

# **SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

Monday, April 24, 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 and M. Larson

Members Absent: C. Black

### **2. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Upon motion by A. Briesemeister, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

### **3. Work Session**

M. Lindquist presented information on recommended activity fee increases. He stated that fees have not been raised for six years. M. Lindquist added that the district's revenue from activities is not meeting the costs involved and the goal is to keep all programming and avoid cuts through raising fees. S. Baughman shared recommended high school student handbook changes for the 2017-2018 school year. L. Seguin and M. Schoen shared updates from the Project Oversight Committee which included Tower Drive water run off, land lease agreements with DAYHA and DASA, asbestos abatement bids and turf. M. Reeder shared an update from the Finance/Insurance Committee.

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:46 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:06 p.m.

### **4. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **5. Program Review - History Day Competition (Gwen Briesemeister and Jessica Benker)**

Student participants explained the details of History Day and presented their projects to the Board of Education. G. Briesemeister shared additional information about History Day competitions.

### **6. Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education approved the consent agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. March 20, 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 R. Depa, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 6-0.**

**8. Personnel Matters:**

**Upon motion by M. Larson, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education approved the personnel matters. Motion passed 6-0.**

**9. Public Comment: None**

**10. Administrative Reports**

**A. Superintendent**

M. Schoen shared legislative updates. He stated that May 22 is the statutory deadline for the end of the 2017 legislative session, but the session can continue until July 1 if needed. M. Schoen reported that Governor Dayton and the Senate are still far apart on many issues and need to reach consensus for bills to pass. He also thanked student school board representative Dani Stevens for her service on the board for the past two years.

**B. Principals:**

**1. Mr. Voight**

B. Voight reported that MCA testing is complete with the exception of four students. He added that preliminary MCA data will be used for summer programming and 2017-2018 student schedules. B. Voight shared that he toured Landscape Structures and recruited staff members to work with students on PLTW program in school. He stated that Intermediate School playground is a capstone project and Landscape Structures is eager to partner with district. B. Voight stated that a school climate assessment survey has been created and all students and parents will receive communication about participation in survey on April 28. He added that the survey will be facilitated to students on May 11. A. Johnson asked B. Voight if he has received any additional feedback from the intermediate school parent meeting. B. Voight reported that a survey was emailed to staff and parents regarding the skills class and asked what lifelong learning skills would be useful for students. He added that he will continue to have parent information meetings during the 2017-2018 school year and task force groups have formed to lay out plans for the new school.

**2. Dr. Heil**

S. Heil reported that school and construction staff are helping with pedestrian and campus traffic. He added that the campus traffic flow has improved and thanked patrons for their patience. S. Heil stated that the current weight room will be moved to the back of the Tiger Activity Center. He reported that SciTech had several 2 and 4 year colleges in attendance, along with local and regional businesses. S. Heil shared that local businesses offered tours for parents and students during the evening session and he hopes to grow SciTech again next year. S. Heil shared that the NHS Induction Ceremony will be held Sunday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 3 is Senior Award Night. He added that graduation practice, the senior breakfast, and spring fling will all take place on Wednesday, May 17, which is the seniors last day of school. S. Heil stated that high school staff are in the final stages of graduation preparation and the ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 21. He added that the Mock Car Crash was well received by students and Billy Russell spoke to the high school student body on race, growing up in Mississippi, and what it is like to be a black individual in this country.

3. Mr. Schuler

D. Schuler noted it is Volunteer Appreciation Week and thanked all who volunteer in school including high school student aides. He reported that the DES Art Fair took place on Thursday, April 20, and 400 pieces of art were on display. D. Schuler stated that hiring season has begun, five teaching positions are open for next year, and interviews will begin next week. He added that the music position has been filled. D. Schuler reported that MCA reading tests were completed last week, math testing began this week, and chromebooks have helped shorten the time needed to test all students. He shared that track and field days will be held on the practice football field this year due to construction of the new track and turf football field and each will be a half day for students with a station format. D. Schuler stated that the second grade music concerts will take place Thursday, April 27, in the middle school auditorium, the first grade music programs will be held on Thursday, May 18 and Grandparent's Day will be on Friday, May 19. He added that parking for this day will be at Light of Christ Church with shuttle service to the elementary school.

C. Business Manager

M. Reeder reported that an insurance committee meeting will be held on May 2 regarding health insurance bids and if needed, a district wide staff meeting will be held on May 8 to discuss the bids. She added that bread and milk bids will be approved at the May board meeting.

