

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes

School Board Meeting
October 23, 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. No one was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.
The table file was added. (ARTech's report was pulled due to Tim Goodwin being ill.)
- III. Public Comment.
There was no one.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.
On a motion by Cirksena, seconded by Berthelsen, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on October 9, 2006, were approved.
- V. Announcements.
 - Board Chair Kari Nelson referred to the levy guide that households should have received in the mail during the past few weeks. She stressed how critical it is that the voters approve the levy referenda on November 7.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. Prairie Creek Community School: 2005-2006 Overview.
Caroline Jones, Director of Prairie Creek Community School (PCCS), presented an overview of Prairie Creek's fourth year of operation as a charter school under the sponsorship of the Northfield Public Schools. In each of its four years of operation, PCCS enrolled slightly over 100 students in grades K-5 and currently have 50 students on its waiting list. Ms. Jones outlined for the Board Prairie Creek's program successes and challenges this past school year.
 2. ARTech: 2005-2006 Overview.
Postponed until November 13.
 3. Teaching American History Grant.
Sarah Swan McDonald and Paula Seeberg provided the Board with an update on last year's activities as well as what is being planned for the third and last year of the grant. Since this is a grant provided by the federal government, Roger Jenni has been managing its evaluation and gave the Board his findings.
 4. Beyond Words: A Celebration of Arts and Literacy.
Art Teacher Angie Vogt and Reading Specialist Becky Gainey showed a DVD they created illustrating their collaboration at Sibley Elementary School integrating art, reading and writing. Angie and Becky created lessons for each grade level that integrated reading, poetry and an art piece that creatively connected each discipline. The culmination of this collaboration was a family evening event.

5. Reception for National Merit Scholars.

The date for the reception for the National Merit Scholars has been set for Monday, December 11. Since the reception will begin at 6:30 PM, the Board will need to move the starting time of the Board meeting to 7:30 PM, which does require Board action. We will be recognizing five National Merit semi-finalists and three commended students at this year's reception.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. December 11, 2006, Regular School Board Meeting.

On a motion by Hager, seconded by Smith, the Board approved a 7:30 PM start time for the December 11, 2006 Regular School Board meeting only to accommodate the reception for the district's National Merit Scholars.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

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

1. Construction Bids.

The School Board approved the following low qualified bids for work related to the August 24, 2006 hailstorm. Payment will be made directly from the insurance company. However, the District, as owner, will award the contracts.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>School site/work</u>
W.L. Hall	\$ 52,097	<u>Bridgewater</u> Skylight
Dimension Plumbing	\$ 61,460	<u>All Schools</u> - Repair Plumbing & Insulation
Schwickert's	\$ 1,476,630	<u>All Schools</u> - Repair existing roofs, including coatings, ductwork, coping & fascia
Schwickert's	\$ 148,200	<u>All Schools</u> - Repair rooftop equipment, ductwork/venting
W. L. Hall	\$ 13,792	<u>Middle School</u> - Replace channel glass over cafeteria
McPhillips Bros.	\$ 147,080	<u>High School</u> - Repair & metal replacement
John A. Dalsin & Son	\$ 36,500	<u>Longfellow</u> - Repair & metal replacement
John A. Dalsin & Son	\$ 39,500	<u>Sibley</u> - Repair & metal replacement

2. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments**

1. Jane Johnson, Special Ed Educational Assistant at Sibley School for 5.25 hours per day, beginning October 9, 2006, Class III, step 6 of the wage scale for Educational Assistants, pro-rated benefits.
2. Co-Curricular Assignments
Kathryn Seleskie, Assistant Boys Swimming Coach
Sarah Martens, 9th Grade PT Girls Basketball Coach (Hourly)
Laurel Sargent, 7th Grade PT Assistant Basketball Coach (Hourly)

- Bryce Barry, Assistant Boys Hockey Coach
MaryDee Kuklok, full-year overload = to .5 hour per day
Melissa Cummins, Head Gymnastics Coach
Tom Smith, Assistant Gymnastics Coach (1/2 stipend)
Jennifer Scholes, Assistant Girls Gymnastics Coach, (1/2 stipend)
Alison Mylrea Flugum, Middle School Track Coach
3. Jane Jirik, Special Ed Educational Assistant (Job Coach) for 7.0 hours per day, beginning October 17, 1006, Class III, step 1.
 4. Amy Stowe, Secretary at Sibley School for 5.0 hours per day beginning November 6, 2006, Class II, step 1, pro-rated benefits.
 5. Susan Nelson, Early Childhood Special Ed Educational Assistant at Longfellow School for 3.0 hours day on Tuesday and Thursday, beginning October 24, 2006, Class III, step 4. This is in addition to her 3.25 hour per day position also at Longfellow.
 6. Katie Lewis, Community Services Elementary Site Assistant, Ventures, for 2.0 hours per day, beginning September 5, 2006, step 1, hourly rate subject to revision when negotiations for 2006-07 are completed. There are no benefits with this position.
- b. Change in Hours for Non-Licensed Staff
1. Mary Boyum, increase her Special Ed Educational Assistant position at Greenvale Park from 6.75 to 8.0 hours per day to accompany a student on the bus beginning October 10, 2006.
 2. Jericho Tabor, add 0.5 hour Supervisory Educational Assistant time for safety patrol at Greenvale Park to his 6.5 Special Ed EA position for a total of 7.0 hours per day, effective October 18, 2006.
 3. Andrea Korb, Community Services Site Assistant at Bridgewater, reduce hours from 5.25 to 2.0 hours per day beginning October 25, 2006.
 4. Nicole Pulju, Community Services Site Assistant at Bridgewater, increase hours from 3.75 to 4.75 hours per day beginning October 25, 2006.
- c. Resignations
1. Jane Johnson, resignation from Supervisory EA position at Greenvale Park and Early Ventures position. Her last day of work as a Supervisory EA was October 6, 2006, and for Early Ventures was October 19, 2006. Ms. Johnson has accepted a position at Sibley School.
 2. Mary Boyum, resignation from 0.5 hour Supervisory EA position at Greenvale Park. Ms. Boyum will continue her Special Ed Educational Assistant position at Greenvale Park.
 3. Wendy Trebelhorn, declined the 6.5 hours per day Special Ed Educational position at the High School.
- d. Board approved the Policy covering Wages, Hours and Fringe Benefits for Building Nurses and the nurse assigned to St. Dominic's School

VIII. Items for Information

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, November 13, 2006, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield HS Media Center
Monday, November 27, 2006, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield HS Media Center
Monday, December 11, 2006, 6:30 PM, Reception for National Merit Scholars, NHS Cafeteria
Monday, December 11, 2006, 7:30 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield HS Media Center

X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Hager, the Board adjourned at 8:35 PM

Katy Hargis, Clerk