SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Organizational Meeting
Monday, June 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, J. Gierke, S. Baker, R. Schaust, J. Moyryla, C. Black and S. Roeser.

2. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda**
   Upon motion by Baker, seconded by Schaust, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

3. **Work Session**
   C. Wadholm asked the board to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. The plan will be included in the emergency plan. A. Lang provided an overview of Community Education programs and key accomplishments across departments. **ECFE:** Shifted focus toward single-event programming, implemented a staffing model that increases teacher collaboration and support, and identified the need to re-establish the Early Childhood Advisory Council. **Preschool:** Maintained Delano's distinction as the only School Readiness program in the district with the highest Parent Aware rating, completed READ Act/LTRS training, and identified the need to re-evaluate the Creative Curriculum and TS Gold framework. **Tiger Kids Club (TKC):** Coordinated more than 3,500 student transportation trips, opened registration earlier for 2026–27, maintained no active waitlists, and achieved strong staff retention. **Adult and Youth Enrichment:** Continued partnerships with community organizations and instructors, expanded transportation access for enrichment opportunities, enhanced support through registration and event promotion, and began restructuring to provide dedicated enrichment staffing. **Tiger Activity Center:** Experienced continued membership growth and record attendance, while identifying priorities for equipment replacement, membership structure evaluation, and long-term growth planning. Lang briefed the board on the CE handbook. The board will approve it at the July meeting. M Schoen provided an update on the vision card. Lang gave a facilities update: successfully transitioned from Eleyo to Arux, established a need for ongoing seasonal/annual processes and strengthened partnership with Activities to address program needs. The board reviewed the MSHSL Resolution and the General Election Resolution.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

5. **Public Comment**
   No public comment.

6. **Program Review**
   Meghan Gibas and Maria Menz provided an overview of Q Comp. Staff provided an overview of district instructional priorities, highlighting continued emphasis on literacy and mathematics through professional learning, PLC collaboration, and curriculum implementation. Updates included ongoing Science of Reading (LETRS/STRIVE) training, preparation for new math curriculum implementation, use of student data to inform instruction, increased teacher collaboration time, refinement of instructional practices and observation processes, and continued efforts to support student well-being, engagement, and academic achievement.

7. **Consent Agenda**
   Upon motion by Depa, seconded by Schaust, the Board of Education approved the Consent Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.
   A. School Board Minutes

1. May 18, 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 Black, seconded by Baker, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for Acceptance of Gifts. Roll call passed 7-0.

9. Personnel Matters

Upon motion by Depa, seconded by Schaust, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters. Motion passed 7-0.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent M Schoen briefed the board on the strategic plan and the desired daily experiences. The Board received an update on the Facilities Committee, which will continue its work on identifying facility needs, establishing evaluation criteria, and developing consensus statements to guide future solution options. An update was also provided on the district's performance measures, including achievement, graduation, desired daily experience, initiative implementation, and operational effectiveness. Preliminary results indicate continued progress across key strategic areas, with final student achievement data to be incorporated following the release of assessment results.

B. Principals

Principal **K. Thompson** reported on behalf of the intermediate school. The Intermediate School shared year-end updates, including progress toward school improvement planning, MTSS/QComp goals, and preparations for the 2026–27 school year. While the spring-to-spring math QComp goal was not met, students demonstrated growth over the course of the school year. The board recognized staff award recipients, received an update on summer staffing and facility preparations, and heard that scheduling and back-to-school planning are well underway.

Superintendent Schoen reported on behalf of the high school. The High School concluded the school year successfully despite challenges caused by the May cyber incident, with appreciation expressed to staff who supported recovery efforts. The board received updates on outstanding student achievements in academics and athletics, including strong state tournament performances and All-State recognitions. Academic outcomes remained exceptionally strong, with high course completion rates and continued evidence that students enrolled in Delano High School courses achieve excellent graduation success. The report concluded with appreciation for the support of the Board and recognition of the continued dedication of staff and students.

Principal **Rachel Schultz** reported on behalf of the elementary school. The elementary school concluded the year with strong progress in student achievement and school improvement. Staff reviewed positive social-emotional learning outcomes, including a 43% reduction in student behavior offenses, celebrated retiring and award-recognized staff, and reported meeting both district and QComp academic goals. Looking ahead to 2026–27, priorities include reviewing school improvement data, strengthening intervention and WIN time practices, implementing the new math curriculum, and continuing professional learning to support student success.

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. Community Education reported a successful start to the summer season. Tiger Kids Club is operating with 11 classrooms serving 238 students and supported by more than 60 staff members. Summer programming remains strong, with high enrollment in Tiger Swim camps and more than 100 enrichment programs offered. Staffing updates included the addition of new Early Childhood and Childcare coordinators to support ongoing program growth.

11. Board Reports

A. MAWSECO

S. Baker reported on behalf of the MAWSECO board. MAWSECO has a new Special Education coordinator. They visited the care and treatment center in Litchfield

B. Wright Tech Center

R. Schaust reported on behalf of WTC. Enrollment is up and year-end festivities.

12. Old Business

A. None

13. New Business

A. Approve the 2026-27 Original Budget. Upon a motion made by Gierke, seconded by Black, the Board of Education approved the 2026-27 Original Budget. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Approve the FY28 LTFM 10-Year Plan Resolution. Upon a motion made by Schaust, seconded by Moyryla, the Board of Education approved the FY28 LTFM 10-Year Plan Resolution. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

C. Approve the FY27 Bread and Milk Vendors. Upon a motion made by Black, seconded by Schaust the Board of Education approved the FY27 Bread and Milk Vendors. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Approve the 2026/2027 Student Handbook for the elementary, intermediate, and high schools. Upon a motion made by Moyryla, seconded by Baker the Board of Education approved the 2026/2027 Student Handbook for the elementary, intermediate, and high schools. Motion passed 7-0.

E. Approve the Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election. Upon a motion made by Black, seconded by Schaust the Board of Education approved the Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election. Roll call vote passed 7-0.

F. Approve the Resolution Certifying the Population Estimate for the 2025 Payable 2026 Levy of Independent School District #879. Upon a motion made by Baker, seconded by Schaust the Board of Education approved the Resolution Certifying the Population Estimate for the 2025 Payable 2026 Levy of Independent School District #879. Role call vote passed 7-0.

14. Adjournment

Upon motion made by Moyryla, seconded by Schaust with a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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CLERK	RECORDER