

# NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Board Minutes

November 13, 2020  
Northfield High School Media Center

### I. Call to Order

Board Chair Julie Pritchard called the Special meeting of the Northfield Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 1:00 p.m. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.021, which permits boards to hold a meeting by telephone conference call or other electronic means. This meeting was conducted via video conference. In addition, the school board determined that it was not feasible for at least one board member, or the superintendent to be physically present at the regular meeting location and that it was not feasible for the public to attend this meeting at the regular location.

Board member attendance was taken by roll call. Anita Aase, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education, called the name of each board member in alphabetical order by last name and the board member responded “present” when his/her name was called. Present: Baraniak, Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. Stratmoen had audio difficulty and was unable to respond audibly but gave a thumbs up and can be observed on the video. Absent: None.

Also present at this video conference meeting was Dr. Matt Hillmann, Superintendent; Anita Aase; and Val Mertesdorf, Director of Finance. This meeting was live-streamed and recorded, and access to the recording was posted to the school district website.

### II. Agenda Approval/Table File

On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Quinnell, the Board approved the agenda by roll call. Voting ‘yes’ were Baraniak, Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. No one voted ‘no’.

### III. Superintendent's Report

#### A. Items for Individual Action

1. Resolution Canvassing the Results of the November 3, 2020 School Board Election. On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Hardy, the Board approved by roll call the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of the November 3, 2020 School Board Election.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 659, as follows:

It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3, 2020, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 21,816 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of four school board members for four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election; as follows:

Claudia Gonzalez-George	7328 of votes
Amy Goerwitz	6986 of votes
Corey Butler	5295 of votes
Noel Stratmoen	4967 of votes

Claudia Gonzalez-Goerge, Amy Goerwitz, Corey Butler, and Noel Stratmoen, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2021. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

Voting 'yes' were Baraniak, Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. No one voted 'no'.

2. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Duties. On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Baraniak, the Board authorized by roll call, the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Duties.

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 3, 2020,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 659, State of Minnesota, as follows:

The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 659 to the following candidates: Claudia Gonzalez-George, Amy Goerwitz, Corey Butler, and Noel Stratmoen who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

Voting 'yes' were Baraniak, Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. No one voted 'no'.

#### IV. Adjournment

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board approved adjournment by roll call at 1:10 p.m. Voting 'yes' were Baraniak, Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. No one voted 'no'.

Noel Stratmoen  
School Board Clerk