

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Organizational Meeting
Monday, April 27, 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.

A. Record of members present or absent.

Members present: R. Depa, J. Gierke, S. Roeser, S. Baker and C. Black. and R. Schaust. J. Moyryla arrived at 5:36 p.m.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Upon motion by Baker, seconded by Schaust, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Work Session

Representatives from Dehler Public Relations recapped the Branding committee's progress and presented a new Tiger, font and color scheme for the district. M Kunkel, K Knisley and N Moore talked about the Revel, the new math curriculum. Revel is a balanced approach to learning and applying mathematics. The curriculum supports all learners. Before Revel, the district lacked an aligned curriculum. Melissa Bakers spoke to the board about the World Language Review and Adoption Report. The current world language curriculum is more than two decades old and doesn't have proficiency tools. Melissa Wiese provided an update on food service. Wiese highlighted new equipment in each building and talked about the new calorie limits, sugar limits, salt limits and the buy American mandates. Superintendent M. Schoen told the board that the CE Facilities committee was moving forward and that finding land to buy would be a challenge. R Schaust motioned to Rescess the meeting at 7 p.m. C. Black seconded the motion.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Program Review

Lyndsey Westphal, EduClimber 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 C. Black, seconded by S. Baker, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

A. School Board Minutes

1. March 16, 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 Schaut, seconded by J. Gierke, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Roll call passed 7-0.

9. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by R. Schaut, seconded by Black, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 7-0.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent M Schoen briefed the board on CE. The CE task force is meeting with the architects to start conceptualizing a CE plan, including long-term action items. The district has filled two vacant positions: HS principal and a director of finance and operations. Scott LeSage, the Director of Finance and Operations, thanked the board for his assignment and praised Mary Reeder.

B. Principals

Principal **K. Thompson** reported on behalf of the intermediate school. SBLT: Planning activities for the end of year and wrapping up the handbook challenges. Professional Development: LETRS, first installation of Phase 2 READ Act Training, STRIVE. May: continue to check in on Reveal implementation, may teach some units in 4th and 5th if time allows. MTSS: MCAs this month, SAEBRs and my SAEBRS this month, FAST universal screening in reading and math next month. Events: Give Back Week in early April (Brown, Culviner, Olmscheid), History Day competitors: nine students earned honorable mention at State (O'Donnell, Campbell), Math Masters competitions (5th and 6th).

Superintendent Schoen reported on behalf of the high school. Schoen began with a few recognitions. High Schools is entering the "Celebration Season," and are preparing to honor the many accomplishments of our students. Senior Awards Night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. The HS has met with all seniors over the past week to clearly outline end-of-year expectations and responsibilities to ensure a smooth and successful path to graduation. Upcoming events and announcements: high school is currently concluding the MCA testing window, with science assessments wrapping up this week. Immediately following, the HS will transition into Advanced Placement testing. School improvement efforts, the School-Based Leadership Team continues to review potential updates to the student handbook. High school has hired four new staff members. Actively recruiting for two remaining positions: a 7/8 grade math teacher and a 0.5 FTE physical education teacher.

Principal **Rachel Schultz** reported on behalf of the elementary school. SBLT: Handbook revisions - Language around attendance/tardies, class events, weather and recess guidelines and conferences, Action Card #3 - Sped/Gen Ed Process, Schedules - WIN time is in schedules, Summer School. PD plan for 25-26: Planning for next year - EduClimber, New Math Curriculum, Vertical Team Meetings. Kindergarten #: 145 - about 5 lower than we were this time last year. Events: Imagination Fair - last Thursday; over 120 projects submitted. DES was part of DAPE Extravaganza in Rockford. Upcoming: Music Concerts for 2nd and 3rd grade, Field Trips now through May and Field Day in May.

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.

D. Community Ed

Community Education Director, **A. Lang** presented Community Ed updates. 226 Summer contracts- No active waitlist- offering transportation to 58 community ed activities - 127

school year contracts - no active waitlist - summer 2025 CE hired 31 new staff - Summer 2026 hired 5 new staff as all others are returning. CE has completed 162 early childhood screenings - 91 of them in the last month alone. Touch-A-Truck is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from 10-noon at Central Park. Free. PAC/TAC: Lori Line, Studio 55, Highlands Church, Delano Dramatic.

11. Student School Board Reports

Student School Board Representatives met with the principals at all three schools. DIS has been busy with MCAs and NHS remains active at DES. L. Wermager read an essay about her experience being a student board representative.

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 Nemec and Jake Studere received students of the month at WTC.

B. MAWSECO

S. Baker reported on behalf of the MAWSECO board. The committee reviewed new federal requirements. Hired a birth-to-2 staff member and a behavioral analyst.

C. Schools Advocating for Fair Funding (SAFF)

R. Depa reported on behalf of SAFF. The committee discussed managing the uptick in behaviors in gen ed.

D. Safe Schools

R. Depa reported on Safe Schools. Committee members provided an update to the group. There will be road work on County Line Drive. Members were introduced to a new app by WCHHS. It's a one-stop shop for services.

13. Old Business

A. None

14. New Business

A. **Approve Wright Technical Centers' Long-Term Facility Maintenance Resolution.** Upon a motion made by Depa, seconded by Glerke, the Board of Education approved the Wright Technical Centers' Long-Term Facility Maintenance Resolution. Role call passed 7-0.

14. Adjournment

Upon motion made by Schaust, seconded by Black, with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CLERK

Bobbie Dahlke
RECORDER