

# **SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

Monday, January 23, 2017 5:46 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, A. Briesemeister, R. Depa, 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. Motion passed 7-0.

### **3. Work Session**

M. Schoen provided an update from the Project Oversight Committee regarding current building projects and the addition of the Alternate Bid 1b Temperature Controls for the new intermediate school. He explained the Resolution to Limit Open Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year due to space limitations in our current buildings and shared a draft of the 2017-18 School Calendar which allows for an extended summer due to building projects. M. Schoen reviewed Policy 809-Health & Safety and shared how individual schools are addressing racial bullying issues.

Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:49 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Chair 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 reviewed the last three years of coaching development training which involved purpose statement development, concussion training and coaching for change curriculum. He stated this training has helped create a common language among coaches throughout the Wright County Conference. M. Lindquist shared that Delano Schools sell approximately 600 season activity passes per year; 300 of those are purchased by students and 70 by senior citizens. He reviewed fall and winter activities and shared plans for activities that may be adjusted due to building projects during the spring and summer of 2017.

### **6. Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. December 19, 2016

2. January 9, 2017

B. Financial Affairs

1. Current Budget Status with Year-to-Date Adjustments
2. Investment Transactions
3. Construction Bond Investment Transactions
4. Wire Transfers
5. Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund
6. Cash Report
7. Revenue Report by Fund
8. Expense Report by Fund
9. Expense Report by Program
10. Expense Report by Object
11. List of Bills Presented for Payment

**7. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts**

**Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 7-0.**

**8. Personnel Matters:**

**Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the personnel matters. Motion passed 7-0.**

**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

M. Schoen reported on building projects. He stated that athletic fields are on hold until spring; the high school front entrance is closed with staging area set up for construction, preparing foundation for performing arts center and entrance is transforming to prepare for front offices. M. Schoen added that the secondary building will be remodeled in phases with a completion date scheduled for August 2018; the intermediate building continues to progress and foundation work is underway. Most of the work at the elementary school is complete with some finishing work to be completed by summer 2017. M. Schoen shared preparation process for updating and planning next five years of district strategic plan. He added that district will review mission and the four aims of the plan, and make updates as needed. M. Schoen will make recommendations for aims which will include technology infrastructure, robust wireless network, and digital learning advancements; provide teachers with tools needed for best teaching practices through professional development; curriculum development and facilities management once projects are completed which includes the best use of facilities to create opportunities for staff, students and community members.

B. Principals:

1. Mr. Voight

B. Voight shared that Tiger Pride assemblies have been instituted in the middle school to recognize good deeds done by students. He added that Winter Activity Day is Thursday, February 3. B. Voight reported scheduling is underway for the 2017-2018 school year and intervention classes have been adjusted to better align with schedules. He added that the intermediate school master schedule is 95% complete, task forces for grading policies are in place, and on March 7 the community is invited to a public sharing session for the intermediate school to gather stakeholder feedback.

2. Dr. Heil

S. Heil shared that Shane Hegarty, Delano's new school resource officer replaced Krystal Beauchane. He added that students interested in the armed services took the ASVAB test on Wednesday, January 25, and all juniors will be given the opportunity to take the ACT test free of charge on February 28. S. Heil shared that the Red Cross Blood Drive for students and staff will be held on Wednesday, March 1 and Winterfest Week is February 13-18, concluding with a dance on Saturday night. He reported that new parking accommodations have been planned in the bus pick-up/delivery area behind the middle/high school. S. Heil shared that Delano was recognized as a 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll recipient.

3. Mr. Schuler

D. Schuler reported that professional development training focused on PRESS training which includes progress monitoring, data analysis and RTI interventions. He added that conferences concluded and attendance was good. D. Schuler shared that FAST testing, which identifies students who would benefit from interventions to enhance learning, were completed and 50 students in 4th grade have been selected to participate in NAEP testing on March 2. He added that students are tested by NAEP staff in either reading or math and testing is done on chromebooks. D. Schuler expressed that Inclusion Week was successful and many great stories about embracing inclusion were shared by staff and parents. He added that a survey was conducted to gather feedback on Inclusion Week. D. Schuler shared that paraprofessionals were celebrated during the week of January 16, Dr. Mary Sheedy Kurcinka spoke about children and sleep on January 31, and the Tiger Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, February 25.

