

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

School Board Meeting  
March 13, 2006  
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.  
Chairperson Kari Nelson called the meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 7:10 p.m. No one was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.  
There were no changes to the agenda.
- III. Public Comment.  
No one addressed the Board.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.  
On a motion by Smith, seconded by Cirksena, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on February 27, 2006, were approved as corrected.
- V. Announcements.
  - The Community National Bank junior board of directors (NHS juniors and seniors) sponsored a special assembly that raised \$1,375 for scholarships for "needy" NHS students. The event, March Madness Makeover, featured nine faculty members who were willing to sport the latest fashion trends selected by the junior board
  - Congratulations to Tyler Faust who finished 3rd in the State at the State Wrestling Tournament. He is coached by Cliff Casteel.
  - Congratulations to the Gator Boys Swim team who finished 6th at the Class A State Meet on March 4. Matt Gallagher won the 100 Butterfly and set a new school record. The Gators are coached by Doug Davis.
  - The Girls Basketball team advanced to the Section Final, played in Rochester on Friday, March 10 against Missota Conference rival, New Prague. Unfortunately, they lost.
  - Congratulations to the Middle School Science Olympiad Team on their outstanding performance at the state competition on March 4th! Overall the team ranked 5th out of 30 teams at the competition! Krista Betcher is the advisor.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports.
  1. Partnership with Healthy Community Initiative (HCI).  
Sara Koehler and Zach Pruitt, Coordinators for the Healthy Community Initiative, and Joy Riggs, HCI Board Chair, presented a report on the collaboration that exists between HCI and the school district. The school district is a funding partner of HCI with \$8000 paid annually from the Community Services budget.
  2. Proposed Debt Service Budget for 2006-2007.  
Tom Stringer presented information about the 2006-2007 Debt Service budget.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. 2006-2007 School Year Calendar.

Hargis requested that there be an opportunity at the end of the school year for parents to provide feedback on the late starts/early releases. Hannah reported that Community Services is exploring offering activities for elementary and middle school students on early release/late start dates.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Hager, the Board approved the 2006-2007 school year calendar as presented and recommended by the District's Meet and Confer Committee.

2. Program and Budget Recommendations for General Fund for FY 2007.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Hager, the Board approved the 2006-2007 budget reduction proposal and restoration priorities dated February 28, 2006, which were presented to the Board on February 28, 2006.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

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

1. Financial Reports - February 2006.

The Board approved paid bills totaling \$1,226,500.53, payroll checks totaling \$1,729,750.99 and the financial reports for February 2006. There were no Bond payments in February 2006.

2. Overnight Student Field Trip.

The Northfield High School Football team was granted permission to travel to the University of Notre Dame, the College Football Hall of Fame and the Professional Football Hall of Fame from July 28-31, 2006.

3. Northfield Softball Association Gift Agreement.

The Northfield Softball Association has donated \$3,768.39 to be used toward the purchase and construction of new dugouts for softball at the Rock Fields.

4. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments\*\*

1. Lisa Malecha, Home Visitor for Early Childhood Initiative Coalition, for up to 15 hours per week, beginning March 13, 2006, through September 14, 2006 (or until project grant dollars are expended), at \$13.50 per hour. There are no benefits with this position.

2. Northfield Area Learning Center After School Independent Study Teachers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 26 hours each, stipend based on lane and step, assignments subject to minimum class enrollment.

Cheryl Mathison – Work Seminar

David Bly – English

Burt Fleming – History and Behavioral Sciences

3. Co-Curricular Assignments

Lisa Hovden, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Coach

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Rhea Mehrkens, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Track Coach  
Alison Mylrea, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Track Coach  
Earl Weinmann, Advisor: SCOPE, Jr. Posse, Jr. Curators, MS Museum

- b. Leaves of Absence
  - 1. Patti Lueck, FMLA leave of absence from April 19, 2006, through May 12, 2006.
  - 2. Terry Heil, extension of leave of absence through August 15, 2006.
  
- c. Resignations
  - 1. Shanna Collins, Housekeeper at Bridgewater School, resignation. Her last day of work will be March 10, 2006.
  - 2. Raelene Ostberg, ECFE Teacher, resignation. Her last day of work was February 23, 2006.
  - 3. Brenda Ohaks, Special Ed Educational Assistant, resignation from her hours at Longfellow. Her last day of work at Longfellow will be March 16, 2006.

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

VIII. Future Meetings

Monday, March 27, 2006, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting,  
Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, April 10, 2006, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting,  
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- IX. On a motion by Hargis, seconded by Cirksena, the Board adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Katy Hargis, Clerk