

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, September 28, 2015 5:45 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

Before approval of meeting agenda, M. Larson asked for the removal of the Curriculum Advisory Council Board Report.

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

3. Work Session

Spanish teacher K. Schmidt shared details of the upcoming extended student field trip to Costa Rica that will take place in March 2016. M. Schoen shared a bond referendum update. M. Reeder provided proposed property tax levy information. M. Schoen updated the Board on the teachers' contract negotiations. M. Reeder explained changes that were made in the district's Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan. M. Schoen explained the purpose of the Absentee Ballot Board Resolution and the Resolution to Appoint Election Judges. He also shared that the Chinese visiting Delano Public Schools will be introduced at the school board meeting.

Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:43 p.m.

A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:02 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review - Delano DI World Champions, The Sugar Packets

C. Olsem reported on the past Destination Imagination (DI) season. She shared that there were 15 teams, 80 kids in the program. C. Olsem introduced the World Championship team from Delano, The Sugar Packets. The Sugar Packets explained the components of Destination ImagiNation, their experience at the world competition in Knoxville, TN, and the academic and social reasons for joining a DI team.

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. Motion passed.

A. School Board Minutes

1. August 19, 2015
2. August 24, 2015
3. August 31, 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 S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for the Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed.

8. Personnel Matters:

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by R. Durick, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed.

9. Public Comment:

L. Faul, Chinese Program Coordinator and Math teacher at DHS, introduced two of the Chinese teachers and shared the 12-13 years of experience she has had working with and organizing the teacher/student visits between Delano High School and Purple Cloud High School in Tanggu, China. The Chinese teachers presented A. Johnson with a gift.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Schoen shared the bond referendum video which explains the Delano Public Schools facilities journey and upcoming bond referendum questions.

B. Principals:

1. Mr. Voight

Mr. Voight reported that DMS has had a very good start to the school year including a schoolwide event on September 14, kicking off the year and highlighting student expectations. He shared that staff are working on the Site Improvement Plan (SIP) while making sure it is aligned with the district World's Best Workforce Plan and Strategic Plan. Mr. Voight added that the staff focus is Reading this year. He reported that the staff developed a STREAK (group of tigers) Committee that will recognize student and staff accomplishments. Mr. Voight expressed that the DMS staff will begin discussing future scheduling changes, while making sure schedules are comprehensive for all grade levels while meeting developmental needs. He reported that two new 6th grade teachers have been hired which makes his staff complete for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Voight reported that iReady student testing has begun for Math and Reading which tracks student academic progress. He stated that the cookie dough fundraiser is complete and they hope to raise \$24,000. He added that proceeds raised go to purchase technology needs throughout the school.

2. Dr. Heil

Dr. Heil reported that Homecoming week has begun and the Homecoming King, Sam Oeffling and Queen, Beth VanBeusekom were crowned on Monday. He shared that there will be a Tailgating Celebration to raise funds for Relay for Life. Dr. Heil reported that staff is working on the Site Improvement Plan (SIP) and their focus is Reading this year. He shared that athletic teams are having successful seasons and heading into section play. In addition, the Chinese visitors are experiencing life at Delano High School, attending classes, and learning what school in the United States entails, while experiencing field trips around Minnesota.

3. Mr. Schuler

Mr. Schuler reported on new staff at the elementary. He shared that they began a new program called The Tiger Way, which focuses on being respectful, responsible and safe. Mr. Schuler stated that they had a program kick-off last week, explained the expectations and program to the students, and will have celebrations throughout the school year. He shared that FAST assessment testing has begun and students in grades 1-4 are tested three times per year for learning benchmarks. Mr. Schuler shared that the ADSIS grant was approved for DES, which helped provide additional paraprofessional support service staff. He added the annual Walk, Roll and Stroll will be next week with 250 families signed up to participate, and the annual Walk to School Day will be held on October 7. Mr. Schuler stated that DES's enrollment growth continues to cause space constraints.

C. Business Manager

Ms. Reeder reported that Delano Public Schools is holding a special election on November 3, 2015. She added that information regarding this bond referendum can be found on the district website and absentee ballots are available in the district office.

D. Community Education Director

Ms. Johnson reported that Community Education registration software will be changing because Authorized Inc. purchased the current vendor. She expressed this will affect how orders are processed. Ms. Johnson added that there was good attendance at the MS Play. She stated that Tiger Kids Club is hiring, the gymnastics program has changed leadership and has grown by 47 students since last fall, the Destination ImagiNation teams are forming and many other programs are growing. Ms. Johnson added that the volleyball youth programs will have a volleyball youth night at the varsity game on October 13 and October 24 and youth teams will have a play day with surrounding communities. In addition, MN Reading Corp benchmarks will be taken with students in WEE Tiger Preschool through mid-October. These benchmarks measure five basic reading skills. She added that in past years, Delano Community Education did not qualify for early learning scholarship

pathway 2 funding only pathway 1, but this year CE qualifies for pathway 2 funding and they are in the process of filling out an application for this funding. Ms. Johnson reported that the Tiger Kids Club Open House was last week and was well attended. In addition, there are many opportunities for Early Childhood Screening and a change to the testing is that a vision exam needs to be documented.

11. Student Board Representatives Report

A. Thomas Grover and Dani Stevens

M. Schoen introduced the new student school board representative, Dani Stevens and welcomed back Thomas Grover. He explained that there was an interview process last spring and Dani was the chosen applicant among a field of wonderful candidates. T. Grover thanked the Board for the use of chromebooks at the meeting. He added that Homecoming Week is underway, Chinese students are enjoying their time in Delano and many activities are having very successful seasons. T. Grover added that DHS freshman enjoyed LINK activities that helped them acclimate to the high school. He added that the elementary school began The Tiger Way, a program which teaches students what to do and what not to do at school. T. Grover shared that DES conferences will be October 8, 12, and 13, the Walk, Roll and Stroll event is coming up, students will have dress up days during Homecoming week and fall sport captains spend time at the elementary school reading to the students. D. Stevens reported that middle school sport seasons are coming to an end. She stated that students kicked-off the year with a presentation called, "Don't Stop Believing" which included all DMS students. DMS will also have dress-up days for Homecoming week, and will be attending the pepfest. C. Milano recognized Thomas Grover for his leadership and accomplishments in soccer. A. Johnson shared an article from the Delano Herald Journal written by a football referee who commended our football captains for their actions at a recent football game in Hutchinson.

12. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

A. Johnson reported that they met last month and toured the new building space during the meeting. She added that construction should be complete by November.

B. Wright Technical Center

R. Durick reported the Board met this month and there are 43 students from Delano attending WTC. He added that this includes one student in the entrepreneurial opportunities class. R. Durick reported that the yearly audit is taking place and WTC has to prepare a long-term facilities plan. In addition, the Board toured the facility during their meeting. R. Durick encouraged other school board members to tour the WTC.

C. Curriculum Advisory Council

Item C was removed from the school board meeting agenda per M. Larson before the agenda was approved.

D. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)

M. Schoen reported that speaker Kim Gibbons presented at the SEE meeting. She is the Associate Director of the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CARY). Their mission is to improve the quality of education for all learners through neutral and rigorous research to develop and evaluate all educational materials and context. M. Schoen stated that this includes improving on educational excellence, interventions and tracking data to know what is and what is not working in the classroom. He added that Dr. Bill Morris also presented on educational and political trends in the state of Minnesota as well as throughout the country.

E. Delano Area Sports Arena (DASA)

M. Larson reported they met last week and finalized the operating budget. He added that the ice went in and the arena is up and running.

F. Professional Development

C. Milano reported that they met on September 15. She shared that the committee felt the Google training was very helpful, they discussed the budget and the 2015-16 Work Plan which includes three professional days, Q-Comp and technology training.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

A. Approve Proposed 2015 Pay 2016 Property Tax Levy

M. Reeder stated that the operating levy will be enacted if the Bond Referendum passes this fall. The bond refunding was a portion of the 16% decrease in debt service this year.

Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the Proposed 2015 Pay 2016 Property Tax Levy. Motion passed.

B. Set Date and Time for Truth in Taxation Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2015, at 7 PM in the Delano High School Media Center

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the date and time for the Truth in Taxation Meeting. Motion passed.

C. Approve Revised Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Expenditures

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the revised Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Expenditures. Motion passed.

D. Resolution Establishing Absentee Ballot Board

Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by C. Milano, the Board of Education approved the Resolution Establishing Absentee Ballot Board. Motion passed.

E. Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 3, 2015 School District Special Election

Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by C. Milano the Board of Education approved the Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 3, 2015 School District Special Election. Motion passed.

F. Extended Field Trip Approval - Costa Rica

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by R. Durick, the Board of Education approved the Extended Field Trip to Costa Rica. Motion passed.

15. Adjournment

Upon motion by R. Durick, seconded by S. Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.