C. Business Manager

M. Reeder reported specifications will be available in late February for 2017 and 2018 lawn mowing bids and bid will be accepted at March school board meeting. She added that 2017 and 2018 might be divided due to building projects.

D. Community Education Director

D. Johnson reported that the elevator arrived today and project should be completed by end of February. She shared that registration for winter/spring programs is going well, Tom Friedman book study is looking for additional members, ECFE winter classes are beginning with spring classes to follow. D. Johnson shared that Pathways II grant has been applied for and if received will bring \$22,500 for each of the next two years. She added that MN Reading Corps grant application for next year has been submitted and Early Childhood Health and Development Screening is available through community education over the next two months. D. Johnson reported that gymnastics classes have 73 students this session and are limited due to high school team season, snow boarding club has 51 members, Special Olympics swimming and basketball is underway, 15 lifeguards attended lifeguard in-service training and Opening Doors and RISE program for adults with disabilities will provide water aerobics and open swimming on Sunday, January 29.

## 11. Student Board Representatives Report

- A. Dani Stevens and Alex Moe reported
  - D. Stevens reported elementary school is beginning Jump Rope for Heart Program and teachers will have a lip sync battle at conclusion of program. She added that I Love to Read Month begins February 1, students are divided into two teams that will attempt to read 200,000 minutes each, and author Carrie Hartman will visit classrooms. D. Stevens stated that students were excited about the new, larger cafeteria. She added that the question of the month was, "What clubs/activities are you involved in and what additional ones would you like to see added?" Elementary students listed many of the offered activities and would like figure skating, horse riding, math team, bottle flipping and handball added. D. Stevens reported that eight honor choir members and six honor band members were chosen and performed, Winterfest Week is February 13-18, 2017-18 high school registration is on February 6, and the answers to the monthly question included many of the offered activities and students would like to see chess club, debate club and build your own technology clubs added. A. Moe reported the middle school is sponsoring the Pennies for Patients fundraiser and setting fundraising goals in individual classrooms, students are registering for Winter Activity Day and Honor Band and Choir members chosen. A. Moe shared the answers to the monthly question for middle schoolers were many offered activities and students would like to see club sports/activities added such as math, science, younger robotics, art classes and debate, along with recreational activities.

## 12. Board Reports

- A. MAWSECO (Board minutes 12.20.16)
- B. Wright Technical Center (Board minutes 12.6.16)
- C. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)
  - C. Milano reported 2017 SEE mission is property tax equalization and adequate statewide funding. She stated that education funding has not kept pace with inflation and has been flat over the past ten years. C. Milano added that many special education mandates are unfunded, so additional funding for special education is needed. She shared that SEE Day at the Capitol is Wednesday, March 15 and for more information contact Traci Lawman in the district office. C. Milano reported that Bob Wettle spoke about the technology and programming needs for students today, the changing face of education, closing the education gap and business demands for students and need for critical thinking. She added that members of the state education committee spoke about possible 2017 education legislation, which included an increase in the educational formula which will help all schools and equalization.
- D. Professional Development
  - C. Milano reported committee met on January 17 and discussed educational support staff awards, curriculum mapping and needs.

## 13. Old Business

## 14. New Business

- A. **First read of policy due to substantive and/or legal reference changes: Policy 809-Health & Safety.**  
**Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Milano, the Board of Education approved the first read of Policy 809-Health & Safety. Motion passed 7-0.**
- B. Award temperature controls bid for Intermediate Building

**Upon motion by C. Black, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education awarded the temperature controls bid for the intermediate school to Jorgenson Construction for \$315,000. Motion passed 7-0.**

- C. Approve Datavideo SE-500 Video Switcher and Mackie 1202-VLZ Pro Audio Mixer as surplus. **Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved the surplus items. Motion passed 7-0.**

**15. Adjournment**

**Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by L. Seguin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.**