

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes

October 23, 2017

Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order
Board Chair Julie Pritchard called the Regular meeting of the Northfield Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Colangelo, Goerwitz, Hardy, Pritchard Quinnell and Stratmoen. Iverson was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes / Table File
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Hardy, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on October 9, 2017, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - Representatives of the Class of 1987 - Dr. Jennifer Albers Fischer, Renee Bragonier Lanka and Bridgewater teacher Kristen Everson Cade - presented the School Board with a check for \$3,000 to be placed in the Angel Fund account for students in all buildings. They issued a challenge to the Class of 1988 to meet or top the Class of 1987's contribution!
 - The American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota announced that the following students from Northfield Middle School 7 & 8th Grade Choirs have been chosen to participate in the State 7-8 Honor Choirs. Elizabeth Meehan, Jordyn Naumann, Madeline Radtke, Grace Ryden, Camille Schetnan, Landon Nissen, John O'Leary, and Andrew Ryden.
 - 115 Bridgewater 5th grade students participated in the 8th Annual Bridgewater 5K Run on Tuesday, October 17th. Every student completed the run. It was a great accomplishment and team building.
 - The National Merit Scholars that will be recognized before the next School Board meeting on Monday, November 13 are: semi-finalists Eijah Leer and Nicolas Kidd and commended students Brigitte Forster and Kenyon Nystrom.
 - Tracy Closson, Grounds Coordinator, was awarded the 2017 Outstanding Contributor Award by Minnesota Educational Facilities Management Professionals Association (MASMS). This award is in recognition of Tracy's outstanding dedication and commitment to educational facilities management.
 - On October 17, Greenvale Park hosted Science Night and had over 200 students in attendance! Students completed hands-on, engineering and design challenges brought to the school by The Works from Bloomington. Heather Ryden, Laura Berdahl and Savannah Stuckmayer were instrumental in planning and coordinating this event. The Greenvale Park PTO supported the event and many teachers, parents and community members volunteered to make this event happen
 - Congratulations to the following student athletes and their coaches for their Big Nine Conference Championships: Girls Soccer - Girls Soccer were Missota Conference Champions twice. Volleyball – this is the first ever conference championship of a Raider Volleyball team in school history. Football - Big Southeast District Champions (Red Division).
- VI. Committee Reports.
There were no committee reports.

VII. Items for Discussion and / or Reports

1. District Youth Council.

Berit Hendel of the District Youth Council's subcommittee, Interactions with Administration, presented DYU's progress from last year and their goals going forward.

2. Career and College Readiness.

Northfield Middle School Assistant Principal Michael O'Keefe and Northfield High School Guidance Counselor Mark Ensrud shared an update from the Northfield Promise Career and College Readiness Action Team.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Correction to Co-Curricular Additions.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Hardy, the Board unanimously approved the changes to the co-curricular additions approved at the October 9, 2017 Board meeting.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

On a motion by Hardy, seconded by Colangelo, the Board unanimously approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.

1. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments

1. Christine Clay, Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day for up to 4 days/wk Mon.-Thurs. at Bridgewater and Sibley, beginning 11/7/2017-03/22/2018; Yr. 1-\$27.11/hr.
2. Cameron Jackson, KidVentures Site Assistant for up to 23.5 hours/wk at Greenvale Park, beginning 10/23/2017; Step 2-\$12.89/hr.
3. Lacy Knutson, Special Education Educational Assistant-PCA for 6.75 hours/day at the Middle School, beginning 10/16/2017-06/07/2018; Spec Ed Step 2-\$15.65/hr.
4. Emily Morsching, Early Childhood Family Education Educational Assistant for 10 hours/wk at the NCRC, beginning 10/24/2017; Gen Ed Step 1-\$14.74/hr.
5. Allison Harmer, Dance Team Assistant Coach at the High School, beginning 10/23/2017-2/17/2018. Level F Step 2.
6. Brianna Peterson, Fall Recreation with Community Services, beginning 10/19/2017-05/31/2018. \$9.50/hr.
7. Gloria Sterud, 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute First Grade Elementary Teacher at Bridgewater, beginning on or about 01/04/2018-on or about 03/02/2018; MA, Step 6.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Janet Amundson, Special Ed EA for 6.50 hours/day + .25 hour/day bus supervision at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard/Bus Patrol for .25 hours/day for a total of 7.00 hours/day at the Middle School, effective 9/6/2017-06/07/2018.
2. Kay Bergman, Special Education EA for 6.75 hours/day at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard for .25 hours/day for a total of 7.00 hours/day at the Middle School, effective 09/05/2017-06/07/2018.
3. Natalie Czech, Teacher at Bridgewater, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day for up to 4 days/wk at Bridgewater, effective 11/07/2017-03/22/2018; Yr. 1-\$27.11/hr.
4. Sara DeVries, Teacher at Bridgewater, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day for up to 4 days/wk at Bridgewater, effective 11/7/2017-03/22/2018; Yr. 5-\$27.73/hr.

5. Peggy Fink, Teacher at the High School, add Special Education Mentor at the High School, effective 10/13/2017-06/07/2018; \$250 Stipend-Sharing Stipend with Mary Magnuson.
 6. Lacy Knutson, EA for 6.75 hours/day at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard for .25 hours/day for a total of 7.00 hours/day at the Middle School, effective 10/17/2017-06/07/2018.
 7. Mary Magnuson, Teacher at the High School, add Special Education Mentor at the High School, effective 10/13/2017-06/07/2018; \$500 Stipend-Sharing Stipend with Peggy Fink.
 8. Kristy Malecha, Special Ed EA for 6.75 hours/day + .75 hour/day supervision at Greenvale Park, change to Special Ed EA for 6.75 hours/day + .50 hours/day supervision at Greenvale Park for a total of 7.25 hours/day, effective 9/5/2017.
 9. Beth McClune, EA for 6.75 hours/day at the Middle School, add Bus Patrol for .25 hours/day for a total of 7.00 hours/day at the Middle School, effective 10/9/2017-12/21/2017.
 10. Scott Richardson, Coach at the Middle School, add Building Supervisor at Bridgewater, effective 10/13/2017.
 11. Erik Swenson, Teacher at Bridgewater, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day for up to 4 days/wk at Bridgewater, effective 11/07/2017-03/22/2018; Yr. 4-\$27.73/hr.
- c. Leave of Absence Requests
1. Jennifer Jones, Childcare leave of absence beginning April 20, 2018 through May 28, 2018.
 2. Annie Kruse, Family/Medical Leave of Absence beginning on or about 03/5/2018-06/10/2018.
- d. Retirement/Resignations
1. Judy Becker, Office Employee with Community Services, retirement effective 11/16/2017.
 2. David Moening, EA at the High School, resignation effective 10/28/2017.
 3. David Beck, Assistant Nordic Ski Coach, declined position 10/23/2017.
 4. Sarah Jansen, Assistant Track Coach at the High School, resignation effective 10/11/2017.

* Conditional offers of employment are subject to successful completion of a criminal background check and pre-work screening (if applicable).

IX. Items for Information

1. Referendum Update.

Superintendent Hillmann reported that over 30 presentations have been made and 15 to 16 people have toured the high school as part of two tours that have been offered.

2. Reminder: Reception for National Merit Scholars – 6 PM, Monday, November 13 in the High School Media Center.

X. Future Meetings

Monday, November 13, 2017, 6:00 PM, Reception for National Merit Scholars, NHS Media Center

Monday, November 13, 2017, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, November 27, 2017, 6:30 PM, World's Best Workforce Public Hearing, Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, November 27, 2017, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk