

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes

School Board Meeting
September 26, 2005
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.
Vice Chairperson Noel Stratmoen called the meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 7:10 p.m. Nelson and Smith were absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment.
There was no one.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.
On a motion by Hager, seconded by Cirksena, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on September 12, 2005, were approved.
- V. Announcements.
 - The Minnesota Out of School Time Partnership is partnering with the MN Science Museum to co-host a Lights On Afterschool event. Kidventure's has been chosen to be part of this event, which includes a full day of programming on October 20th at the Science Museum of MN.
 - The Middle School currently has 444 students registered for fall athletics. This is 20 greater than last year.
 - The Fall Musical, "Oliver" cast and crew is in place. Performances of this High School production will be held on Nov 4,5,11,12 @ 7:30 pm and Nov 6 @ 1:00 pm in the high school auditorium. The musical is under the direction of Bob Gregory-Bjorklund.
 - Homecoming Week is Oct 3 thru 8 with many home athletic events scheduled. There will also be royalty coronation the evening of Oct 3 and a high school dance on Oct 8. Other events include a men's volleyball tournament, a powder puff football game and special dress up days. Student Council, advised by David Lynch, is coordinating these events.
 - Congratulations to Mark Etzell and his spouse, Amy. Mark and Amy were featured in the recent edition of the magazine of the University of St. Thomas for their work as foster parents. Over the last 11 years, Mark and Amy have cared for 72 foster children, ranging in age from 10 months to 19 years old. They also have four biological children, ages 6 to 12.
- VI. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Items for Individual Action
 1. Modification to the Existing JOBZ Zones.
On a motion by Hager, seconded by Hargis, the Board approved the Resolution By The Northfield Board of Education Supporting an Amendment to the City of Northfield Job Opportunity Tax-Free Building Zone Resolution.
 2. 2005 Payable 2006 Proposed Total Certified Tax Levy.
On a motion by Cirksena, seconded by Berthelsen, the Board approved certifying to County Auditor/Treasurers a 2005 payable 2006 total tax levy for the maximum amount as determined by the Minnesota Department of Education.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

On a motion by Berthelsen, seconded by Hargis, the Board approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.

1. Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Performance.
The Board approved the 2004-2005 Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Performance as presented.
2. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Southern Minnesota Initiative and the Northfield Early Childhood Initiative.
The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement that outlines the responsibilities of both parties and remains in place until September 1, 2006.
3. Title IV-E Foster Care Candidacy Administrative Agreement.
The Board approved an agreement between Rice County Social Services and the Northfield Public Schools to participate in the eligibility determination process for the Title IV-E foster care candidacy program.
4. Community Services Advisory Council Appointments.
The Board approved the appointment of Edward (T.) McKinley and Sara Forster to a three-year term (9/05-8/08) and Grace Clark to serve as the one-year liaison from the City of Northfield Park Board (9/05-8/06).
5. Gift Agreement.
The Northfield Touchdown Club has donated \$3,863 to the Football Student Activities Account to be used to purchase a Rogers Crash Pad, six Youth Stand Up Dummies and a Powerblast with Hanging Dummy.
6. Personnel Items.
 - a. Appointments**
 1. Tad Hinnenkamp, Middle School Youth Center Lead Assistant, up to 12 hours per week for six to eight weeks, beginning September 12, 2005, \$12.00 per hour. There are no benefits with this position.
 2. Cheryl Strike, Mentoring Specialist for Connected Kids Mentoring Grant, for 20 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, beginning September 16, 2006, through the conclusion of the grant, \$13.97 per hour, pro-rated benefits.
 3. Noreen Sevcik, ESL Instructional Educational Assistant at the High School for 3.5 hours per day, student days, beginning September 19, 2005, step 1 of the Class II wage scale. There are no benefits with this position.
 4. Roger Jenni, Department of Education Mentoring Grant Evaluator, stipend of \$4,000 per grant year two (October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006) and \$4,000 per grant year three (October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007).
 5. Wendy Trebelhorn, Special Ed Educational Assistant for 6.5 hours per day at the Middle School, beginning September 26, 2005, step 1 of the Class III wage scale.
 6. Avanell Young, High School Custodian for 3.0 hours per day beginning September 26, 2005, step 2 of the custodian wage scale. There are no benefits with this position.
 7. Wendy Francis, District Auxiliary Custodian for 8.0 hours per day, beginning October 4, 2005, step 3 of the Custodian wage scale.

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8. Co-Curricular Assignments for 2005-06
 - Cynthia Austin, High School Assistant Math Team Coach
 - Jan Brubakken, one extra class (Spanish) every other day, all year, with supervision
 - Christopher Howard, one extra class (Spanish) every other day, all year, with supervision
 - John Bade, one extra class (Art) every other day, all year, with supervision
 - Dan Riesgraf, one extra class (Health), every day, second semester, with supervision
 - Paul Beck, Middle School Band Activity Assignment
 - Ethan Frier, Middle School Band Activity Assignment
 - Cathy Penning, Middle School Vocal Music Activity Assignment
 - Chris O'Neill, Middle School Newspaper Advisor
 - Lisa Hovden, Middle School Speech
 - Vicky Langer, Middle School Yearbook Advisor
 - Mick Hamilton, Middle School Student Council Advisor
 - Krista Betcher, Middle School Science Olympiad Advisor
 - Melissa Larsen, Middle School Knowledge Masters Advisor
 - Reggie McDonald, Middle School Math League Advisor
 - Amy Sieve, Middle School Spelling Bee Coordinator
 - Darrell Sawyer, Assistant Girls Basketball 9th Grade Coach
 9. Community Services Fall 2005 Instructors.
 10. Claudia Krohn, Special Education Teacher at Sibley School beginning October 3, 2005 through June 7, 2006, MA15, step 3, contingent upon approval of a variance.
 11. Angela Schewe, Early Childhood Teacher, for up to 20 hours per week for 28 weeks, beginning September 12, 2005. \$19.75 per hour. There are no benefits with this position.
 12. Allison Tunseth, Early Childhood Teacher and Parent Educator, for up to 20 hours per week for 28 weeks, beginning September 12, 2005, \$19.75 per hour. There are no benefits with this position.
 13. Elizabeth Driessen, Early Childhood Teacher, for up to 11 hours per week for 28 weeks, beginning September 12, 2005, \$19.75 per hour. There are no benefits with this position.
 14. Frances Williams-Garvey, Supervisory Educational Assistant for Early Childhood Family Education, for up to 11 hours per week for 28 weeks beginning September 12, 2005, step 1 of the Class I wage scale. There are no benefits with this position.
 15. Shari Bridley, Supervisory Educational Assistant for Early Childhood Family Education, for up to 19 hours per week for 28 weeks beginning September 12, 2005, step 5, of the Class I wage scale. There are no benefits with this position
 16. David Gilmore, ALC Teacher, increase in contract time from 0.5 to 0.67 beginning with the 2005-06 school year.
 17. Martha Wardell, Special Ed Educational Assistant at the Middle School for 7.0 hours per day beginning September 28, 2005, Class III, step 1.
- b. Increase in Hours for Non-Licensed Staff
1. Sharon Hup, increase Special Ed Educational Assistant at Greenvale Park, from 3.0 to 3.5 hours per day, beginning September 16, 2005.
 2. Therese Findlay, increase Special Ed Educational Assistant time from 6.7 to 7.0 hours per day, beginning September 6, 2005.
 3. Beth Kuyper, increase Special Ed Educational Assistant time from 6.5 to 7.0 hours per day, beginning September 6, 2005.
 4. Sandra Anderson, add 8.0 hours per week of Special Ed Educational Assistant time beginning September 22, 2005, for a total of 23 hours per week, pro-rated benefits.

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5. Mary Boyum, increase Special Ed Educational Assistant time to 6.75 hours per day, beginning September 6, 2005. Mary also has .5 hour per day Supervisory Ed Assistant which was approved on 9/12/05, for a total of 7.25 hours per day.
 6. Delores Larson, increase Special Ed Educational Assistant time to 6.75 hours per day, beginning September 6, 2005.
 7. Janet Amundson, Educational Assistant at the Middle School, add 0.8 hour per day beginning September 26, 2005, for a total of 7.8 hours per day (6.5 Special Ed/ 0.8 Instructional/.5 Supervisory).
- c. Leave of Absence
1. Kimberly Bauer, Leave of Absence under the FMLA, beginning September 21, 2005 through November 2, 2005.
- d. Resignations
1. Ray Coudret, Assistant Girls Basketball 9th Grade Coach.
 2. Connie Bragonier Ryberg, Family Education Center Lead Teacher, resignation effective September 23, 2005. Ms. Ryberg has been with the district since 1984.
- e. Approved Request for Participation in the TRA Part Time Teacher Program.
Karen Koester qualifies for participation in the TRA Part Time Teacher Program whereby she can personally purchase TRA service credit at no cost to the District.

*Lane placement subject to verification by Professional Growth Committee. Salary subject to revision when negotiations for 2005-06 are completed.

**Conditional offers of employment are subject to successful completion of a criminal background check.

7. Gift Agreements.

The Board accepted two gifts to be used for the purchase and installation of new scoreboards on the high school campus. A \$5500 gift was received from Community National Bank to be used towards the purchase of a new baseball scoreboard. Wells Fargo has given a \$7000 gift to purchase and install a new scoreboard on the softball field.

VII. Future Meetings

Monday, October 10, 2005, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting,
Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, October 24, 2005, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting,
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VIII. On a motion by Cirksena, seconded by Hargis, the Board adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Katy Hargis, Clerk