

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes

School Board Meeting
April 24, 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 7:05 p.m. Diane Cirksena was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment.
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.
On a motion by Hargis, seconded by Berthelsen, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on April 10, 2006, were approved.
- V. Announcements.
 - On April 6th some NHS students who participated in winter sports were invited to a luncheon at our Sr. Center to talk about their state tournament participation. The senior citizens had a very enjoyable time meeting, listening to, and sharing a meal with these high school students. We will be sending some of our fall sport state participants and our state speech participants to the Senior Center for a second luncheon on May 12th.
 - There was an excellent Middle School / High School Jazz Band Concert on Tuesday, April 18th under the direction of Paul Beck and Ethan Freier. In addition, the Swing Band Dance on Friday, April 21 was a lot of fun.
 - Pam Roberts, Middle School Activity Center Site Supervisor was honored by the Healthy Community Initiative with an asset builder award at the School Age Health Forum held on April 11.
 - NHS Concert Band and Choir will be attending the Missota Conference Music Festival on April 27 at Prior Lake High School, concluding with a concert that evening.
 - Sixth grade students participated in the Older American Essay Contest this month, which is sponsored by the Northfield Senior Citizens. Students wrote about special older people in their lives. Jasmine Barksdale and Amber Brezina received 1st place honors. Jean Colangelo, Rachel Crippen and Elizabeth West received 2nd place honors. These students and their parents have been invited to a special senior banquet in May at the Senior Center here in Northfield at which they will be recognized and given the privilege to share their essays. Congratulations to these students and to all who submitted essays.
 - Nelson encouraged interested individuals to consider getting involved in the volunteer program at the Middle School. If interested, contact the Middle School Guidance Office.
 - We extend our sympathy to Andrew Gilbertson, 1st grade teacher at Bridgewater, upon the death last week of his wife, Brenda Gilbertson. Brenda also taught in the district.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports.
 1. Proposed Dental, Capital and Community Services Budgets for 2006-2007.
This item was delayed until the May 8, 2006, School Board meeting.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Wind Turbine.

Stratmoen moved and Hager seconded to approve the proposed application for a no-interest federal loan from Johnson Controls for submission to the federal government by April 26, 2006. Then, Berthelsen moved to table Stratmoen's motion. Berthelsen's motion failed for a lack of a second. The original motion to approve the proposed application then passed on a four to two vote. Voting 'yes' was Hargis, Hager, Stratmoen and Nelson. Voting 'no' was Berthelsen and Smith. Cirksena was absent.

On a motion by Hager, seconded by Hargis, the Board approved on a five to one vote the Project Development Agreement with Johnson Controls. Voting 'yes' was Berthelsen, Hargis, Hager, Stratmoen and Nelson. Voting 'no' was Smith. Cirksena was absent.

2. Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions.

On a motion by Hager, seconded by Smith, the Board approved the Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions as outlined below.

<u>FTE</u>	<u>Subject</u>
.2	High School Physical Education
.4	High School Focus
.2	High School French
.2	High School German
.2	High School Industrial Technology
.1	High School Music
.3	High School Business
.2	High School Vocational Education
.3	High School Language Arts
.4	Middle School Social Studies
.15	Middle School Music
.1	Middle School FACS
.2	Middle School Physical Education
.1	Middle School Spanish
.4	Middle School Language Arts
.2	Middle School French
.1	Middle School Health (overload)
.1	Middle School Art (overload)
.2	Middle School Math
.4	Middle School Science
.05	Middle School Reading Strategies
.1	Middle School Industrial Technology
.1	Alternative Learning Center Teacher
.75	Longfellow Early Childhood Special Education
1.0	Sibley Special Education
.5	Speech / Language Pathologist

3. The Family School, Family Literacy Program Grant Application.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Smith, the Board approved the \$10,273 grant request to the Northfield Area United Way for The Family School, Family Literacy Program.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

Hargis requested that The Family School, Family Literacy Program grant application be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Then, on a motion by Hager, seconded by Hargis, the Board approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.

1. Grant Applications.

The Board approved an \$8,000 grant request to the Northfield Area United Way for funding to provide all participants of the Summer Ventures program transportation to and from school and for field trips.

2. School Assembly Program.

The Board approved a school assembly for 9th and 10th graders on May 2. The assembly will be given by Street Smart and focuses on decision-making skills. There will be no cost associated with the presentations. The fee is being paid for by College City Beverage as part of its community awareness and education program.

3. Financial Reports - March 2006.

The Board approved paid bills totaling \$1,341,576.81, payroll checks totaling \$1,838,687.19, bond payments totaling \$1,677.50 and the financial reports for March 2006.

4. Family Services Advisory Council Appointments.

The Board approved the following new appointees to the Family Services Advisory Council. They are: Heather Becraft, Laura Hakala, Michelle Holmes, Elizabeth Lathrop, and Nancy Malecha.

5. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments**

1. Lori Mullen, Summer Food Service Position at Greenvale Park for 5.0 hours per day beginning June 12, 2006 through August 24, 2006, \$12.25 per hour. There are no benefits with this seasonal position.
2. Diane Wendt, Early Childhood Special Ed Educational Assistant to HeadStart Program, for 14.0 hours per week (3.5 hours per day, Monday-Thursday), beginning April 24, 2006, step 1 of the Class III wage scale. There are no benefits with this position.
3. Margaret Huber, Early Childhood Special Ed Educational Assistant, for 12.0 hours per week (3.0 hrs per day, Tuesday-Friday) beginning April 25, 2006, step 1 of the Class III wage scale. There are no benefits with this position.
4. Debra Nissan Peters, Autism Resource Specialist (share with Faribault), 207 day work year, beginning July 1, 2006, MA60, step 17.
5. Co-Curricular Assignments
Kelly Baustian, Middle School Track and Field Temporary Coach, Hourly
Kay Yien, Middle School Track and Field Temporary Coach, Hourly

- b. Increase in Hours
 - 1. Linda Anderson, COTA, increase hours from 24 hours per week to 30 hours per week. The additional hours are to fill the vacancy created by a resignation of another COTA.
- c. Leaves of Absence
 - 1. Cindy Keogh, childcare leave from on or about May 1, 2006, through the end of the 2005-06 school year.
 - 2. Katherine Norrie, .2 leave of absence without pay for the 2006-07 school year.
 - 3. Eric Swan McDonald, leave of absence without pay for the 2006-07 school year.
 - 4. Katie Parks, leave of absence without pay for the 2006-07 school year.
 - 5. Abigail Meierbachtol, .4 leave of absence without pay for the 2006-07 school year.
 - 6. David Bly, leave of absence without pay for the first quarter of the 2006-07 school year, 8/30/06 – 11/6/06.
 - 7. Kathleen Schuerman, .5 leave of absence without pay for the 2006-07 school year.
- d. Resignations
 - 1. H. Faith Hagedorn, Middle School English Teacher, resignation effective at the end of the 2005-06 school year.
 - 2. Matthew Bullard, ALC Coordinator/Student Services Specialist, resignation effective June 30, 2006.
- e. Job Share Arrangements.
 - 1. Continue job share arrangement for Gail Kohl (.75 FTE) and Connie Nelson (.25 FTE) for the 2006-2007 school year.

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

6. Cooperative Sponsorship.

The Board approved entering into a cooperative sponsorship with ARTech for football. This cooperative sponsorship would be for both the 2006-07 and 2007-08 football seasons.

VIII. Item for Information

- 1. Enrollment Report - April 1.

IX. Future Meetings

- Monday, May 1, 2006, 7:00 PM, School Board Work Session,
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- Tuesday, May 9, 2006, 7:00 PM, School Board Work Session,
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- Thursday, May 18, 2006, 7:00 PM, Village School Informal Hearing,
Northfield High School Media Center
- Monday, May 22, 2006, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting,
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- Tuesday, May 30, 2006, 7:00 PM, Special School Board Meeting,
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- X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Berthelsen, the Board adjourned at 10:00 PM.