

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

September 14, 2026
District Office Board Room

1. Call to Order

School Board Chair Claudia Gonzalez-George called the regular 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. Board Member Goerwitz participated remotely due to work-related travel. 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/Table File

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Nelson, the board unanimously approved the agenda by roll call vote. Voting “yes” were Butler, Epstein, Goerwitz, Miller, Nelson, Quinnell, and Gonzalez-George. No one voted “no.”

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Announcements and Recognitions

- Congratulations to Northfield High School Junior Makayah Petricka, who has been named as one of 10 Minnesota cross-country runners to watch by Strib Varsity. This past spring, Makayah won the Class 2A 800-meter state title with a time of 2:11.25, a school and Class AA record.
- Clean River Partners, HealthFinders Collaborative, and the City of Northfield invite you to attend Nuestra Agua, Nuestras Vidas, a family-friendly community celebration at Greenvale Park Elementary on October 3 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The event will feature activity stations, the Northfield Library Book Mobile, vendors, and a loteria with prizes.
- Last week, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, along with Commissioner of Education Willie Jett, greeted students, staff, and families at Greenvale Park Elementary on the first day of school and wished everyone a great start to the school year.
- Northfield Public Schools welcomed staff with a back-to-school kickoff on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The event included a welcome from Board Vice Chair Corey Butler, speeches by students Lincoln Schlatter, Mara Hebel, Evelyn Winget, and Mae Bowers, and music performed by Northfield High School student Quinn Flannery. Friend of Education award recipient Joan Ennis, Outstanding Service award winner Roger Helgeson, Educational Assistant of the Year Sara Redetzke, and Teacher of the Year Heather Ryden were honored. Those who have provided 20, 25, and 30 continuous years of service were also honored.
- September is Minnesota School Board Recognition month, and Northfield Public Schools proudly recognizes its board for helping to prepare every student for lifelong success. Their leadership helps create learning environments where students are challenged, supported, and inspired to grow. We thank our board members for their hard work and leadership and invite others to do the same!
- Mary Lou Street, a current sophomore at Northfield High School, entered multiple pieces of her artwork into the Minnesota State Fair and was awarded with a grand champion purple ribbon for her large-scale acrylic painting, as well as four first place blue ribbons and one honorable mention ribbon. Congratulations to Mary Lou, and thank you for representing the NHS art department!
- Superintendent Anderson provided sports highlights from the last week: the Northfield football team defeated Faribault on Friday night, 55-14, at home; the Northfield girls cross country team placed second at the Faribault Invitational, finishing just behind Stillwater, while the boys team placed 10th at the meet; the girls soccer team defeated Faribault 5-0 on Thursday, Sept. 10 at home; the boys soccer team had a successful week on the road, defeating Pine Island 4-1 on Tuesday and tying with Faribault 1-1 on Thursday; the volleyball team traveled to Marshall to compete in a tournament over the weekend after victories against Byron and Mankato East earlier in the week; the girls swim and dive team defeated Albert Lea 99-66 at Northfield Middle School on Thursday, Sept. 10; and the girls tennis team defeated Simley 6-1, but lost to John Marshall 5-2

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

- a. Northfield Middle School Improvement Showcase. Middle School Principal Greg Gelineau provided the board with an overview of the middle school's successes and highlights in 2025-2026 and the focus areas for the 2026-2027 school year.
- b. Northfield High School Improvement Showcase. Northfield High School Principal Shane Baier and Assistant Principals Rico Bohren and Sean Dubé provided the board with an overview of the high school's successes and highlights in 2025-2026 and the focus areas for the 2026-2027 school year.
- c. Policy Committee Recommendations. Superintendent Anderson presented the policy committee's recommended changes to policies 402, 423, 509, 515, 521, 524.2, 621, and 624. This will be an item for individual action at the September 28 board meeting.

6. Consent Agenda

On a motion by Butler, seconded by Epstein, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda by roll call vote. Voting "yes" were Butler, Epstein, Goerwitz, Miller, Nelson, Quinnell, and Gonzalez-George. No one voted "no."

- a. Minutes. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on August 24, 2026.
- b. Gift Agreements. Gift agreements included in the board packet.
- c. Personnel Items.
 - i. Appointments
 1. Natalie Barsness, Lifeguard for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/19/2026-5/31/2027. Step 2, \$15.60/hr.
 2. Noah Bearth, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 3. Luke Bentzin, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 4. Andrew Bonk, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 5, \$17.52/hr.
 5. Dylan Christianson, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 6. Larkin Dullea, Community School Site Assistant for up to 10 hrs/week at Greenvale Park beginning 9/22/2026-5/13/2027. Step 2, \$19.95/hr.
 7. Angela Ekern, .6 FTE Art Specialist at the ALC beginning 8/27/2026. MA, Step 10.
 8. Estella Freeman, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/12/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 9. Guadalupe Gallego, Community School Student Site Assistant for up to 10 hrs/week at Greenvale Park beginning 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 2, \$17.39/hr.
 10. Benjamin Gjerdingen, Event Worker at the Middle School beginning 8/31/2026. \$45/event.
 11. Carys Gordinier, KidVentures Student Site Assistant for up to 15 hrs/week at Bridgewater beginning 8/31/2026. Step 1, \$16.95/hr.
 12. Douglas Grandahl, Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football Coach at the Middle School beginning 9/3/2026. \$2,884 stipend.
 13. Amanda Hallet, Community School Site Assistant for up to 10 hrs/week at Bridgewater beginning 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 2, \$19.95/hr.
 14. Updated: Zibby Hanifl, .5 FTE Assistant Diving Coach at the High School beginning 8/17/2026. \$2,595.50 stipend.
 15. Robert Htoo, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 16. Updated: Abigail Kemper, .9 FTE Art Specialist at the High School beginning 8/27/2026. MA+10, Step 10.
 17. Kristi Kortuem, Master Swim Club Coach Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. \$90/hr.
 18. Jack Kramer, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 19. Ryan Layeux, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 20. Jackson LeBlanc, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 6, \$17.80/hr.

21. Sydney Livingston, Event Worker at the High School beginning 8/27/2026. \$45/77/event(s).
 22. Julian Lucio, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 23. Stephanie Mahal, Event Worker at the High School beginning 8/27/2026. \$45/77/event(s).
 24. Trey Petersen, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 6, \$17.80/hr.
 25. Taite Raasch, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 5, \$17.52/hr.
 26. Jackson Reade, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 6, \$17.80/hr.
 27. Matthew Rich, Event Worker at the Middle School beginning 8/31/2026. \$45/event.
 28. Bryon Sauvy, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 6, \$17.80/hr.
 29. Parker Seaman, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 30. Noah Shui, Lifeguard for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/19/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$16.15/hr.
 31. Aspen Smith, .5 FTE Assistant Dance Coach at the High School beginning 10/26/2026. \$2,595.50 stipend.
 32. Olivia Sollom, KidVentures Student Site Assistant for up to 15 hrs/week at Spring Creek beginning 8/31/2026. Step 1, \$16.95/hr.
 33. Robyn Spillman, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at the Middle School beginning 8/31/2026. Step 4, \$23.98/hr.
 34. Thomas Staples, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 5, \$17.52/hr.
 35. Isaac Wagner, Special Ed EA/PCA for 3.375 hrs/day at Bridgewater beginning 8/31/2026. Step 1, \$22.30/hr.
 36. Madison Conway, Community School Student Site Assistant for up to 10 hrs/week at Bridgewater beginning 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 1, \$16.95/hr.
 37. Isabel Dagban-Ayivon, Recreation and Aquatics Assistant for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/12/2026-5/31/2027. Step 1, \$15.32/hr.
 38. Zachary Gjerdingen, Event Worker at the Middle School beginning 8/31/2026. \$45/event.
 39. Stephanie Hernandez Flores, Community School Club Leader for up to 10 hrs/week at Greenvale Park beginning 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 1, \$20.92/hr.
 40. Katherine LaCanne, Recreation and Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/12/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 41. Joshua Lombard, Recreation and Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
 42. Kevin O'Brien, Master Swim Club Coach for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/11/2026-5/31/2027. \$90/hr.
 43. Madelyn Raabolle, Recreation and Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/12/2026-5/31/2027. Step 2, \$16.70/hr.
 44. John Watkins, Site Supervisor for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. Step 6, \$18.88/hr.
 45. Jaxon Watson, Recreation and Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation beginning 9/14/2026-5/31/2027. Step 4, \$17.25/hr.
- ii. Increase/Decrease/Changes in Assignment
1. Laura Kay Allen, Substitute Teacher for the District, add 1.0 FTE LTS Special Education Teacher at the High School effective 9/16/2026-10/1/2026.
 2. Paula Baragary, Teacher at Spring Creek, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
 3. Natalie Barsness, Lifeguard for Community Education/Recreation, add Recreation & Aquatics Lead/Recreation & Aquatics Assistant effective 9/19/2026-5/13/2027. Lead - Step 2, \$16.70/hr. Assistant - Step 2, \$15.60/hr.
 4. Lindsay Becker Larson, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard EA for .25 hrs/day effective 9/8/2026-6/11/2027.
 5. Kaitlin Bell, Teacher at Greenvale Park, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
 6. Tallie Berkvam-Peter, Teacher at Spring Creek, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
 7. Mairin Born, Teacher at Spring Creek, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
 8. Kristen Cade, Teacher at Bridgewater, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
 9. Isabel Fleming, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to up to 15 hrs/week at Greenvale Park effective 8/31/2026.

10. Estella Freeman, Recreation & Aquatics Lead for Community Education/Recreation, add Recreation & Aquatics Assistant effective 9/12/2026-5/13/2027.
11. Ana Gallego, Special Ed EA/PCA at Greenvale Park, add Community School Club Leader for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 4, \$23/hr.
12. Janet Gannon, General Ed EA for 6.75 hrs/day at the Middle School, add Bus Duty EA for .25 hrs/day effective 9/8/2026-6/11/2027.
13. John Garvey, Teacher at the Middle School, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
14. Aimee Gerdesmeier, KidVentures Site Leader for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to 35 hrs/week effective 9/8/2026.
15. Briana Grabinger, ECFE EA for 24.5 hrs/week at the NCEC, change to ECFE EA for 28.75 hrs/week and Hand in Hand EA for 2.75 hrs/week effective 9/14/2026.
16. Ellen Haefner, ECFE Parent Educator at the NCEC, change to 30.75 hrs/week effective 9/14/2026.
17. Brenda Hand, Teacher at Bridgewater, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
18. Madison Hansen, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
19. Kelly Hebzynski, Math Teacher at the Middle School, add a 1/6th overload in lieu of supervision effective 8/27/2026-6/11/2027.
20. Gretchen Heil, Teacher at Spring Creek, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
21. Jaelyn Holz, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
22. Bethany Jensen, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard EA for .25 hrs/day effective 9/8/2026-6/11/2027.
23. Molly Knutelski, Teacher at the Middle School, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
24. Josie Kuennen, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
25. Rachael Langer, Math Teacher at the Middle School, add a 1/6th overload in lieu of supervision effective 8/27/2026-6/11/2027.
26. Briana Lanham, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to up to 28.5 hrs/week at Bridgewater effective 8/31/2026.
27. Susan Lightfield, KidVentures Site Assistant on-call, as needed at Spring Creek, change to up to 27.25 hrs/week effective 8/31/2026.
28. Angie Lynch, Special Education Teacher at the ALC/District-Wide, add a 1/5th overload in lieu of prep effective 9/4/2026-6/11/2027.
29. Edythe Malecha, KidVentures Student Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to up to 15 hrs/week effective 8/31/2026.
30. Makena Malecha, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
31. Miles Martig, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
32. Alexandra McFarlane, Special Ed EA/PCA at Spring Creek, add Community School Site Assistant for up to 5 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 4, \$21.34/hr.
33. Gabe Meerts, Substitute Teacher as needed for the District, change to 8 hrs/day, 4 days/week effective 9/16/2026-11/6/2026.
34. Amy Merritt, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at Bridgewater, add .5 hrs/day supervisory effective 9/8/2026.
35. Tonya Merritt-Skluzacek, KidVentures Site Leader for 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to 35 hrs/week at Bridgewater effective 9/4/2026.
36. Harper Miller, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
37. Amanda Morelan, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard EA for .25 hrs/day effective 9/8/2026-6/11/2027.
38. Diane Nagy, Special Education Teacher at Bridgewater, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
39. Nolan Nagy, Summer Seasonal Grounds Worker for 40 hrs/week for the District, extend position through 9/4/2026.
40. Lacey Neuman Bissonnette, KidVentures Site Leader on-call, as needed at Greenvale Park, change to 35 hrs/week effective 8/27/2026.
41. Marea Nielsen, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
42. Emmett Norrie, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 15 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.

