

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

January 10, 2022

Northfield District Office Boardroom

1. Call to Order

The Organizational meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 659 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chair Julie Pritchard for the purpose of organizing the board for the 2022 calendar year. Present: Baraniak, Butler, Goerwitz, Gonzalez-George, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. Absent: None.

2. Acting Chair Pritchard read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Agenda Approval / Table File

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Butler, the board approved the agenda.

4. Items for Individual Action

a. Election of Officers

1. Election of Board Chair.

Stratmoen moved that Claudia Gonzalez-George be nominated as board chair. There were no further nominations. Claudia Gonzalez-George was the only candidate nominated for the office of chair, and was hereby declared elected by acclamation. Motion carried 7/0. Acting Chair Pritchard directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes. Board Chair Gonzalez-George then chaired the remainder of the Organizational board meeting.

The board thanked former chair Julie Pritchard for her seven years of leadership as board chair and recognized her accomplishments.

2. Election of Vice-Chair.

Baraniak moved that Amy Goerwitz be nominated as vice-chair. There were no further nominations. Amy Goerwitz was the only candidate nominated for the office of vice-chair, and was hereby declared elected by acclamation and Chair Gonzalez-George directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes. Motion carried 7/0.

3. Election of Clerk.

Pritchard moved that Noel Stratmoen be nominated as clerk. There were no further nominations. Noel Stratmoen was the only candidate nominated for the office of clerk, and was hereby declared elected by acclamation and Chair Gonzalez-George directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes. Motion carried 7/0.

4. Election of Treasurer.

Butler moved that Jeff Quinnell be nominated as treasurer. There were no further nominations. Jeff Quinnell was the only candidate nominated for the office of

treasurer, and was hereby declared elected by acclamation and Chair Gonzalez-George directed the clerk to so record in the minutes. Motion carried 7/0.

b. Set Dates, Times, and Location for Regular Board Meetings

On a motion by Butler, seconded by Pritchard, the board approved the schedule for school board meetings January 2022 - January 2023. Regular meetings of the Northfield School Board will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays in January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October and November, and will be held in the District Office Boardroom. One meeting will be held the first Monday of the month in June, July and December. Motion carried 7/0.

c. School Board Member Stipends

On a motion by Pritchard, seconded by Butler, the board approved to maintain the stipends for board members at \$275 per month and \$325 per month for the board chair. Motion carried 7/0.

d. Designate the Official District Newspaper

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Baraniak, the board designated the *Northfield News* as the official newspaper of the district. Motion carried 7/0.

e. Designate Legal Counsel

On a motion by Butler, seconded by Goerwitz, the board designated Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A. as the official legal counsel for Northfield Public Schools. Persons authorized to contact legal counsel are the Superintendent, the Director of Human Resources, the Director of Finance, and other district level administration only after receiving Superintendent approval. Motion carried 7/0.

f. Authorization of Use of Facsimile Signatures

On a motion by Pritchard, seconded by Baraniak, the board authorized that facsimile signatures of officers of the board be utilized in signing school district checks and documents. Motion carried 7/0.

g. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

On a motion by Baraniak, seconded by Pritchard, the board approved the mileage reimbursement rate for use of private automobiles on school district business will be 58.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2022. This is the new mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service. Motion carried 7/0.

5. Items for Information

a. Board Committee Memberships

An enclosure was provided identifying last year's committee appointments, representatives to various organizations and school liaisons, as well as a brief description of each committee or organization. Changes can be discussed. The board chair may gather committee preferences from individual board members and bring a list of appointments back to a subsequent meeting.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Pritchard, seconded by Baraniak, the board adjourned the Organizational meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk