

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

January 14, 2019
Northfield High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

The Organizational meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 659 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting Chair Julie Pritchard for the purpose of organizing the Board for the 2019 calendar year.

II. Seat New Board Members

The three School Board members elected in the November election were Julie Pritchard, Jeff Quinnell and Tom Baraniak. The Oath of Office for each of these persons was administered by Acting Vice-Chair Ellen Iverson. Pritchard, Quinnell and Baraniak are each beginning a four-year term of office.

III. Agenda Changes / Table File

An updated analysis of regional school board member stipends was provided for consideration.

IV. Items for Individual Action

A. Election of Officers

1. Election of Board Chair.

Stratmoen moved that Julie Pritchard be nominated as Board Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Julie Pritchard was unanimously elected as Board Chair. School Board Chair Julie Pritchard then chaired the remainder of the Organizational School Board meeting.

2. Election of Vice-Chair.

Goerwitz moved that Ellen Iverson be nominated as Vice-Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Ellen Iverson was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

3. Election of Clerk.

Quinnell moved that Noel Stratmoen be nominated as Clerk. Hearing no further nominations, Noel Stratmoen was unanimously elected as Clerk.

4. Election of Treasurer.

Iverson moved that Rob Hardy be nominated as Treasurer. Hearing no further nominations, Rob Hardy was unanimously elected as Treasurer.

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

Iverson moved and Goerwitz seconded the schedule for School Board Meetings January 2019 - January 2020. Regular meetings of the Northfield School Board will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month and will be held in the Northfield High School Media Center, with the exception of March, June, July and December when the

Board meets once on the first Monday of the month. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. School Board Member Stipends

Goerwitz moved and Quinnell seconded to establish the stipends for Board members be \$275 per month and \$325 per month for the Board Chair effective July 1, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Resolution to Empower the School Board to Combine the Duties of the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer of the School Board in One Person in the Finance Office of the School District

Iverson moved and Goerwitz seconded the Resolution to Empower the School Board to Combine the Duties of the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer of the School Board in One Person in the Finance Office of the School District and to designate Director of Finance Valori Mertesdorf as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Voting 'yes' was Goerwitz, Hardy, Stratmoen, Quinnell, Baraniak, Iverson, and Pritchard. No one voted 'no'. Motion carried.

E. Appoint Board Committee Members

Board Chair Julie Pritchard asked that Board members review current assignments and let her know if there are any committees of particular interest. She will bring to the January 28th meeting the list of committee appointments.

V. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Quinnell, the Board unanimously approved the following items listed under the consent grouping.

- A. Designated the *Northfield News* as the official newspaper of the Northfield School Board.
- B. Designated Christine Neset, Student Information Systems Coordinator, as the Identified Official with Authority for Minnesota Department of Education Secure Website Access.
- C. Authorized the use of facsimile signatures of officers of the Board in signing School District checks and documents.
- D. The mileage reimbursement rate for use of private automobiles on School District business will be 58.0 cents per mile effective January 1, 2019. This is the new mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board adjourned the Organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk