

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

February 25, 2019

Northfield High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

Board Vice Chair Dr. Ellen Iverson called the Regular meeting of the Northfield Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Goerwitz, Hardy, Stratmoen, Quinnell, Baraniak, and Iverson. Absent: Pritchard. Vice Chair Iverson stood in for Chair Pritchard who was unable to attend the meeting.

II. Agenda Changes / Table File

Table File items were added.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Announcements and Recognitions

- Congratulations to five Raiders gymnasts, Sidney Petersen, Adison Dack, Ellie Stodden, Hannah Ringlien, and Kasey Mohlke who qualified for the individual state gymnastics finals held at Maturi Pavilion at the University of Minnesota, and to their head coach, Leanne Fricke, who was honored as the Big 9 coach of the year.
- Congratulations to sophomore Libby Brust and senior Caroline Pritchard, who both qualified and competed at the alpine ski state finals at Giants Ridge in Biwabik.
- Congratulations to Coach Geoff Staab, who was honored as section coach of the year, and the wrestling team for earning a trip to the state tournament. They wrestle in the first round on Thursday, February 28 at 9:00 am at the Xcel Energy Center. Additionally, six wrestlers individually qualified for the state tournament. Congratulations to Chase Murphy, Trayton Anderson, Drew Woodley, Jake Messner, Jack Stanton, and Nick Lopez.
- Congratulations to Coach Doug Davis, who was named section coach of the year, and the boys swim team for winning Section 1A. The team is headed to the state tournament this coming Thursday - Saturday.
- Congratulations to Tony Mathison, girls basketball coach, who earned his 300th career coaching victory last week.
- The Board recognized Dr. Hillmann, Jim Kulseth, and the Grounds Crew for their decisions and execution during this difficult month of unprecedented weather. Board member Stratmoen recited the following poem:
The Snow Day
It goes with the job, this checking and creepin', to check out the snowdrifts, while the kids are still sleepin'.
You're up before dawn, while streets are so crummy, and hours to go, to see the sun's sunny.
Dr. Hillman's out driving, to judge the winds fury, while Jim and his cccteam, are clearing like ... HURRY!
And Benjamin Bus, also part of the team, to keep the kids safe, of your work, we just beam!
So thanks to you all, your gifts are so ample, keep working together, you're a classy example!

V. Items for Discussion and Reports

- A. Legislative Update. Superintendent Hillmann provided a legislative update and review of Governor Walz's budget that was announced on February 19, 2019. The February forecast, which will be published later this week, will initiate action in the Minnesota legislature, which is the only split legislature in the nation. The Governor's budget is called "One Minnesota" and represents an investment of \$733 million in additional pre-K through grade 12 education funding over the next two years. Board members are encouraged to join Superintendent Hillmann and Chair Pritchard for "A Day at the Capitol" on March 26, 2019.

VI. Committee Reports

Iverson and Baraniak provided updates to the Board regarding District Youth Council, Northfield Human Rights Commission, and Northfield Forward.

VII. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Stratmoen, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Minutes. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on February 11, 2019.
- B. Authorization to Waive the Ban of Fireworks or Ammunition on School District Property to Permit Fireworks Display on July 4. The District was contacted by the City of Northfield, the sponsor of the July 4th fireworks display, for permission to use the green space between Northfield Middle School and Bridgewater Elementary School for the fireworks display. The School District has granted permission for this activity and waived the ban of fireworks on School District property in the past.
- C. Personnel Items
- a) Appointments
1. Daniel Foley, 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Third Grade Compañeros Teacher at Sibley, beginning 04/02/2019-05/14/2019; MA+30, Step 15
 2. Jessica Huebsch, 1.0 FTE Administrative Support Assistant Class IV at Bridgewater, beginning 03/04/2019; Class IV Step 3-\$20.23/hr.
 3. Shelly Sheets, Long Term Substitute Child Nutrition Associate I for 3.75 hours/day at the High School, beginning 03/04/2019-approximately 04/26/2019; CNA I \$17.58/hr.
- b) Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment
1. Lori Berg, CNAI for 3.75 hours/day at the High School-\$17.58/hr., change to CNAII for 5.5 hours/day at the High School-\$18.58/hr., effective 02/13/2019-03/14/2019 then 6.25 hours/day from 3/15/2019-4/25/2019. \$18.58/hr.
 2. Russel Boyington, Community School Evening Site Assistant at Greenvale Park, add Community School Evening Club Leader for 1 hour on Tuesdays at Greenvale Park, effective 02/19/2019-05/14/2019; \$21.01/hr.
 3. James Schreffler, Special Ed EA-PCA at Longfellow/ALC, add an extension of the Special Ed EA-PCA position at Longfellow/ALC through the end of the 2018-2019 school year, effective 02/21/2019-06/07/2019.
 4. Rebecca Stoufis, Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Bridgewater, add an extension of the Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher position at Bridgewater through the end of the 2018-2019 school year, effective 03/11/2019-06/07/2019.
- c) Leave of Absence
1. Jen Henriksen, Office Specialist at the Middle School, Family/Medical Leave of Absence, effective on 02/28/2019-03/08/2019.
 2. Kristen Johnson, Teacher at Greenvale Park, Family/Medical Leave of Absence, effective 2/25/2019-3/8/2019.
 3. James Schreffler, EA at the ALC/Longfellow, Leave of Absence, effective 2/13/2019-03/01/2019.
- d) Retirements/Resignations/Terminations
1. Kati Awad, General Ed EA at Sibley, unable to accept position, effective 01/22/2019.
 2. Brynne Stellner, Assistant Track and Field Coach at the High School, resignation effective 2/14/2019.
 3. Ethan Ellis, Event Worker Speech Judge at the High School, declined position effective 2/21/2019.
 4. Matthew Kolstad, Event Worker Speech Judge at the High School, declined position effective 2/21/2019.
 5. Claire Mueller, Event Worker Speech Judge at the High School, declined position effective 2/21/2019.
 6. Maya Rogers, Event Worker Speech Judge at the High School, declined position effective 2/21/2019.
- D. Gift Agreement
A \$3,526.60 donation to Bridgewater Elementary: \$1,795 for Kindness Retreat and \$1,731.50 for roller skating PE unit.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. 2019-2020 Operating Capital and Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Budgets. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board unanimously approved the 2019-2020 Operating Capital and Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Budgets as follows:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Operating Capital	\$1,966,791	\$1,926,197
Long-Term Facilities Maintenance	\$1,528,531	\$1,127,078

2. 2018-19 Unprecedented Winter Weather Planning. On a motion by Baraniak, seconded by Hardy, the Board unanimously approved to continue replacing full-day closures with flexible learning days for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year and identify June 10 and 11, 2019, as targeted student make-up days should there be more than four additional full-day closures.

IX. Items for Information

- A. Educational Assistant Recognition Week is March 4-8, 2019. This week has been designated as Educational Assistant Recognition Week. Educational Assistants provide services in a variety of positions within schools, including support for instruction and individual students, student activities, and numerous tasks that contribute to educational success. The support and services provided by educational assistants are integral to improving student achievement and increasing the effectiveness of Minnesota schools.
- B. Construction Update #4. Superintendent Hillmann provided an update on the District's construction projects which included the wrap up of the Bridgewater core team meetings, and the transition to the user group phase. Greenvale Park's core planning team continues to meet but will wrap up in the next meeting or two.
- C. Achievement and Integration Revenue. Superintendent Hillmann and Director Mertesdorf shared information about the District's eligibility for the State's Achievement and Integration Revenue program. The District is eligible for \$357,000 in funding: approximately 70% in state aid and 30% as a local levy. The goal of the three-year program is to increase economic and racial integration, and decrease economic and racial disparities.
- D. Work Session Scheduling: Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Superintendent Hillmann reviewed a proposed work session tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2019, from 5 pm-7 pm. The Board agreed to hold the work session.
- E. Bus Driver Appreciation Day. The State of Minnesota will celebrate the third annual School Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, to highlight the dedication and integrity of these professional drivers.
- F. American Indian Parent Meeting. Director of Teaching and Learning Mary Grace Hanson provided an update on the American Indian Parent meeting held on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

X. Future Meetings

- A. Monday, March 11, 2019, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, NHS Media Center
- B. Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 5:00 PM, Board Work Session, NHS Media Center
- C. Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, NHS Media Center
- D. Monday, April 22, 2019, 7:00 PM, Regular Board Meeting, NHS Media Center

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Hardy, the Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk