

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes

October 9, 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, Iverson, Pritchard Quinnell and Stratmoen. No one 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 Colangelo, seconded by Hardy, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on September 25, 2017, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - Northfield Middle School celebrated Farm to School Month by hosting a cafeteria tour and lunch for farm and food business partners, school administrators, and legislators on October 5. In attendance was the MN Department of Agriculture Assistant Commissioner Andrea Vaubel, MN Dept of Agriculture Representatives Ashley Bress and Alauna Yust, House of Representative David Bly, Child Nutrition Director Stephanie Stromme, School Board Chair Julie Pritchard and Dr. Hillmann. The tour highlighted the new equipment and Farm to School items featured on the menu. The goal of these grants is to increase sales of MN agricultural products to elementary schools, secondary schools, and ECE providers. In total the grant funded approximately \$11,000 towards the purchase of a combination oven/steamer and a countertop freezer.
 - Superintendent Hillmann reported on behalf of Benjamin Bus that October 16-20 is National Bus Safety Week. This year's focus for Bus Safety Week is on "stop arms" and the necessity for drivers to be alert to buses flashing lights and stop arm.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. Adidas Zone Monitors (IHT Spirit System) – A Presentation by the High School Physical Education Teachers.
Leah Sand, Doug Davis and John Sand presented information about Adidas IHT Spirit Wearable Technology: how the staff learned about this performance measuring technology, how the monitors were acquired, what they do, how they are currently being used and future plans for their use.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Items for Individual Action
 1. Co-Curricular Additions.
On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Hardy, the Board unanimously approved the Recommended Co-Curricular Additions and Modifications as detailed in a document dated September 25, 2017, and updated on October 4, 2017, by Superintendent Dr. Matt Hillmann. Board members requested that in the future the entire schedule be included with the recommended changes, so that the Board can see the entire list of co-curricular positions. Superintendent Hillmann speculated that recommended changes would be brought to the Board perhaps twice a year.

2. Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 7, 2017, School District Special Election.

On a motion by Colangelo, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 7, 2017, School District Special Election and appointed the following individuals as judges at the combined polling places listed. Greenvale Town Hall: John VanBergen, Ruth Paulson, Jerry Gehler, Bobbi Bolton, Mary Ann Boyum, Liz Messner, Linus Langer, Edith Nelson, Beverly Fink, Dianne Lamb, John Webb, Austin Malecha, Diane Gehler, Merri Swanson, Bruce Paulson, Nancy Kluver, and Vicky Langer. Bridgewater Town Hall: Jessica Page, Frances Boehning, Mary Manderfeld, Mary Kolb, Glen Castore, Colleen Berg, Marjorie Randolph, Avis Somers, Christy DeMatteo, Kathleen Kopseng, Michelle Kamen, Laura Heiman, Rae Rusnak, Karen Zimmerman, Dan Storlie, and Cherie Albers and Brian Peterson as alternates. Webster Town Hall: Roger Van Veldhuizen, Robert Michel, Kathy McFadden, Cheryl Mellgren and Jan Gillen.
Voting 'yes' was Colangelo, Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. No one voted 'no.'

B. Items for Consent Grouping

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

1. Additional Co-Curricular Overnight Trips.

The Board approved three additional co-curricular overnight trips during the 2017-2018 school year. (1) Girls Hockey - St. Cloud, November 24, 25; (2) Boys Basketball - Rochester, December 28; and (3) Speech - Rochester, February 10, 11.

2. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments

1. Creegan Croone, Event Worker for the District, beginning 10/02/2017.
2. Bridgette Doerr, Special Education EA-PCA for 2.1 hours/day at Longfellow, beginning 10/11/2017-06/07/2018; Spec Ed Step 1-\$15.31/hr.
3. Abbie Geiger, Special Education EA-PCA for 6.75 hours/day at Sibley, beginning 10/02/2017-06/07/2018; Spec Ed Step 1-\$15.31/hr.
4. Tyler Hudson, 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School, beginning on or about 10/10/2017-for 8 work weeks; MA, Step 1
5. Morgan Livesay, Event Worker for the District, beginning 09/28/2017.
6. Kimberly Luke, Special Education EA-Job Coach for 6.5 hours/day at the High School, beginning 10/09/2017-06/07/2018; Spec Ed Step 4-\$16.43/hr.
7. Martha Lundin, Event Worker for the District, beginning 09/28/2017.
8. Alysha Lundquist, 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Grade 8 English Teacher at the Middle School, beginning on or about 11/3/2017-for 8 work weeks; BA, Step 1
9. Patricia Sahl, 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Physical Education Teacher at Bridgewater, beginning 09/29/2017-11/09/2017; Short call Sub-daily sub rate \$116.00/day.
10. Joseph Jorgensen, One Act Play Advisor at the High School, beginning 12/04/2017; Level I, Step 5
11. Tania Will, 1.0 FTE 46 weeks/year, Student Activities Director at the High School, beginning 01/02/2018; \$108,925/yr. Prorated for the remainder of the 2017-18 School year.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Tyler Balow, Assistant Boys/Girls Track Coach at the High School, change to Head Boys Track Coach at the High School, effective 09/28/2017; Level A, Step 3
2. Bridgette Doerr, Spec Ed EA-PCA for 10.5 hours/wk at Longfellow, change to Spec Ed EA-PCA for 11 hours/wk at Longfellow, effective 10/09/2017-06/07/2018.

3. Jennifer Jones, Teacher at the Middle School, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher for up to 5 hours/wk Mon-Thurs. at the Middle School, effective 10/2/2017-5/10/2018; Yr. 1-\$27.11/hr.
 4. Anna Kelly, Media EA at Greenvale Park, add Community School Evening Club Leader for 8.25 hours/wk at Greenvale Park Community School, effective 09/14/2017-06/07/2018; \$20.49/hr.
 5. Rebecca Lorang, Teacher at the Middle School, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher for up to 5 hours/wk Mon-Thurs. at the Middle School, effective 9/26/2017-5/10/2018; Yr. 1-\$27.11/hr.
 6. Cheryl Mathison, ALC Teacher at Longfellow, add ALC Night School Teacher for 2.5 hours/class Mon. & Thurs. at Longfellow, effective 10/03/2017-05/10/2018.
 7. Jackie Meyer, Spec Ed EA-PCA at the High School, add Bus EA for approximately 80 minutes/day for the District, effective 09/05/2017-06/07/2018.
 8. Anna Ochs, Special Ed EA at the High School, add Community School Site Assistant for 6 hours/wk Tuesday's and Thursday's at Greenvale Park Community School, effective 09/14/2017-06/07/2018; Step 1-\$12.56/hr.
 9. Josh Spitzack, Teacher at Greenvale Park, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day Mon-Thurs. at Greenvale Park, effective 10/2/2017-5/3/2018; Yr. 4-\$27.73/hr.
 10. Diane Torbenson, Teacher at Greenvale Park, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day for up to 4 days/wk at Greenvale Park, effective 10/02/2017-05/03/2018; Yr. 5-\$27.73/hr.
 11. Mary Wojick, Teacher at Greenvale Park, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day Mon-Thurs. at Greenvale Park, effective 10/2/2017-5/3/2018; Yr. 4-\$27.73/hr.
 12. Whitney Sannes, Speech Language Pathologist at Greenvale Park, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day Mon-Thurs. at Greenvale Park, effective 10/2/2017-5/3/2018; Yr. 1-\$27.11/hr.
 13. Karrie VanZuilen, Special Education EA at Longfellow, add Bus EA for approximately 100 minutes on Fridays with the District, effective 10/06/2017-06/07/2018.
 14. Nancy Ivers, EA at the Middle School, add Crossing Guard at the Middle School, effective 09/26/2017-06/07/2018.
 15. Micah Schultz, ALC Teacher at Longfellow, add ALC Independent Study Teacher for up to 30 hours for the 2017-18 school year at Longfellow, effective 10/06/2017-06/07/2018;
 16. Micah Schultz, ALC Teacher at Longfellow, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher for up to 5 hours/wk Mon.-Thurs. at the Middle School, effective 10/6/2017-05/10/2018; Yr. 4-\$27.73/hr.
 17. Melissa Shepard, Teacher at Bridgewater, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher for 1.25 hours/day Mon.-Thurs. at Bridgewater, effective 11/7/2017-03/22/2018; Yr. 2-\$27.11/hr.
 18. Megan Wheelock, Special Education Teacher at Greenvale Park, add an overload effective 09/05/2017-11/21/2017.
 19. Rick Wilmes, Custodian at the High School and Bridgewater, change to Custodian at the High School, effective 10/17/2017.
- c. Leave of Absence Request
1. Tyler Hudson, Special Ed EA-PCA at the Middle School, Leave of Absence to Cover Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Social Studies Teacher position, effective on or about 10/10/2017 for 8 work weeks.
- d. Resignation
1. Rustianna Mechura, High School Custodian, resignation effective September 26, 2017.

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report – October 2017.

2. Referendum Update.

Superintendent Hillmann reported that twenty public presentations have been made, an updated FAQ will be placed on the website, and two required mailings have been mailed: one to those voters affected by the combined polling places and the required Notice of Special Election to all taxpayers in the School District.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, October 23, 2017, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

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

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X. Adjournment

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Quinnell, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk