

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes

April 16, 2026
District Office Board Room

1. Call to Order

School Board Chair Claudia Gonzalez-George called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 659 to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Butler, Epstein, Goerwitz, Gonzalez-George, Miller, Nelson, and Quinnell. Absent: None. This meeting was recorded and open to the public.

2. Agenda Approval

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

3. Items for Individual Action

- a. Review superintendent applicant information and determine semifinalists. The board reviewed the applications of the superintendent candidates and chose six semifinalists to participate in the first round of interviews on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April, 25, 2026.

A motion was made by Epstein and seconded by Butler to invite candidates E, F, H, N, and R to the first round of interviews. A motion was made by Goerwitz and seconded by Nelson to amend the motion to add candidate L. The board approved the amendment 5-2, with Epstein and Butler opposed. The motion to invite candidates E, F, H, L, N, and R passed unanimously.

4. Items for Discussion and Report

- a. Discuss, decide, and schedule the steps necessary for the rest of the hiring process. Amy Jordan, associate director of leadership development and executive search with MSBA, reviewed the next steps in the hiring process.

On a motion by Gonzalez-George, seconded by Epstein, the board unanimously approved to not record the special meetings for the purposes of interviewing the superintendent semifinalist and finalist candidates on April 24, April 25, and April 29, 2026, and to not post the recording of the meeting held on April 16, 2026.

5. Future Meetings

- a. Friday, April 24, 2026, 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 25, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Special Board Meeting, superintendent first round interviews, Northfield DO Boardroom
b. Monday, April 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom
c. Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Special Board Meeting, superintendent final round interviews, Northfield DO Boardroom
d. Monday, May 4, 5:15 p.m., Special Board Meeting, approve superintendent's contract, Northfield DO Boardroom

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Epstein, the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



Maggie Epstein
School Board Clerk