

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Organizational Meeting

Monday, May 18, 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 (arrived late), J. Gierke, S. Baker, R. Schaust and J. Moyryla. Absent were C. Black and S. Roeser.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Upon motion by Moyryla, seconded by Gierke, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Work Session

M Chatterton, Activities Director, explained how the administration handles parent concerns about coaches and athletics. When there is a concern, the desire is for the athlete to talk to the coach, then the parent should go to the coach, and then the concern should go to the administration. We do not have a policy regarding the consequences of unacceptable parent behavior toward coaches or athletes. Poor behavior by students is not acceptable. Having consistent supervision at games is recommended. How coaches handle situations is addressed in the athlete's handbook. B Voight provided a deep dive into the data at the high school. Voight also recapped, addressing gaps in curriculum review, eduClimber and Tiger Tracks. Tiger Tracks is providing tours to incoming families and serving as a mentor/mentee program. Voight hosted monthly meetings with 7/8th graders to reinforce the Tiger Way. Student handbooks were discussed. The elementary school made changes to attendance procedures, tardies, class parties and appropriate clothing during the winter months. DIS made changes to the language about students using AI. The high school made changes to the attendance and phone policy. Students in all grades will be required to put their phones in phone pockets. M. Reeder reviewed the preliminary FY 27 Budget and Budget Assumptions. S LePage discussed the LTFM.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Program Review

Abbey Lang, provided an overview of Early Childhood and ECFE. Both programs, through community education, provide child/parent education and screening. CE has a partnership with the WCHH and the United Way to fund ECFE programs. is used to track results from FAST testing, MCAs, career and college readiness, and attendance and incident/behaviors. EduClimbers is a software platform that integrates academic, behavior, social-emotional, and attendance data into one system to support Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). It helps educators visualize student data, track interventions, and identify trends to make data-driven decisions at the student, classroom, and district levels. Using EduClimber will be rolled out to teachers in phases over three years. Teachers will complete Phase I of the READ Act training in the spring. Phase II training is called Strive Science of Reading Grades 4-12.

7. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by S. Baker, seconded by R. Depa, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. April 27, 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

8. Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts

Upon motion by J. Gierke, seconded by J. Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Roll call passed 5-0.

9. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by J. Moyryla, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent M Schoen briefed the board on the strategic plan and the desired daily experiences. At the next meeting, the CE facilities team will review data and educational facility standards and begin developing the needs and criteria for a new CE Facility. The high-level DDE statements from families were “my child feels safe in the school.” Mid level comments were “my child is supported by trusted adults.” And the lowest DDE was “my district is transparent with information regarding curriculum and instruction.” High-level statements from staff included employees feel part of a cohesive school, they are supported by administration and coworkers, and their time are respected. Mid-level results showed that the district’s technology enhances the ability to teach and learn. The lowest level result was about class size.

B. Principals

Principal **K. Thompson** reported on behalf of the intermediate school. SBLT: Reviewing Action Cards, brainstorming for next year. PD: This month, Early Release: LETRS/STRIVE, curriculum and vertical work, data review and placement for next year. MTSS: FAST aMath
 4th: 77% to 78% (increase of 1%)
 5th: 75% to 81% (increase of 6%)
 6th: 90% to 90% (0% change)
 DIS: 81% to 83% (increase of 2%)
 FAST aRead
 4th: 80% to 77 % (decrease of 3%)
 5th: 79% to 83% (increase of 4%)
 6th: 91% to 88% (decrease of 3%)
 DIS 83% to: 82% (decrease of 1%)
 FAST SAEBS
 DIS 90% to 87% (decrease of 3%)
 Events: (April) Give Back Week in early April (Brown, Culviner, Olmscheid). History Day competitors-- 9 students earned honorable mention at State (O’Donnell, Campbell). Events: 5th grade to sing at Saints game tomorrow, Track and Field last week, Band concert last week, Choir concert Wednesday, PIE: Tigers Got Talent variety show, Building tours, 3rd and 6th grade, 5th grade Homesteading, 6th Grade Valley Fair, 6th Grade Wax Museum. Thompson recognized Mary Somers and Natalie Palmer.

Principal **B. Voight** reported on behalf of the high school. Voight recognized students who had a state appearance. Ariana Langdon – Discussion, Section Champion - state 3rd place. Oliver Berg – Creative Expression, Section Champion - state champion. Winston Berg – Humorous Interpretation, Section Champion - state. Harrison Stenback – Prose Interpretation, 2nd Place -

state. Alexa Huotari- Discussion, 4th Place. Meg Arneson-Storytelling, 5th Place. Ella Jepma-Informative, 7th Place. Girls track - conference champs. Baseball - conference champs. Boys golf - conference champs - Connor Oja individual champ. SBLT update: Celebrated Senior Awards Night this past Wednesday, a huge thanks to all of our community sponsors and particularly the DASA for their support of our students. This year our students were blessed with over \$125,000 in scholarships. Graduation is coming up on May 31, it is a ticketed event due to the size of the graduating class, livestream will be shown in the PAC or you can watch at home via our District YouTube channel. Staffing update - all teacher positions are filled, DHS will welcome 6 new staff members next year.

Principal **Rachel Schultz** reported on behalf of the elementary school. Site-Based Update: Highlights of the year - celebrate those at our end of year staff meeting. Reviewed all of our Action Cards - made progress on all. Plan to restructure our secondary QComp meeting to support our Action Card of Aligned Data-Driven Instruction and SEL. PD: Last LETRS session is on Wednesday. Requests from teachers for summer work on the math curriculum, EduClimber, Cardiac Response Team - training this Thursday. Staffing: Currently filled heading into summer! One internal move opened up an SLP position at DES. Some of our part-time paras are shifting to full-time and/or adjusting hours. FAST Update - Fall to Spring (2nd/3rd). Review Data - FAST/MDE Composite. Change in subtests midyear - alters the data a little in K/. Decrease in 3rd grade, but doesn't quite align with the MCA correlation. Focus on our 'some risk' students with more intention and look at how we service 3rd grade to prepare them as readers. More groups of third-grade versus kindergarten. MCA preliminary math 8% increase from last year - no reading data yet. Summer School/ESY - Goal of SS/ESY is to maintain levels, prevent regression. 4 sections K, 1/2, 2, 2/3. Events we had and are looking forward to: PE Game Day last Friday, 2nd/3rd grade concerts this Thursday, K-1 Field Trips, 3rd graders head to DIS to check out the building they will be a part of next year. The school picnic on the 26.

C. Business

Business Manager, **M. Reeder** briefed the school board on the School Board Financial Board Report. The reports are included in the official minutes. A report will be given during the June meetings.

D. Community Ed

Community Education Director, **A. Lang** presented Community Ed updates. Early Childhood Picnic this week! (What used to be the ECFE Potluck has joined the PreK graduation to become a family picnic). Staff Changes, PT Enrichment Coordinator, PT Marketing Specialist, Administrative Assistant, Facilities/TAC - exploring options and looking to create short-term systems to give us time for long-term solutions. Tiger Swim Program - Interest meeting this Thursday. Assessment day coming up - short 10 min. evaluations will help look at basic safety skills, independence and stroke mechanics. Families who participate will receive priority registration for our summer mini-camps

11. Student School Board Reports

Student School Board Representatives met with the principals at all three schools and provided a video on what students liked all three schools. Logan received her name plate.

12. Board Reports

A. Wright Tech Center

R. Schaust reported on behalf of the Wright Tech Center. WTC has a new scholarship available for \$1500. Wright Academy enrollment is up. Blake Nemece and Jake Studere received students of the month at WTC.

B. MAWSECO

S. Baker reported on behalf of the MAWSECO board. The April meeting was a standard meeting. Baker highlighted the DAPE Extravaganza hosted by Rockford.

- C. Wright Tech Center
R Schaust reported on behalf of WTC. The committee discussed summer school highlights, field trips and cookouts. Two students from Delano received scholarships from WT.

13. Old Business

- A. None

14. New Business

- A. Approve the adoption of the new K-12 Math Curriculum Review and K-5 Adoption Report. Upon a motion made by Baker, seconded by Depa, the Board of Education approved the adoption of the new K-12 Math Curriculum Review and K-5 Adoption Report. Motion passed 5-0.
- B. Approve the adoption of the 9-12 World Language Review and Adoption Report. Upon a motion made by Gierke, seconded by Depa, the Board of Education approved the adoption of the new K-12 Math Curriculum Review and K-5 Adoption Report. Motion passed 5-0.

14. Adjournment

Upon motion made by Gierke, seconded by Baker, with a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER