

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes
March 9, 2015
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.
Board Chair Julie Pritchard called the Regular meeting of the Northfield Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. No one was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes / Table File
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Quinnell, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on February 23, 2015, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - For the 21st year, Northfield German students participated in the National German Exam Competition. Competing this year were 40 students, levels 2, 3, 4 and 5, and again this year many Northfield students placed very well. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the competition for a job well done.
 - Some Middle School band notes from 7th and 8th Grade Band Director and High School Jazz Bands Director Ethan Freier:
 - Congratulations to all 6, 7, and 8th Grade Band members on a fantastic concert February 10th.
 - Congratulations to Linnea Larson for being chosen piano player for the Minnesota Band Director's Association 6-8 honor jazz band. They performed at the Minnesota Music Educator's State conference on February 13.
 - Congratulations to Linnea Larson, Johnathan Wiese, and Anna Weber on being chosen to be members of the Minnesota Band Director's Association All State grades 6-8 Concert Band.
 - Congratulations to Sam Ryden and Joe Kreis for their upcoming participation in the Southeast Minnesota Band Director's grades 7-10 honor jazz bands. The Southeast Minnesota Band Director's Association commissioned a piece from Ethan Freier to be premiered at this concert.
 - On February 27th, the 8th Grade band directed by Mr. Freier attended a concert band festival in Woodbury. After their performance, they worked with University of Minnesota Professor Dr. Tim Diem.
 - On February 28th, the Middle School Jazz band directed by Mr. Freier attended a jazz festival at the University of Minnesota. Clinicians Phil Hey and Pete Whitman gave the band excellent feedback after the performance.
 - This past weekend was the State Weightlifting Meet in Lakeville. Northfield had 13 students qualify for state, and 11 of them medaled at the tournament. 9 of the 11 were girls. Congratulations to the team and Coaches Dan Meyers and Laura Marks.
 - March 1-7 was National School Social Worker Week. We appreciate all the work that Social Workers do for our students and families.
 - This week is National Americorps Week. Thank you to our Reading and Math Corp staff in each building. They are providing the extra assistance that our students need every day.
 - Thank you to the high school teachers and students for going to Bridgewater for Read Across America Day on March 2nd. It was great to have the older students read with the elementary students.
 - Congratulations to Bridgewater Principal Nancy Antoine. She is the 2015-2017 MN Elementary School Principal Association's President-Elect.
- VI. Items for Discussion and/or Reports
 1. Feedback from Transformational Technology Listening Sessions
Director of Technology Services Kim Briske provided the Board with a summary of the key ideas shared by participants at the two family and ten staff listening sessions, as well as the survey results from 60 family and 26 staff members. Additional data and proposed district responses to

these key ideas were also shared and Board members provided feedback and posed additional questions for clarification.

2. Follow Up to the February 23, 2015, Preliminary District Master Facilities Plan Presentation
Superintendent Chris Richardson and Director of Administrative Services Matt Hillmann reviewed the steps taken so far in the Master Facilities planning process. They then provided data requested by the Board on February 23rd concerning when the School District's current bond issues expire and the cost per square foot to operate the District's current facilities. Interdependent Plan Updates were given for Longfellow/Greenvale Park and for Northfield High School. Drs. Richardson and Hillmann anticipate there will be other modifications in the facilities plan as feedback is received from staff and the community. Finally, they shared the District's plan to present the preliminary Master Facilities Plan to staff, students and the community through a series of community meetings in April. The schedule would be similar to the series of meetings held last October – a meeting at each site where there is District programming for staff and parents/community. The plan will also be shared with the District Youth Council. These sessions would provide each group with a presentation of the elements of the plan for each building in the District and an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the preliminary proposal.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

There were no items for individual action.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

On a motion by Maple, seconded by Iverson, the Board unanimously approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.

1. Cooperative Sponsorships.

The Board dissolved the current cooperative sponsorships with Arcadia in Boys Basketball and with EdVisions and Arcadia in Girls Basketball and then formed non-exclusive cooperative agreements with Arcadia in Boys Basketball and with EdVisions and Arcadia in Girls Basketball.

2. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments*

1. Nives Bakic, Special Education Educational Assistant-PCA at the Middle School for 6.5 hours/day beginning 03/06/2015 – 06/05/2015; Step 1, \$13.73/hour.
2. Tallie Berkvam, 1.0 FTE Temporary Special Education Teacher at Bridgewater beginning 03/04/2015- 06/05/2015; BA, Step 0.
3. Aliza Jung, Community School Evening Club Site Assistant at Greenvale Park for 2 hours/day (2 days/week) beginning 03/10/2015 – 05/28/2015; Step 1, \$11.67/hour.
4. Jedidiah McGuire, Assistant Baseball Coach at the High School beginning 03/16/2015 – 06/12/2015; \$12.00/hour.
5. Angela Perez, Child Nutrition Associate III at Sibley Elementary for 6 hours/day beginning 03/04/2015; \$17.85/hour.
6. William Seeberg, Homebound Instructor at Sibley for 10 hours/week beginning 02/16/2015 to an end date to be determined; BA60, Step 14.
7. Trista Shimota, Building Nurse at St. Dominic for 7 hours/week beginning 03/05/2015; Step 1, \$26.80/hour.
8. Sean Stanchina, Building Supervisor at Community Services/District beginning 03/07/2015; \$14.55/hour.
9. Inga Ewing, Special Education Educational Assistant-PCA at the High School for 6.5 hours/day beginning 03/12/2015 – 06/05/2015; SpecEd EA-PCA, Step 1, \$13.73/hour.
10. Jessica Rose, Child Nutrition Student Associate at the ALC/Longfellow for 1 hour/day beginning 03/12/2015 – 06/05/2015; \$8.00/hour.
11. Rachael K. Schlossin, Assistant Track Coach at the Middle School beginning 03/31/2015 – 05/29/2015; Level I, Step 1.

- b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment
 1. Vicki Malecha, Child Nutrition Associate at the Middle School, change to Child Nutrition Manager I at Bridgewater for 7 hours/day beginning 03/18/2015; \$19.02/hour.
 2. Jacob Odell, Special Education Educational Assistant-PCA at the High School, add SpecEd EA-PCA for the High School Track program for 2.25 hours/day beginning 03/09/2015 – 05/22/2015.
 3. MaDonna Pumper, Temporary Child Nutrition Associate III, change to Child Nutrition Associate I at Sibley for 3 hours/day beginning 03/04/2015.
 4. Laura Berdahl, Community School Co-Coordinator at Greenvale Park, change from 40 weeks/year to 45 weeks/year beginning 3/9/2015.
 5. Colleen Hohrman, Child Nutrition Associate I at the Middle School for 3.75 hours/day, change to Child Nutrition Associate II at the Middle School for 7.6 hours/day beginning 03/18/2015.

- c. Retirements / Resignations
 1. Cheryl A. Dueffert, Second Grade Teacher at Greenvale Park, retirement effective 06/05/2015.
 2. Anne Erickson, Elementary Teacher at Sibley, resignation effective 06/05/2015.
 3. Mary Dee Kuklok, Teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, retirement effective 06/05/2015.
 4. Nina Mattson, Targeted Services PLUS Club Leader at Sibley Elementary, resignation effective 02/26/2015.
 5. Mary McGovern, Title I Teacher at Greenvale Park, retirement effective 06/05/2015.
 6. Brenda Niebuhr, Math Teacher at the High School, retirement effective 06/05/2015.

* Conditional offers of employment are subject to successful completion of a criminal background check.

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report – March 2015.

2. There will be a Closed Negotiation Strategy Session immediately following the April 13, 2015, Regular School Board meeting.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center
Monday, April 27, 2015, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

- X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Iverson, the Board adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk