

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes

School Board Meeting
May 8, 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. Paul Hager was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment.
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.
On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Cirksena, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on April 24, 2006, were approved as corrected.
- V. Announcements.
 - On April 26th the Middle School Knowledge Master Club participated in the Spring Open. Our team placed 22nd out of the 34 participating Minnesota Schools and 376 out of 820 in the nation. This was an improvement from the Fall Open.
 - Congratulations to the NHS Destination Imagination Team for taking 1st place at the Regional Tournament in Rochester on March 4th. The team also won the prestigious Renaissance Award, which is given for “extraordinary effort and preparation, or outstanding skill in engineering, design, or performance.” The team went on to take 3rd place at the State Tournament on April 22nd.
 - Congratulations to all who performed in the Middle School Talent Show last week! Wonderful performances by all!
 - Last night the Northfield High School concert choir under the direction of Dwight Jilek performed at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. The NHS concert choir was one of six choirs from around the state that were selected through an audition process to perform and to work with clinician and internationally acclaimed conductor, Dale Warland.
 - Today, the NHS FOCUS program reached out to families in need by packaging 8856 meals (enough to feed 23 people for one year) at Feed My Starving Children.
 - 48 student and staff members represented Northfield Schools in the Relay for Life on Friday, May 5th. We were able to raise over \$5,300.00 for the American Cancer Society thanks to the generous donations of staff, parents, friends, and family. A big thank you to the Northfield Police Association for their generous check and to Cub Foods and Frito Lay for providing beverages and snacks to our team. And, of course, to all of the participants for their hard work in acquiring donations and taking the walk!
 - Thank you to Technology Coordinator Denise Griffith for her very well done presentation at the Middle School "Early Show."

VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports.

1. Proposed Dental, Capital and Community Services Budgets for 2006-2007.

Tom Stringer and Hannah Puczko presented information about the 2006-07 budgets for these funds. No action was required by the Board at this meeting.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Resolution to Issue Capital Facilities Bonds.

On a motion by Cirksena, seconded by Berthelsen, the Board approved The Resolution Stating The Intention Of The School Board To Issue General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds To Finance Certain Capital Projects; Covenanting And Obligating The District To Be Bound By And To Use The Provisions Of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126c.55 To Guarantee The Payment Of The Principal And Interest On The Bonds. Voting 'yes' were Berthelsen, Hargis, Cirksena, Smith, Stratmoen and Nelson. No one voted 'no.' Hager was absent.

2. Award Group Health, Dental, LTD and Life Benefits Renewals for 2006-07.

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Hargis, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 659 continue Delta Dental's plan to provide self-funded Dental Insurance for a 12 month period from September 1, 2006 to August 30, 2007 at the following rates:

Single: \$38.07 per month

Family: \$112.21 per month

(Included in the rates are administration fees of \$6.05 per employee per month.

Rates were guaranteed for a two-year period from last September 1, 2005.)

On a motion by Berthelsen, seconded by Stratmoen, the Board adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 659 accept the BCBS proposal to provide Health Insurance for a 12 month period from September 1, 2006 to August 30, 2007 at the following rates:

1000 CMM Plan

Single: \$ 397.00 per month

Family: \$1,075.50 per month

300 CMM Plan

Single: \$ 459.00 per month

Family: \$1,243.50 per month

Triple Gold Plan

Single: \$ 487.00 per month

Family: \$1,318.00 per month

Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

Single: \$ 407.00

Family: \$1,102.00

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

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

1. Personnel Items.

a. Increase in Hours

1. Linda Anderson, COTA, increase hours to 32 hours per week not 30 hours as previously approved.

b. Retirements/Resignations

1. Brenda Peterson, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, retirement effective August 10, 2006. Ms. Peterson has taught in the district for 24 years.
2. Gary Schnobrich, Middle School Science Teacher, retirement effective August 19, 2006. Mr. Schnobrich has taught in the district for 32 years.
3. Michael Allen, resignation effective at the end of the 2005-06 school year.
4. Fred Becker, Middle School Custodian, retirement effective June 7, 2006.
5. Elizabeth Braaten, ECFE Educational Assistant, resignation with last day of employment May 12, 2006.
6. Jane Johnson, Ventures Site Assistant, resignation, her last day of work will be June 5, 2006.
7. Lisa Carlson, Teacher on Special Assignment for Curriculum and Staff Development, resignation effective June 30, 2006.

c. Leaves of Absence

1. Marci Maxwell, FMLA leave full days for April 3, 2006 - April 18, 2006, and ½ days for April 19, 2006 – May 3, 2006.
2. Amy Moeller, .5 leave of absence without pay for the 2006-07 school year.
3. Kimberly Slegers, FMLA leave from April 24, 2006 through May 30, 2006.

d. Appointments**

1. Kari Prestemon, 1.0 School Social Worker at Northfield High School beginning with the 2006-07 school year, MA, step 6.

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

VIII. Item for Information

1. Policy 533 - Wellness.

Change in federal law requires school districts receiving funds from the federal school lunch program to develop a Wellness Policy. The District Wellness Committee has been meeting over the past several months to develop this mandatory policy. Co-Chair of this Committee and Greenvale Park Principal Julie Nielsen presented the policy to the Board for review and comment. Over the next two weeks, Board members and individuals may react to this policy. Discussion and final action by the School Board on Policy 533 is scheduled for the May 22, 2006, regular School Board meeting.

2. National School Nurse Day - May 10, 2006.

We extend a special 'thank you' to each of our school nurses for the work she does to promote health for children, families, and staff in the school setting.

3. Agenda for Referendum Work Session II - May 9, 2006.

IX. Future Meetings

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,
Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, June 5, 2006, 7:00 PM, School Board Work Session,
Northfield High School Media Center

X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Cirksena, the Board adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Katy Hargis, Clerk