

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Monday, May 22, 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

Before approval of meeting agenda, A. Johnson asked for the addition of David Petersen, Building and Grounds Coordinator, under Personnel Items and add Item E, Student School Board Representative report under Administrative Reports.

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by A. Briesemeister, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Work Session

B. Voight shared changes to DMS Student Handbook. D. Schuler shared changes to DES Student Handbook. M. Schoen shared additional information regarding activity fee increase recommendation. L. Seguin and M. Schoen shared a Project Oversight Committee update. M. Reeder shared information regarding the preliminary FY18 budget and the current FY17 budget.

Upon motion by R. Depa, seconded by C. Milano, the Board of Education called the meeting to recess at 6:56 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

A. Johnson called the meeting out of recess and to order at 7:04 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Program Review - Special Services (Shylla Webb)

6. Consent Agenda

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

A. School Board Minutes

1. April 24, 2017
2. May 8, 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 L. Seguin, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Personnel Matters:

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved the personnel matters. Motion passed 6-1, M. Larson abstained.

9. Public Comment:

**Ben Anderson
7486 County Road 30 SW
Drive
Howard Lake, MN**

Re: comments and questions on diversity signs

**Angela Westlund
437 County Road 30 SE
Delano, MN
Re: diversity signs**

**McKayla
St. Paul, MN
Re: acceptance of diversity in Delano**

**Molly Larson
1283 Marvin Court
Delano, MN
Re: diversity and bullying
differences**

**Charlotte Stolfa
516 Prairie Creek Drive
Delano, MN
Re: diversity, LGBT, thankful for signs
with children**

**Abby Hanblet
11144 Fairhill Ave. SE**

**Ali Zens
520 Ironwood**

**Delano, MN
Re: inclusion and diversity signs**

**Missy Larson
1283 Marvin Court
Delano, MN
Re: diversity and bullying**

**Gail Reitan
457 77th Street SE
Delano, MN
Re: positives of diversity**

**Brooklyn Sanders
10585 Fannon Ave. SE
Delano, MN
Re: diversity and accepting**

**Natasha Werner
760 Savanna Trail
Delano, MN
Re: diversity, discussing issue**

**Dan Stolfa
516 Prairie Creek Drive**

Delano, MN
Re: diversity, racial comments, LGBT community
community in Delano

Delano, MN
Re: diversity signs, LGBT

Lydia Holman
724 Elm Ave.
Delano, MN
Re: curriculum - teach more about diversity and different cultures
more welcoming than adults

Eleanor Wertschnig
659 Savanna Trail
Delano, MN
Re: diversity signs, students

A. Johnson addressed the audience after public comment. She thanked all individuals for their comments and stated that school board members will continue to seek answers and understand issues facing Delano Public Schools and the community-at-large. A. Johnson stated that the district will continue to participate in Delano United, train and educate staff on diversity, encourage an environment of inclusion and consistency in words and actions. She expressed that continuing this conversation will work to build a stronger community.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

M. Schoen reported that all building projects are on schedule. He added that the intermediate school experienced water run-off problems and contractors were on site to alleviate the issue. He added that a system is now in place to control water run-off in the future. M. Schoen added that the high/middle school project will continue over the summer with asbestos removal, boiler updates, and building transformation. He recognized two school board members for their five and ten years of service. A. Johnson also recognized M. Schoen for his ten years of service to the district.

B. Principals:

1. Mr. Voight

B. Voight reported on year-end activities and moving classrooms in preparation for construction that will take this summer. He added on May 11 the middle school conducted a school climate survey. B. Voight reported that 718 students, 41 staff, and 148 parents participated in the survey, feedback was received, and the first order of business is to improve the survey. B. Voight stated that the results are posted on the middle school website and further discussions regarding the survey will take place in the fall. A. Johnson asked if open ended questions or a comment section were discussed. B. Voight stated that staff wanted to start with a simple survey and grow from there as they strive to improve the climate in the middle school.

2. Dr. Heil

S. Heil reported graduation was held Sunday, May 21. He added that finals for grade 9-11 will be held the last two days of school. S. Heil stated that teachers are moving their classrooms in preparation for summer construction. He added that a portion of the front parking lot will be needed for construction staging purposes during the summer and community members will have to park in the back middle/high school parking lot and enter the Tiger Activity Center through door 27. He added that patrons should not wander in the high/middle school for safety reasons. S. Heil shared that Teacher Appreciation Day was spent distributing pins to staff members to thank them for their service to the district. He also presented school board members with the pins.

3. Mr. Schuler

D. Schuler shared that the annual elementary picnic was held on Monday, May 22. He reported on the MN Reading Corps Program; 31 active students continuing services, 65 students have exited the program, 7 students that previously participated in the program no longer do, and overall 170 students have been in the reading program and have tested out of the program. D. Schuler shared that the final Tiger Way Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at 8:20 a.m., over 300 grandparents were in attendance at Grandparent's Day on Friday, May 19, and DES has two teachers retiring this summer, Toni Clifton and Lynda Sohns.

C. Business Manager

M. Reeder reported that the preliminary FY18 budget was presented tonight at the work session. In addition, the preliminary FY18 and the final FY17 budget will be approved at the June school board meeting. She added that work has begun on updating the 10 year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Agreement as this plan will also be approved at the June meeting and submitted to MDE by the end of July 2017.

D. Community Education Director

D. Johnson reported that registration is strong for summer programs with wait lists for some of the popular programs. She added that construction maps are inside the summer community education brochure to help parents and community members navigate throughout the campus, teachers received student benchmarks from MN Reading Corps program, there are spots available for Wee Tiger Preschool in the fall, summer Tiger Kids Club is full, but there are spots available for this program in the fall. D. Johnson shared that the Tiger Activity Front Desk will be located in the circuit room for the summer and the TAC will be closed in the afternoon like last summer. She added that Destination Imagination Global Finals begin on May 24, and three DI teams have qualified for this competition which is held in Knoxville, TN.

E. Student Board Representative Report

A. Moe reported that DES held track and field days for each grade, students said goodbye to high school student aides, students enjoyed the annual BBQ picnic, Grandparent's Day was on Friday, May 21, first and second graders had music concerts, and the final Tiger Way celebration is on Wednesday, May 24. He added that DMS held their annual talent show, the annual dodgeball tournament was won by the students, 6th graders participated in the Wax Museum and year end activities for students include a visit to the Mall of America and Lake Rebecca Park. A. Moe reported that the DHS graduation was held on Sunday, May 21, final band and choir concerts were held, juniors voted on their senior class motto, finals are on the last two days of school, and classrooms are getting packed up and moved to prepare for construction this summer. He added that the question of the month was, "What are you the most excited for next year?" A. Moe stated that elementary students said the new fields, the middle school students said to see what the new science classrooms will be like, the movement of the district office and the new diving well, and high school students said the new football field, soccer field, and less construction around the campus.

11. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO (Board Minutes 4.25.17)

A. Johnson reported that the minutes are linked and MAWSECO is converting to BoardBook for their meetings.

B. Wright Technical Center (Board Minutes 5.2.17)

A. Briesemeister reported that the budget is healthy, except the delay of special education reimbursements. He added that there are 700 students registered at WTC for the 2017-18 school year and 37 are from Delano. He shared that new hires at WTC will allow for new targeted programs for ALC students, and the CEO program is strong, a great example of a working education, and they are

looking for additional sponsors. A. Briesemeister reported that the long term facilities plan was shared at the previous meeting.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

A. Approve Bread and Milk Vendors

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by C. Black, the Board of Education approved Bimbo Bakeries for bread and Kemps milk as vendors for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Approve Meal Prices for the 2017-2018 School Year

Upon motion by A. Briesemeister, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Approve 2017-2018 DHS Student Handbook

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the 2017-2018 DHS Student Handbook. Motion passed 7-0.

D. First and only read of Policy 515-Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records and Exhibit 515-F Public Notice due to non-substantive and/or legal reference changes.

Upon motion by L. Seguin, seconded by M. Larson, the Board of Education approved the first and only read of Policy 515 and Exhibit 515-F. Motion passed 7-0.

14. Adjournment

Upon motion by C. Milano, seconded by R. Depa, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.