

Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378  
**Regular April Board Meeting**  
April 13, 2026

The regular April meeting of the Board of Education was held on April 13, 2026, in the Dawson-Boyd board room. Members present were Lynch, Jurgenson, Schindler, Marotzke, Zollner, and Kelly as well as administrative staff. Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no public comments. The agenda was amended for approval and was adopted (Jurgenson/Marotzke).

Regular claims and accounts totaling \$392,939.44, \$14,913.08 for student activities, and \$0 for the building project were approved as presented. The Board reviewed electronic transfers and state tax payments made in March. Minutes from the March 9, 2026 Regular Board meeting and March 17, 2026 special meeting were approved (Jurgenson and Marotzke).

RESOLUTION #R1-97 - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$313.00 from an Anonymous donor, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the music department to purchase new risers. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Lynch, Jurgenson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-97A - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$90.00, from The Vine, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by ECFE. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Lynch, Jurgenson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-97B - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$985.25, from American Family Insurance-Casey Clausen, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the school district in 5<sup>th</sup> grade to purchase literacy items. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Marotzke, Lynch, Jurgenson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes.

In staffing matters, the board approved the resignations of Clint Schindler, JH Boys Basketball Coach, effective April 7, 2026; and Ilse Olson, Elementary Teacher, effective May 27, 2026. The board approved the hiring of Alexandra Stearns, Secondary Science Teacher, effective August 20, 2026; Kendra McBride, daycare, effective March 23, 2026; Kendra McBride, C Squad Softball Coach, effective April 10, 2026; and Tylee Groenhoff, Elementary Teacher, effective August 20, 2026.

In Information items, Allyson Pesek, Regional COMPASS Supervisor from SWWC Service Cooperative, shared the results of a current needs assessment. Dan Hovland from MRVED shared a strategic plan outlining how MRVED can support the planning process at no additional cost. He presented an overview of timelines, engagement, and deliverables, and noted success with his work at a neighboring district. Under teacher reports, Amber Omland shared planning their team approach to teaching fifth and sixth grade. Loral Webster also gave a teacher report, highlighting the success of Study Buddies and sharing what students have been working on.

Carrie Kleven, Director of Activities and Transportation, expressed the need for C-team umpires for baseball and softball. High School Principal, Ryan Stotesbery, spoke about two-hour late starts and the preparation for MCA testing. He also gave a shout out to Mason Solem, Gannon Thesing, and Landon Kemen for their various successes. Amy Hiedeman, Elementary Principal, shared that students have been wearing armbands and T-shirts with the message "Handle Hard Better" in response to Kara Lawson's speech. Superintendent Holly Ward reported on a recent Community Action Council meeting where district finances were discussed. She shared that warranty work from ICS will take place this summer, including work on the security door in the lunch room area. The district also received notice from MDE that hard surface funds cannot be reallocated to roofing. ICS is exploring different ways to address district needs while staying within budget.

In Action Items, the board appointed Elsie Nelson to replace Bothun's spot (Marotzke/Lynch). The board approved the strategic plan presented by Dan Hovland (Marotzke/Schindler). The insurance renewal was approved, with the district remaining with Blue Cross Blue Shield (Jurgenson/Lynch). Resolution-district donations were approved (Schindler/Zollner). School fundraisers were approved, including NHS Penny Wars for the food shelf, and childcare's Simply Sweet Cheesecake Sales (Marotzke/Jurgenson). The second reading for Policies 410, Family and Medical Leave; 503, Student Attendance; 515, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records; 530, Immunization Requirements; 615, Testing Accommodations, Modification, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students; 701, Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget; and 721, Procurement Policy were approved (Schindler/Marotzke). Summer Program Staffing was approved as follows: one SLP not to exceed 48 hours, one paraprofessional not to exceed 24.5 hours, one special education teacher not to exceed 31.5 hours, two teachers not to exceed 52.5 hours, and one paraprofessional not to exceed 45 hours (Lynch/Jurgenson). The board also approved moving next month's May 11, 2026 meeting to 5:30pm due to the choir concert later that evening (Marotzke/Zollner).

With no other matters, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm (Marotzke/Jurgenson).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk