615-Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP's, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students, Policy 701.1 Modification of School District Budget, Policy 807-Crisis Management, Policy 905-Advertising.

Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the first and only read of policies due to non-substantive and/or legal reference changes. Motion passed.

B. Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment and Adopting Standards for Accepting and Rejecting Open Enrollment Applications

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by R. Durick, the Board of Education approved the Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment and Adopting Standards for Accepting and Rejecting Open Enrollment Applications. Motion passed.

C. Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative Joint Powers Agreement

Upon motion by A. Johnson, seconded by R. Durick, the Board of Education approved the Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative Joint Powers Agreement. Motion passed.

D. DHS Jazz Band Request for an Extended Field Trip

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the DHS Jazz Band Request for an Extended Field Trip. Motion passed.

15. Adjournment

Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.