

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Organizational Meeting
Monday, July 22, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Tiger Den, Delano High School
Delano Public Schools
Independent School District #879, Delano, Minnesota

1. Call to order at 7 p.m.

Record of members present or absent.

Members present: R. Depa, S. Baker, R. Schaust, J. Moyryla, C. Black and S. Roeser. Absent was J. Gierke.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Upon motion by Moyryla, seconded by Depa, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed -0.

3. Work Session

The school board discussed the consultants interested in helping the district select the next superintendent. The board favored Ray and Associates because they had done superintendent searches in schools similar in size as Delano. The board also asked B Dahlke to serve as the district liaison to assist with logistics during the search. Dahlke introduced the board to the new district lettermark and the plan to roll out the brand. Due to budget limitations, the district will look for low-cost, high-impact tactics and partnerships. Activities is paying for all of its rebranding efforts. Schoen provided a district office update: Reeder will retire at the end of August and the office will be fully staffed. The CE committee will conduct a survey to gauge how people feel about the CE program and services. The district is working with Elhers to learn about financing for a new building. There was discussion around public education of bonds and levies.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Black, seconded by Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. July 20, 2026 Special School Board Meeting Minutes.
2. June 22, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes

B. Financial Affairs

1. Current Budget Status with Year-to-Date Adjustments
2. Investment Transactions
3. CARES Act Budgets
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 Schaust, seconded by Baker, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Roll call passed 6-0.

8. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by Depa, seconded by Black, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent M. Schoen briefed the Board on the Leadership Retreat scheduled for August, the Community Education building and its limitations in meeting current program and educational needs, the strategic plan, the addition of nine new teachers, and preparations for the start of the 2026–27 school year on September 1.

C. Business

Finance Director, **S. LeSage** briefed the school board on the School Board Financial Board Report. The reports are included in the official minutes. LeSage is preparing for the audit in November.

D. Community Ed

Community Education Director, **A. Lang** presented Community Ed updates. Lang welcomed new staff. The Volleyball Summer Skills Camp had a record 250 participants in grades 1–12, continuing a year-over-year increase in participation since 2022. In celebration of Delano's 150th anniversary and in keeping with the summer theme, Delano students created from grains of rice, lentils, and legumes. Students spent nearly three hours creating detailed images and landscapes. Through the two TIGER TAXIs, TKC provided transportation to more than 65 activities on campus throughout the summer. TKC also partnered with Summer School/ESY to help ensure TKC families were able to participate. Staff highlighted the upcoming shared DPSP, ECFE, and TKC Open House scheduled for August 18. Staff also highlighted collaboration among Early Childhood, DES, and DIS through the Student Support Team (SST), including work with Annaliese, CE Support Intervention Specialist. This collaboration has strengthened transitions and provided more consistent, year-round support for students. Staff has received training and support in proactive strategies, while the intervention specialist serves as the primary interventionist for students requiring additional support. Consistency was emphasized as a key component of effective student support. The fall Community Education brochure is being prepared for printing and is expected to arrive in mailboxes in mid-August. A new dedicated Enrichment Coordinator is bringing additional programming, including two new classes at the Vintage Storyteller in downtown Delano and an introductory embroidery class. New student offerings will include a Baking Club, a daytime enrichment class for homeschooled students, and two new after-school classes.

10. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

S. Baker reported on behalf of the MAWSECO board. MAWSECO wrapped up the end of the year and prepared for next year. The Secondary Transitional Education Program is growing. MAWSECO is brainstorming ideas to accommodate the growth.

11. Old Business

A. None

12. New Business

- A. Approve the annual Minnesota State High School League Resolution. Upon a motion made by Moyryla, seconded by Black, the Board of Education approved the annual Minnesota State High School League Resolution. Roll call, passed 6-0.
- B. Approve the 2026 Community Education Handbook. Upon a motion made by Schaust, seconded by Baker, the Board of Education approved the 2026 Community Education Handbook. Motion passed 6-0.

- C. Approve the Cardio Emergency Response Plan (CERP). Upon a motion made by Depa, seconded by Moyryla the Board of Education approved the Cardio Emergency Response Plan (CERP). Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Approve contracting with Ray & Associates Inc for the superintendent search process. Upon a motion made by Schaust, seconded by Black, the Board of Education approved the contract with Ray & Associates Inc for the superintendent search process. Motion passed 6-0.

14. Adjournment

Upon motion made by Moyryla, seconded by Baker with a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER