

**NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**School Board Minutes**

School Board Meeting  
October 25, 2004  
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.  
Chairperson Noel Stratmoen called the meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 7:30 p.m. Wolle was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.  
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment.  
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.  
On a motion by Smith, seconded by Dahl, minutes of the School Board meeting held on October 11, 2004, were approved.
- V. Announcements.
  - Aimee Bakke, a 3rd grade teacher at Greenvale Park, and Dan Foley, a fifth grade teacher at Sibley, have received the TIES 2004 Exceptional Teacher Award. This award honors teachers who effectively integrate technology into their classroom and engage students in learning.
- VI. Items for Discussion and Reports.
  1. Sabbatical Report.  
Craig Croone, Middle School Geoscience's Teacher, reported to the school board about his sabbatical leave taken last year during the 2003-2004 school year. He is pursuing his master's degree in geosciences at Mississippi State University. Craig feels that the knowledge he has gained from this experience will benefit his colleagues and it will have a direct impact on students in his classroom.
  2. Building Transition Plans.  
Building principals presented overviews of their transition plans for implementing the continuous school improvement model in their buildings. Their presentations outlined the work they will be doing with staff during the remainder of this school year to prepare for full implementation of their site plans next fall.
- VII. Superintendent's Report.
  - A. Items for Individual Action  
There were none.
  - B. Items for Consent Grouping.  
On a motion by Boardman, seconded by Nelson, the Board approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.

1. Cooperative Sponsorships.

The Board approved a cooperative sponsorship with the Village School of Northfield for wrestling and with ARTech for boys and girls Nordic skiing. These applications are for the usual two years (2004-05 and 2005-06 school years).

2. Overnight Student Field Trip Request.

The Board approved a trip to St. Paul on November 14 and 15 by ten Alternative Learning Center students to attend *Dads Make A Difference* training session for peer educators.

3. Personnel Issues.

a. Appointments\*

- (1) Donald Kepler, long-term substitute Custodian Engineer at Greenvale Park from November 1, 2004 through approximately June 1, 2006, step 4 of the wage scale for custodian engineers. This long-term substitute position is for a custodian engineer on military duty.
- (2) Jodie Hiatt-Launstein, Supervisory Educational Assistant, Sibley School, 2.0 hours per day, beginning October 14, 2004, Class I, step 1 of the wage scale for Educational Assistants. There are no benefits with this position.
- (3) Kari Gorr, Program Supervisor for the School Age Care Program beginning October 13, 2004.
- (4) Co-Curricular/Extra Assignments for 2004-05
  - Leon Haefner, High School Band Activity Assignment
  - Ryan Connolly, High School Vocal Music Activity Assignment
  - Roger Jenni, Elementary Band Activity Assignment
  - Karen Matson, Music Listening Coach
  - Kristen Hummel, Bridgewater Vocal Music Activities Assignment (33% stipend)
  - Sarah Eichen, Greenvale Park Vocal Music Activities Assignment (33% stipend)
  - Holly Fischer, Sibley Vocal Music Activities Assignment (33% stipend)
  - Kim Evander, Orchestra Activity Assignment (50% stipend)
  - Paul Ousley, Orchestra Activity Assignment (50% stipend)
  - Sarah Nimchuk, Orchestra (PT) Activity Assignment
  - Brian Stevens, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball "B" Coach (Hourly)
  - Megan Harrod, Assistant Alpine Ski Coach (split stipend for 5 days of assignment)
  - Terry Gersemehl, Assistant Alpine Ski Coach (split stipend for 35 days of assignment)
  - Ann Terwilliger, 2004-05 Technology Champion for Sibley, \$2000 stipend
  - Dan Foley, 2004-05 Technology Champion for Sibley, \$2000 stipend
  - Aimee Bakke, 2004-05 Technology Champion for Greenvale Park, \$2000 stipend
  - Deb Seitz, 2004-05 Technology Champion for Greenvale Park, \$2000 stipend
  - Karen Lane, 2004-05 Technology Champion for Bridgewater, \$2000 stipend
  - Andrew Gilbertson, 2004-05 Technology Champion for Bridgewater, \$2000 stipend
  - Lisa Wisdorf, 2004-05 Technology Champion for Longfellow, \$2000 stipend
  - Curt Mikkelson, 2004-05 Technology Champion for the Middle School, \$2000 stipend
  - Ray Coudret, 2004-05 Technology Champion for the Middle School, \$2000 stipend
  - Rebecca Messer, 2004-05 Technology Champion for the High School, \$2000 stipend
  - Ryan Connolly, 2004-05 Technology Champion for the High School, \$2000 stipend
  - Eric McDonald, 2004-05 Technology Champion for the ALC, \$2000 stipend
  - Ray Coudret, Assistant 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

(5) Increase in Contract Time

Laurie Larson, Physical Therapist, increase in contract time from .5 to .6 due to increased student demand, beginning October 25, 2004.

b. Resignations

- (1) Kimberly Gunderson, High School Housekeeper. Her last day of work was October 14, 2004.

\*These conditional offers of employment are subject to successful completion of a criminal background check.

\*\* Lane placement subject to verification by the Professional Growth Committee.

4. Gift Agreements.

Two gift agreements from the Northfield Booster Club were accepted.

The first gift agreement is for \$6,667.90 to be used as follows:

- \$3,000 Toward the purchase and installation of mirrors in the high school gym
- \$2,000 Toward the purchase and installation of wall mats in the high school activities room
- \$1,667.90 Toward the purchase of additional equipment for the new high school weight room

The second gift agreement is for \$7,370 to be used toward the purchase and installation of two scoreboards in the large gym at the new middle school.

VIII. Item for Information

1. Prairie Creek Evaluation Report.

The contract between the Northfield Public Schools and Prairie Creek Community School calls for the results of an evaluation by an independent team of evaluators to be reported to the Northfield School Board in January 2005. Prairie Creek has requested that they be allowed to make that report to the Board in April. This will give them more time to do a comprehensive self study and external team evaluation of the school and will not interfere with the renewal of the contract, which expires on June 3, 2005.

2. Minnesota Report from the Association for Supervision and Curriculum

Development: The Achievement Gap. Article distributed by Board Member Regina Zakrajsek.

IX. Future Meetings/Events

- November 11, 12 & 13, Strategic Planning, Northfield Community Resource Center  
November 11 - 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM; November 12 & 13 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Monday, November 22, 2004, 6:30 PM, Reception for National Merit Scholars,  
Northfield High School Cafeteria Annex
- Monday, November 22, 2004, 7:30 PM, Regular School Board Meeting,  
Northfield High School Media Center

X. Adjournment

On a motion by Zakrajsek, seconded by Boardman, the Board adjourned at 8:20 pm.