

# NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Board Minutes

August 1, 2022

Northfield District Office Boardroom

1. Call to Order

Board Chair Claudia Gonzalez-George called the Special meeting of the Northfield Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Baraniak, Butler, Goerwitz, Gonzalez-George, Pritchard, and Quinnell. Absent: Stratmoen. Also present at this meeting was Superintendent Dr. Matt Hillmann, Director of Finance Val Mertesdorf, Director of Buildings & Grounds Cole Nelson, and Sal Bagley from Wold Architects and Engineers. Stratmoen arrived at 6:01 p.m.

2. Items for Discussion and Reports

- a. Review Northfield High School Facility Task Force Findings. Superintendent Hillmann provided a review of what the district and the board have done so far, approximately \$40 million of the district's existing debt and when it expires, three potential pathways forward, and a recap of the meeting between district and city personnel regarding an ice arena. After discussion, the board's consensus was to renew and expand the capital projects levy to address the district's general fund budget stability issues and include a referendum question on the November 2022 ballot, and to take additional time to further solidify the consensus of the board regarding the facilities plan for the high school.

3. Adjournment

On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Butler, the board adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Noel Stratmoen  
School Board Clerk