D. Community Education Director

D. Johnson shared that the CE summer brochure is available and programming will begin soon. She added that the CE ribbon cutting ceremony took place and community member and past student, June Sutton, along with Chris Runke and his children, rode the new elevator during the ceremony. D. Johnson stated that ECFE winter and spring classes are concluding and a birth-to-three year old class began. She added that MN Reading Corps spring benchmarks are beginning, TKC registration is open, and the TAC weight and circuit rooms are to be moved soon. D. Johnson stated that a map was included on the back and inner cover of the summer brochure to help people navigate to events during construction. She reported that summer hours for the TAC will begin soon and membership prices will remain the same this year with the addition of a free month-13 months for 12 paid months- if you renew or sign up for a membership to thank patrons during the construction process. D. Johnson reported that five Destination Imagination teams competed at the state tournament and three of those teams will compete at Globals in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the end of May.

## 11. Student Board Representatives Report

A. Dani Stevens and Alex Moe reported

A. Moe reported that DMS recently held the annual history day competition and students look

forward to the homesteading project, wax museum and the LLCC 5th grade trip. He stated that SciTech was a great experience for students, MCA tests are almost complete and talent show auditions are coming up. A. Moe stated that this month's question was "What did you like about this school year?" Students responded with longer summer, learned a lot, Winter Activity Day and 8th graders are excited for their move to the high school. D. Stevens reported that DES students recently celebrated Earth Week by collecting plastic bags, answering trivia questions and Wright-Hennepin Coop donated tree seedlings to students. She added that the Apex Fun Run was the most successful fundraiser for the elementary school. D. Stevens shared that elementary students felt that teachers, having their playground back after construction, field trips, Ms. Briesemeister's classes, learning, reading, getting to know more classmates, dominoes pizza and working on chromebooks were the best parts of the year. D. Stevens reported that DHS recently held a Mock Car Crash, Billy Russell spoke to high school students about diversity and race, SciTech was successful, the Robotics Team received a creativity award at their recent competition, NHS Induction Ceremony is on Sunday, April 30, the spring band concert is on May 8 and the choir concert will be held on May 11. She added that four additional student-athletes signed letters of intent to play sports in college. D. Stevens stated that high school students enjoyed dominoes pizza at lunch, teachers, renovations and the state hockey tournament this year.

## 12. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO (Board minutes 3.28.17)

B. Wright Technical Center (Board minutes 4.11.17)

A. Briesemeister reported that the Board received an update on WTC's facilities project and they are currently receiving bids for technology and phone systems. He added that the early registration process is in place and tentative 2017-2018 calendar is complete. A. Briesemeister shared that WTC and Delano will work together with their calendar and our condensed calendar for scheduling purposes. He added that the house sold and next year's students will build a house but will change the marketing/selling process.

C. District Advisory Committee

M. Larson reported the committee met Thursday, April 20. He stated they reviewed 9-12 social studies curriculum and discussed the transition from one grade to the next while explaining the differences of regular and AP classes.

D. Schools for Equity in Education (SEE)

R. Depa reported about three speakers that addressed bond and referendum topics at the last meeting. She stated that Governor Dayton is lobbying for pre-k funding, ESSA was discussed and funding formula discussions continue between Governor Dayton and the legislature.

E. Safe Schools

R. Depa shared information about drug use in Wright and surrounding counties.

F. Professional Development

C. Milano reported that the committee met on Tuesday, April 18 and discussed proposed professional development days and the 2017-2018 budget. She added that the proposed budget was approved.

## 13. Old Business

## 14. New Business

A. Approve 2018 Spain Extended Field Trip

**Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the 2018 Spain Extended Field Trip. Motion passed 6-0.**

B. Approve Asbestos Abatement Project Bid

Award the Delano MS/HS asbestos abatement to the following vendors who submitted the lowest bids:

Phase I - VCI Environmental

Phase II -Titan Environmental

**Upon motion by A. Briesemeister, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the Asbestos Abatement Project Bid, Phase I in May 2017 and Phase II in July 2017. Motion passed 6-0.**

- C. Approve School Ground Lease Amendment between Delano Area Sports Arena and ISD 879  
**Upon motion by M. Seguin, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the School Ground Lease Amendment between Delano Area Sports Arena and ISD 879. Motion passed 6-0.**
- D. Approve School Ground Lease Amendment between Delano Area Youth Hockey Association and ISD 879  
**Upon motion by A. Briesemeister, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved the School Ground Lease Agreement between Delano Area Youth Hockey Association and ISD 879. Motion passed 6-0.**

15. Adjournment

**Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by C. Milano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.**