

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

June 24, 2026
District Office Board Room

1. Call to Order

School Board Vice Chair Corey Butler called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 659 to order at 5:15 p.m. Present: Butler, Epstein, Goerwitz, Gonzalez-George, and Nelson. Absent: Miller and Quinnell. This meeting was open to the public, live-streamed and recorded, and access to the recording was posted on the school district website.

2. Agenda Approval

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

3. Items for Individual Action

- a. Bids for NHS Reimagine Project. Sal Bagley with Wold Architects and Josh Cooper with Knutson Construction discussed the outcome of the rebidding process for the Reimagine Northfield High School project. The district is grateful for the hard work that went into value engineering the project to align with the voter-approved and other applicable district resources. The low-bid contract rebidding saw more competition than in March. The mechanical contract used the best value process. It was lower than the March submission but above the original projection. There are still variables to reconcile, which is typical in the post-bid process, especially after value engineering. Based on the rebidding process, Wold, Knutson, and the district expect the Reimagine Northfield High School project to remain on schedule and within the project budget. The eight previously awarded bid packages will adjust their contracted amounts as appropriate based on the value engineering process.

On a motion by Epstein, seconded by Gonzalez-George, the board unanimously approved the contracts below for a total contract award of \$69,634,367.00.

Low Bid Contracts:

- 1A – General Trades: Kellington Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$7,031,975.00
- 4A – Masonry: J&K Masonry, in the amount of \$3,989,000.00
- 5A – Structural Steel (Material Supply Only): Tru-Steel Services, in the amount of \$3,810,601.00
- 5B – Structural Steel (Install Only): High Five Erectors II, Inc., in the amount of \$2,447,000.00
- 7B – Metal Wall Panels: Merit Contracting, in the amount of \$2,075,185.00
- 9A – Framing and Drywall: RTL Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,506,690.00
- 9B – Tile: Commercial Flooring Services, LLC, in the amount of \$1,081,556.00
- 9C – Resilient Flooring and Carpet: Commercial Flooring Services, LLC, in the amount of \$1,016,660.00
- 9D – Acoustical Treatment and Ceilings: Twin City Acoustics, Incl, in the amount of \$1,132,900.00
- 9E – Paint and Wall Coverings: Admiral Coatings, Inc., in the amount of \$885,000.00
- 9F – Athletic and Wood Flooring: H2I Group, in the amount of \$672,450.00
- 9G – Terrazzo Flooring: Grazzini Brothers & Company, in the amount of \$245,200.00
- 11A – Food Service Equipment: Boelter LLC, in the amount of \$1,565,000.00
- 14A – Elevators: TK Elevator Corporation, in the amount of \$350,150.00

Best Value Contracts:

- 22A – Plumbing, HVAC, & BAS: Ryan Mechanical, in the amount of \$29,895,000.00

Project Staffing and General Conditions approval:

Knutson Construction, in the amount of \$9,930,000.00

4. Items for Discussion and Reports

- a. Transportation Contract. Superintendent Hillmann presented the two-year transportation contract proposal from Benjamin Bus, Inc. for 2026-28, with an option to extend two more years, through the 2029-30 school year. This will be an item for individual action at the July 13, 2026, board meeting.

5. Future Meetings

- a. Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom
- b. Monday, August 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom
- c. Monday, August 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom
- d. Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Epstein, seconded by Nelson, the board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maggie Epstein".

Maggie Epstein
School Board Clerk