

Dawson-Boyd School Board
Monday, August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Time - 6:00 p.m.
Dawson-Boyd Board Room
Monthly Board Meeting
Google Meet joining info:
One or more board members may participate remotely.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order - 6:00 p.m.
 - Pledge of Allegiance
2. Adopt/Amend Agenda
3. Public Comments
4. Consent Agenda: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR CONSENT APPROVAL
 - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Financial Report and Monthly Claims and Accounts
 - c. Approval of Staffing Matters/Personnel
Hirings:
Andrea Johnson, paraprofessional, effective 8/27/2026

Resignations:
Karoline Haas, daycare aide, effective 7/31/2026
Caitlyn Baird, daycare aide, effective 7/15/2026
5. Communications: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION
6. Information Items:
 - a. Public Data Requests
 - b. Board Member Reports
 - c. Teacher Reports
 - d. Principal Reports
 - e. Superintendent Report
7. Action Items:
 - a. Resolution-District Donations
 - b. Approval of School Fundraisers
Project Respect - Blackjack Spirit Sale
 - c. Resolution - Place Operating Referendum Question on the November Ballot
 - d. Ridgewater PSEO Contract
 - e. FWBL Bus Purchase Offer for buses not DOT certified.
 - f. Snow Removal

Description:

Elite Seamless Gutter: \$175/hr

Plowing considerations in communication with custodial team, typically triggered at 1" but blowing can create a need at different thresholds.

Keaton Haas: \$175/hour per machine (3 machines) = total \$525/hr
1 inch snow trigger

- g. Permission to ask for fuel bids
- 8. Superintendent Evaluation (Closed Session)
- 9. Adjournment

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

The regular July meeting of the Board of Education was held on July 13, 2026, in the Dawson-Boyd board room. Members present were Zollner, Lynch, Nelson, Schindler and Kelly as well as administrative staff. Marotzke and Jurgenson were absent. Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was amended to include an action item for the superintendent's performance evaluation following the August 10, 2026 board meeting (Zollner/Nelson). There were no public comments.

Regular claims and accounts totaling \$701,227.75, \$3,414.21 for student activities, and \$0 for the building project were approved as presented. The Board reviewed electronic transfers and state tax payments made in June. Minutes from the June 8, 2026 Regular Board meeting and the June 22, 2026 Special Board meeting were approved (Zollner/Nelson).

RESOLUTION #R1-100 - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$500.00 from the Clarkfield Fire Department, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to help purchase food for the Backpack for Jacks program. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Lynch, Nelson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-100A - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of a new concrete slab and materials to fix the gaga pit on the elementary school playground, from Farmers for Dawson, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used by the elementary students. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Lynch, Nelson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-100B - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$1,118.00 from Acira-MacKenzie Gilbertson, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to purchase summer rec t-shirts for enrolled students. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Lynch, Nelson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-100C - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$5,000.00 from David Pederson, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to purchase choral risers for the music department. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Lynch, Nelson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-100D - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$1,716.00 from the Russel & Betty Dahl Foundation, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to purchase choral risers for the music department. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Lynch, Nelson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes. RESOLUTION #R1-100E - NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAWSON-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF DAWSON, MINNESOTA, that the gift of \$5,000.00 from the Dawson Community Foundation, be accepted by the district. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the gift will be used to purchase choral risers for the music department. Members voting in favor of the resolution were Schindler, Lynch, Nelson, Zollner and Kelly. There were no dissenting or abstaining votes.

In staffing matters, the board approved the resignations of Natalie Kallhoff, daycare aide, effective 7/20/26; Samantha Jo Jones, daycare aide, effective 8/22/26; and Elizabeth Ucker, food service, effective 6/24/26. The board approved the hiring of Rodchelle Winkelman, food service, effective 7/1/26; Evan Menning, summer cleaner, effective 6/20/26; Elijah Kuechenmeister, summer cleaner, effective 6/15/26; Carmen Larson, summer daycare aide, effective 6/8/26; and Thomas Tiernan, JH boys' basketball coach, effective 7/8/26 (Lynch/Zollner).

In information items, Music teacher Brandon Hurley presented a slideshow outlining the need for new choir risers. He reviewed three different options, highlighting the benefits and costs associated with each. Michael Hart from PTMA presented information regarding the district's financial outlook and the potential tax impact of an operating referendum. He explained that the district will need to either increase revenues or reduce expenditures, noting that projected expenses are expected to outpace revenues in the coming years. Based on the district's financial projections, he recommended pursuing an operating referendum and reviewed several levy options based on different per-pupil amounts. Jon Wager, speaking on behalf of the Dawson-Boyd Community Action Council, also recommended pursuing an operating referendum that would increase the operating levy by \$1,300 per pupil while replacing the district's current \$460 per-pupil referendum approved in 2021. Hart further recommended including inflationary increases in the referendum proposal and emphasized that the Board should decide soon due to the timeline required for placing a referendum on the ballot. The Board indicated it would decide at either the July 22 Board retreat or the August 10 regular Board meeting. Head Custodian Chuck Stark discussed the condition of the air handling unit serving the Innovation Lab. He explained that the unit needs repair or replacement to prevent damage to the equipment and piping. Options discussed included machining a replacement part, replacing the fan, or replacing the entire unit. The Board tabled the discussion until the August meeting to allow time to gather additional information. Chuck also presented information regarding trees near the band entrance parking lot that have become a liability. Three quotes for tree removal were presented, with Nick's Tree Service submitting the lowest bid of \$5,000. Superintendent Holly Ward provided an update on negotiations with the Education Support Professionals, stating that the district has offered an overall wage increase of 8.47% over the next two years. She also reported that the district received a \$50,000 Building Security/Cybersecurity Grant for FY2026, and because not all eligible schools applied for the grant, the district is also eligible for an additional \$18,000, and an application has been submitted and already been awarded. Ward also discussed the possibility of implementing ParentSquare as the district's communication platform. She explained that the program offers multilingual communication features, allowing families to receive district communications in their preferred language without requiring a translator. The Board discussed transportation matters,

including contracted transportation bids versus leasing quotes. Three quotes were discussed for the leasing options. The quotes were from 4.0 School Services, Reliant Transportation Group/Minnesota Coaches and Tyler Bus Services/Full Warranty Bus Leasing. Proposed gate fees for the 2026-2027 school year were also reviewed. The Board then discussed two snow removal options from Elite Seamless Gutter and Keaton Haas, but elected to table the matter until the August meeting for further consideration. The Board was informed of public data requests submitted by DBESP and the Retired Educators Association of Minnesota. During Board member reports, Schindler provided an update on discussions with the City regarding watering the football field. There were no teacher reports. Carrie Kleven, Director of Activities, Transportation, and Community Education Coordinator, reported that preparations for the upcoming school year are underway in Bound, the gym floor is being refinished, and annual bus inspections are scheduled for the following week. During principal reports, High School Principal Stotesbery shared that updates to the student handbook have been completed, including a change allowing students to remain in the building during conference days and progress reports will take the place of mid quarter reports. They will have a three/six-weeks evaluation instead. Elementary Principal Hiedeman reported that the Challenge Program and musical rehearsals have kept students engaged throughout the summer. She also shared that the district's Title grant applications for the 2026-2027 school year were approved with no required revisions. In her superintendent's report, Ward thanked the Dawson-Boyd Community Action Council for its dedication, hard work, and willingness to learn more about district operations. She also shared that she had been invited by the Association of Educational Service Agencies to serve as a panelist at its conference in Florida this December with SWWC, noting that there will be no cost to the district for her participation.

In action items, the school board approved the Resolution-District donations (Lynch/Zollner). The football fundraiser for the school was approved (Schindler/Zollner- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The PSEO contracts were also approved (Lynch/Schindler- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The board approved the ParentSquare quote (Schindler/Lynch - Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- no, Zollner- no, Schindler- yes). Next, Schindler made a motion to do a 5-year lease for transportation. This motion failed. Transportation will remain the same for 2026-2027 school year (Nelson/Lynch). The Greater MN Contract was approved with Greater MN for the Challenge Program (Lynch/Nelson- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The recommendation made by Mr. Hurley for new choir risers was approved, selecting Alle Breve for \$19,950 (Nelson/Lynch- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The New Tech High Service Agreement was approved (Schindler/Zollner- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The 2026-2027 Gate Fees were approved (Schindler/Nelson - Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- no, Zollner- no, Schindler- yes). Achieve 3000 was approved to support literacy instruction (Schindler/Nelson- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). IXL Contract supporting math, literacy, social studies, and science was approved (Lynch/Zollner- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The Innovation Lab Air Handling Unit conversation was tabled until the August meeting (Zollner/Lynch). The board also approved the recommendation to go with the lowest bidder in the amount of \$5,000 for the tree removal and trimming project

(Lynch/Schindler- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The student handbooks for 2026-2027 school year were approved (Lynch/Schindler- Lynch- yes, Nelson- yes, Kelly- yes, Zollner- yes, Schindler- yes). The snow removal decision is being tabled until the August meeting (Nelson/Zollner). Lastly, the superintendent evaluation was approved to take place after the August 10, 2026 board meeting (Zollner/Schindler).

With no other matters, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm (Lynch/Schindler).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk

Dawson-Boyd Independent School District No. 378
School Board Retreat
July 22, 2026

The school board retreat for the board of education was held on July 22, 2026 in the Dawson-Boyd board room. Members present were Schindler, Marotzke, Nelson, Zollner, Kelly, and Lynch. Jurgenson was absent. At 9:02am, the retreat was called to order (Marotzke/Zollner).

MSBA director of board development Katie Klanderud, and associate director of board development Jay Bennett came to speak to the board. The board participated in a discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of board members. They reviewed the Board packet together and discussed its contents, purpose, and use in preparing for board meetings.

Following the MSBA presentation, the Board took a brief lunch break. The Board then discussed the possibility of pursuing an operating referendum. Discussion focused on the importance of educating the community and providing information regarding the district's financial needs. Marotzke recommended and made a motion to pursue a \$1,300 per pupil operating referendum, revoking and replacing the current \$460 per pupil referendum and including inflationary increases. Schindler seconded the motion (Lynch- yes, Marotzke- yes, Nelson- yes, Zollner- yes, Kelly- yes, Schindler- yes).

Dan Hovland from MRVED addressed the board regarding a survey that will be distributed to gather feedback on various district-related questions. The survey will be shared with staff, parents, students, and others to collect input and opinions that can help inform future district decisions.

ICS joined the meeting via phone call to discuss building-related concerns, including security doors, the rooftop, and the air handling unit in the Innovation Lab. A concern regarding water leaking from the rooftop was discussed. The existing air handling unit serving the Innovation Lab was also discussed and noted to be outdated. ICS explained that the newer air handling unit installed in the room across from the Innovation Lab cannot support both spaces, as it was not designed with the capacity to serve both rooms.

Lastly, the Board completed a ranking exercise to identify areas of greatest importance for the district. Following discussion, the Board agreed that the three highest priorities are **school district finances, school district operations, and teaching and learning**.

With no other matters, Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 2:53pm (Zollner/Schindler).

Clint Schindler, School Board Clerk

ISD 378 Dawson Boyd Public Schools
Reconciliation Worksheet Report

07/31/2026

Audit No	Statement Date	Co	Bank Code	Bank Name/Description
1075	07/31/2026	0378	PMA	PMA/MNTrust PMA Bank

Statement Amount 2,183,505.24

Deposits in Transit 0.00

Outstanding Payments

Checks 0.00

Wires 0.00

SHR - Payments 0.00

SHR - Third Party 0.00

Cash 0.00

ACH 0.00

Adjustment Amount 0.00

Amount Per Bank 2,183,505.24

GL Account Balance 2,183,505.24

Difference 0.00

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Adjustments

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ISD 378 Dawson Boyd Public Schools
Reconciliation Worksheet Report
07/31/2026

Audit No	Statement Date	Co	Bank Code	Bank Name/Description
1076	07/31/2026	0378	BNK1	Greater Community Credit Union Finance Checking

Statement Amount 114,411.18

Deposits in Transit 0.00

Outstanding Payments

Checks 62,036.22

Wires 0.00

SHR - Payments 0.00

SHR - Third Party 0.00

Cash 0.00

ACH 0.00

Adjustment Amount 0.00

Amount Per Bank 52,374.96

GL Account Balance 52,374.96

Difference 0.00

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ISD 378 Dawson Boyd Public Schools
Reconciliation Worksheet Report
07/31/2026

Audit No	Statement Date	Co	Bank Code	Bank Name/Description
1077	07/31/2026	0378	BNK3	Greater Community Credit Union Student Activities

Statement Amount	74,158.79
Deposits in Transit	0.00
<u>Outstanding Payments</u>	
Checks	0.00
Wires	0.00
SHR - Payments	0.00
SHR - Third Party	0.00
Cash	0.00
ACH	0.00

Adjustment Amount	0.00
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Amount Per Bank	74,158.79
GL Account Balance	74,158.79
Difference	0.00

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Amy Hiedeman - Elementary Principal

Notes for August 2026 Board Meeting - 8.10.2026

- Enrollment - 306 (+10, -5) - as of FRIDAY 8/7/2026
 - 10 new to district (K-6)
 - 5 left our district (thus far)
 - K & 1 class sizes - K, 19; 1, 1, 18; K-1 Multi, 18
 - PreK - 80 - mass capacity - none on waitlist - some on wait list to go from number of days, but ALL are being served that qualify for service
 - So we're at 386 PreK-6 - to put that in perspective - I had us at 368 at this same point 2 years ago.
- Request from MDE and from SWWC to showcase work in literacy in our district
 - Highlighting elementary work, as well as plans for implementation in secondary
 - Exciting to know that we are being recognized for the work we're doing and affirmations for making shifts in the model of delivery - while we are by no means perfect, we are making GOOD PROGRESS in the right direction
 - Looking forward to making some great strides with our data teams in the coming year - courageous conversations about moving the needle with literacy progress
- New Staff
 - Tylee Groenhoff - 1st Grade
 - Landrey Wiebe (Schmidt) - 3rd Grade
 - Thomas Tiernan - 4th Grade
 - Reis Mitchell - 5th/6th Grade
 - Emma Neet - Special Education
 - Lily Hamilton - Reading Corp (hired through Ampact)
 - Allie Soden - Reading Corp (hired through Ampact)

 - Still have one opening for Math Corp (again hired through Ampact, not the district)

What we're looking forward to:

- ★ MRVED Para Workshop in Benson - Wednesday
- ★ MTSS Leadership Team Training - Wednesday/Thursday
- ★ Data Day - Monday the 17th
- ★ Tech Day - Tuesday the 18th - K-8, plus staff (set up and organization for assessments, communication, etc.)
- ★ New Teacher Orientation - Thursday the 20th
- ★ Staff Inservice
 - Thank you to -
 - Minnwest Ice Cream Social
- ★ Open House
 - 5:30-7:30 Tuesday, August 25th
 - Meal for families
 - Pictures for Elem Students
- ★ FIRST DAY of 2026-2027 School Year - August 27th

7/15/2026	Daycare Program (2nd payment for 25-26)	CEDA-City of Dawson		
7/15/2026	DB Band Program	Ben & Mandi Johnson	\$300.00	Approved @ the 8/10/26 mtg.

Independent School District No. 378

Dawson-Boyd Public Schools

FUNDRAISER APPLICATION

Today's Date:

7/28/26

Person Completing Form:

Darla Swedzinski

Organization Represented:

Project Respect

Describe Fundraiser Activity: [i.e. varsity hockey team selling candy door-to-door]

Blackjack Spirit Sale - Selling of donated Black jacket clothing for free will donations -

Start Date & End Date:

Open house ~ 8/25/26

Estimated Revenue From Activity:

\$100.00

Who Will Collect/Receipt Revenue:

Darla Swedzinski / Stacy Stratman

How Will Revenue Be Used:

For projects that the students come up with during the school year.

Who Makes Decisions On How Revenue Will Be Disbursed:

Darla Swedzinski

Darla Swedzinski
Signature of Advisor / or /

Organization Representative

►	For Office Use Only	◄
►	Fundraiser	◄
►	_____ Authorized	◄
	_____ Not Authorized	

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTION

Issuer: Independent School District No. 378 (Dawson-Boyd), Minnesota

Governing Body: School Board

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A regular meeting held on August 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the District Board Room.

Members present:

Members absent:

Documents attached:

Minutes of said meeting (including):

RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF
REVOKING AN EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION
AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE
AUTHORIZATION AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer on August 10, 2026.

School District Clerk

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member _____:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF
REVOKING AN EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION
AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE
AUTHORIZATION AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 378 (Dawson-Boyd), Minnesota (the School District), as follows:

1. The Board has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine and declare that it is necessary and expedient to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$460 per pupil and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,300 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2026 for taxes payable in 2027 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

2. The question on the revocation of the existing referendum revenue authorization and the approval of a new referendum revenue authorization of the School District shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the School District which have been established by the governing bodies located in whole or in part within the School District.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of the special election to be: (a) provided to each County Auditor at least eighty-four (84) days before the date of the special election; (b) provided to the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of the special election; (c) mailed to every taxpayer in the School District, at least fifteen (15) days but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the special election; (d) posted at the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least ten (10) days before the date of the special election; and (e) published in the official newspaper of the School District once each week for at least two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least one week before the date of the special election. The Notice of Special Election shall be prepared in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
(DAWSON-BOYD), MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 378 (Dawson-Boyd), Minnesota, on November 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

**School District Question
Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization;
Approving New Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 378 (Dawson-Boyd), Minnesota has proposed to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$460 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,300 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2026 for taxes payable in 2027 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authorization and the approval of the new authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 378 (Dawson-Boyd), Minnesota be approved?

**PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR
PROPERTY TAXES**

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.335259% for taxes payable in 2027 of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing.

The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. Seasonal recreational residential property (*i.e.*, cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The figures in the table below are based on School District taxes for the proposed referendum levy authorization only and do not include tax levies for other purposes:

ISD 378, Dawson-Boyd Public Schools Referendum Estimated Tax Impact Analysis					
Estimated Tax Impact for Taxes Payable in 2027					
	Referendum Market Value	Revoked Authority	Proposed Authority	Annual Net Tax Increase	Monthly Net Tax Increase
Referendum Market Value	50,000	-\$56	\$168	\$112	\$9
	75,000	-\$83	\$251	\$168	\$14
	100,000	-\$111	\$335	\$224	\$19
	125,000	-\$139	\$419	\$280	\$23
	150,000	-\$167	\$503	\$336	\$28
	175,000	-\$194	\$587	\$392	\$33
	200,000	-\$222	\$671	\$448	\$37
	300,000	-\$333	\$1,006	\$673	\$56
	400,000	-\$444	\$1,341	\$897	\$75
	500,000	-\$555	\$1,676	\$1,121	\$93

The precincts and polling places for the special election will be the precincts and polling places used for the state general election.

All qualified electors residing in said School District may cast their ballots at the polling places for the precincts in which they reside during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: August 10, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ _____, Clerk

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5. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall comply with the laws and rules governing the procedures and requirements for optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting any other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots or ballot cards, election administration, and cost sharing.

6. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a printed ballot for the question to be prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.08, Subdivision 5 and the rules of the secretary of state for use at the special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall cause official ballots to be printed according to the format of ballots for optical scan voting systems provided by the laws and rules governing optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least four (4) days before the date of the special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted at each polling place on the date of the special election and to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots or ballot cards to be prepared for use at said election. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

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**Special Election Ballot
School District Ballot
Independent School District No. 378
(Dawson-Boyd), Minnesota**

November 3, 2026

Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

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 **YES**
 **NO**

Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authorization and the approval of the new authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 378 (Dawson-Boyd), Minnesota be approved?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

(Reverse side of ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

November 3, 2026

Judge

Judge

(The ballot is to be initialed by two judges)

7. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, upon request, furnish in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04 a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

8. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election and shall conduct the special election at the various polling places in the manner prescribed by law.

9. The special election shall be held and the returns made and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law and the Board shall meet on a date between the third day, November 6, 2026, and the fourteenth day, November 17, 2026, after the special election for the purpose of canvassing the results thereof.

10. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 126C.17, Subdivision 9(e) and 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for the ballot question in written form within fifteen (15) days after the results have been certified by the Board.

11. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, Subdivision 6, the Clerk is hereby instructed to make any campaign finance reports filed with the Clerk by campaign committees within seven (7) days after the special election available on the School District's web site as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of any such report. The Clerk is further instructed to provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of web site where such reports are made available. Such reports must remain available on the web site for four (4) years from the date first posted.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Ridgewater College
PSEO ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT
Fiscal Year 2027

Ridgewater College and School District 378 Dawson-Boyd High School have determined that secondary students who have attained the Sophomore, Junior or Senior rank benefit from a post-secondary educational experience and, therefore, have entered into this contract for services. It is understood that this contract in no way limits the liability of the high school as the primary educational provider.

The cost to provide this educational service will be determined as follows:

1. The School District shall be invoiced at the rate of \$256.06 per semester credit, (which includes tuition, fees, textbooks and standard course fees)
2. I.S.D. will be invoiced on a semester basis and shall remit payment within 30 days of invoice date.
3. The school district will ensure that any student taking courses that require a laptop computer will have adequate computing resources provided to them by the I.S.D. or through their own resources to meet the course requirement.
4. Students may not register for a number of credits that would cause an overload status.
5. Expenses associated with providing disability accommodations are not reflected in the above costs. The cost of providing these accommodations will be handled on a student-by-student basis via a separate agreement.
6. Students will be subject to the policies and procedures of Ridgewater College.
7. The student must complete the POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM FORM with the assistance of the appropriate high school staff and submit the form to the Admissions Office at the appropriate Ridgewater College Campus.
8. Students are allowed to drop with a 100% refund through the 10th day of the semester. Withdrawals after the 10th day of the semester require full payment for the contracted amount.

The above named school district authorizes Ridgewater College to provide educational services for the school year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

School District Authorized Representative:

Print Name

Sign Name

Date

Billing E-mail Address

Ridgewater College Representative

Date

RETURN TO: Ridgewater College
Business Office
2101 15th Avenue NW
Willmar, MN 56201