43. Brody Nygaard, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to up to 15 hrs/week at Bridgewater effective 8/31/2026.
44. Xochitl Oaxaca, Special Ed EA/PCA at the NCEC, add Extended Day Care Provider for 4.75 hrs/week effective 9/14/2026.
45. Theresa Olson, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at Bridgewater, add .5 hrs/day supervisory effective 9/8/2026.
46. Sandy Pelava, Early Ventures Teacher for up to 40 hrs/week at the NCEC, change to 40 hrs/week effective 8/31/2026.
47. Stefany Perez, Community School Site Leader for up to 20 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to up to 30 hrs/week effective 6/15/2026.
48. Stefany Perez, Community School Site Leader at Spring Creek, add Early Ventures Teacher for 10 hrs/week at the NCEC effective 9/2/2026. Step 2, \$21.34/hr,
49. Nicole Rasmussen, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at Bridgewater, add .25 hrs/day supervisory effective 9/8/2026.
50. Isaac Rich, KidVentures Student Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
51. Caitlin Robertson, Teacher at the Middle School, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
52. Lydia Rosenhamer, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
53. Deborah Russell, Teacher at Spring Creek, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/22/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
54. Tatum Sawyer, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
55. Raine Scheuble, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
56. Libby Stanton, ECFE Teacher for 29 hrs/week and Early Childhood Screener for up to 11 hrs/week at the NCEC, change to ECFE Teacher for 31.75 hrs/week and Early Childhood Screener for up to 8 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026.
57. Ella Streiff, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
58. Pilar Sullivan, General Ed EA at the NCEC, add Extended Day Care Provider for 3.75 hrs/week effective 9/14/2026.
59. Victoria Swedin, ECFE EA/Sibling Care Provider for 6 hrs/week at the NCEC, change to 2 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026.
60. Isabella Townley, KidVentures Student Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to 23.5 hrs/week at Greenvale Park effective 8/31/2026.
61. Ellen Trotman, Teacher at Greenvale Park, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
62. Dawn Valescu, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard EA for .25 hrs/day effective 9/8/2026-6/11/2027.
63. Deborah Wagner, Special Ed EA/PCA at Bridgewater, add Community School Club Leader for up to 6 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 4, \$23/hr.
64. Isaac Wagner, Special Ed EA/PCA for 3.375 hrs/day at Bridgewater, add Lunch Supervision EA for .75 hrs/day effective 9/8/2026.
65. Annaliese Walker, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
66. Madison Warner, KidVentures Site Assistant for 9 hrs/week at Spring Creek and Early Ventures Teacher for 31 hrs/week at the NCEC, change to Early Ventures Teacher for 40 hrs/week at the NCEC effective 8/31/2026.
67. John Watkins, Site Supervisor for Community Education/Recreation, add Official effective 9/9/2026-5/31/2027. \$32/game.
68. Kaycee Welch, Special Ed EA/PCA for 2.75 hrs/week at the NCEC, change to 10.5 hrs/week effective 8/31/2026.
69. Clara Wilson, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 40 hrs/week at Spring Creek, change to on-call, as needed effective 8/31/2026.
70. Sarah Wolfe, ECFE EA/Sibling Care Provider for 16.75 hrs/week at the NCEC, change to 15.5 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026.
71. Michelle Anderson, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day plus .5 hrs/day supervisory at Greenvale Park, change to Special Education EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day plus .25 hrs/day supervisory effective 9/8/2026.
72. Noreen Cooney, School Social Worker at Spring Creek, add Supervision of LICSW hours for a minimum of 50 hours effective 9/8/2026-6/11/2027. \$2,500 stipend.
73. Sara DeVries, .8 FTE Grade 5 Compañeros Teacher at Bridgewater, change to 1.0 FTE effective 10/5/2026-12/22/2026. Lane/step.
74. Lindsey Downs, Teacher at Spring Creek, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.

75. Rachel Eichhorn, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at Bridgewater, add .5 hrs/day supervisory effective 9/7/2026.
76. Brittany Ellerbusch, Teacher at Greenvale Park on an unpaid leave of absence, add coaching for up to 10 hours effective 9/14/2026-11/15/2026. \$40/hr.
77. Mark Ensrud, School Counselor at the High School, add AP Testing Coordinator effective 8/27/2026. \$1,772.69 stipend.
78. Sheila Hetzel, Teacher at Greenvale Park, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
79. Juley Jenkinson, EA at Spring Creek, add Event Worker at the High School effective 9/15/2026. \$45/77/event(s).
80. Katie Malecha, Special Ed EA/PCA for 6.75 hrs/day at Bridgewater, add .25 hrs/day supervisory effective 9/7/2026.
81. Deborah Rasmussen, School Counselor at the High School, add AP Testing Coordinator effective 8/27/2026. \$4,512.30 stipend.
82. Anna Rubin, .2 FTE Grade 5 Compañeros Teacher at Bridgewater, change to 1.0 FTE LTS Grade 1 Compañeros Teacher effective 10/5/2026-12/22/2026. Lane/step.
83. Susanne Schroll, Community School Site Leader at Bridgewater, add Lunchroom Supervision EA for 2 hrs/day effective 9/7/2026.
84. Gina Swenson, Teacher at Greenvale Park, add Community School Licensed Teacher for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. \$40/hr.
85. Deborah Wagner, Building Supervisor for Community Education/Recreation, add Site Supervisor effective 9/16/2026-5/31/2027. Step 5, \$18.60/hr.
86. Katrina Warner, Educational Assistant at Bridgewater, add Community School Club Leader for up to 10 hrs/week effective 9/21/2026-5/13/2027. Step 4, \$23/hr.
87. Cori Yamry, School Counselor at the High School, add AP Testing Coordinator effective 8/27/2026. \$1,772.69 stipend.
- iii. Leave of Absences
 1. Becki Haar, Teacher at Spring Creek, FMLA leave of absence beginning 9/3/2026, continuing through 10/2/2026.
- iv. Retirements/Resignations/Terminations
 1. Marilyn Nelson, EA at the NCEC, resignation effective 8/24/2026.

7. Items for Individual Action

- a. Superintendent's 2026-2027 Focus Areas. On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Butler, the board unanimously approved by roll call vote the Superintendent's 2026-2027 Focus Areas as presented. Voting "yes" were Butler, Epstein, Goerwitz, Miller, Nelson, Quinnell, and Gonzalez-George. No one voted "no."

8. Items for Information

- a. Permanent School Fund. This November, voters will be asked to update the Minnesota Constitution by voting on an amendment to modernize how the Permanent School Fund revenue is distributed. Superintendent Anderson presented background information, explained the constitutional amendment, and outlined the potential impact to Northfield Public Schools at the August 10, 2026 board meeting. He recapped that information.
- b. Construction Update No. 31. Superintendent Anderson provided an update on the NHS construction project.
- c. Hasse Ryt-Way Arena Grand Opening. The board was invited to attend the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Hasse Ryt-Way Ice Arena on Wednesday, September 16 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

9. Future Meetings

- a. Monday, September 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom
- b. Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom
*Note that Monday, October 12, 2026 is Indigenous Peoples' Day
- c. Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Northfield DO Boardroom

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Epstein, the board approved by roll call vote to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. Voting “yes” were Epstein, Goerwitz, Miller, Nelson, Quinnell, and Gonzalez-George. Butler voted “no.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maggie Epstein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Maggie Epstein
School Board Clerk