

# NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Board Minutes

April 29, 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 4:00 p.m. Present: Butler, Epstein, Goerwitz, Gonzalez-George, Miller, Nelson, and Quinnell. Absent: None. This meeting was open to the public.
2. Agenda Approval  
On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Quinnell, the board unanimously approved the agenda.
3. Interview finalists for superintendent position. The board interviewed the finalists for the district's superintendent position.  
  
On a motion by Gonzalez-George, seconded by Butler, the board unanimously approved to take a 40-minute recess.
4. Discuss information from the interviews, reference checks, and stakeholder input, and identify superintendent finalist. The board reviewed information from the interviews, reviewed information from the audience input group, heard reports on the findings from reference checks, and identified a superintendent finalist. On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Butler, the board approved to extend the offer of an employment contract for the position of Northfield Public Schools Superintendent to Dr. Tim Anderson contingent upon the following: that a mutually-agreeable employment contract is negotiated, and a criminal background check is completed with results acceptable to the board. In the event that the chair determines a mutually-agreeable employment contract is not attainable, the chair is authorized to extend the offer of an employment contract for the position of Northfield Public Schools Superintendent to Cory McIntyre contingent upon the following: that a mutually-agreeable employment contract is negotiated, and a criminal background check is completed with results acceptable to the board.  
  
On a motion by Gonzalez-George, seconded by Butler, the board approved to extend the meeting past 9:00 p.m.  
On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Epstein, the board unanimously approved to take a short recess.
5. Discuss and decide employment contract parameters and negotiations process. Board Chair Claudia Gonzalez-George and Vice Chair Corey Butler gave an update on the superintendent employment contract and the negotiations process. The board will meet to approve the superintendent's contract on Monday, May 4, 2026.
6. 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 necessary for the rest of the hiring process.
7. Future Meetings
  - a. Monday, May 4, 2026, 5:15 p.m., Special Board Meeting, approve superintendent's contract, Northfield DO Boardroom
  - b. Monday, May 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom
  - c. Thursday, May 14, 2026, 5:15 p.m., Work Session, later school start times, Northfield DO Boardroom
  - d. \*Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom  
\*Note that Monday, May 25, 2026 is Memorial Day
8. Adjournment  
On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Epstein, the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.



Maggie Epstein  
School Board Clerk