

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes

Organizational School Board Meeting
January 8, 2007
Northfield High School Media Center

I. Call to Order.

The Organizational meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 659 was called to order at 7:00 PM by ex-officio member Superintendent L. Chris Richardson for the purpose of organizing the Board for the 2007 calendar year. Cirksena and Smith were absent.

II. Organization of the Board.

A. Individual Action Items.

1. Acceptance of Notice of Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office.

Director of Business Affairs Tom Stringer administered the Oath of Office to the three School Board members elected in the November 7, 2006 election to a four-year term of office. They are Mike Berthelsen, Kari Nelson and Noel Stratmoen.

2. Election of Officers.

a. Election of Board Chair.

Stratmoen moved and Hager seconded that Kari Nelson be nominated as Board Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Berthelsen moved and Hargis seconded that nominations be closed. Kari Nelson was unanimously elected as Board Chair.

School Board Chair Kari Nelson then chaired the remainder of the Organizational School Board meeting.

b. Election of Vice Chair.

Berthelsen moved and Hargis seconded that Noel Stratmoen be nominated as Board Vice Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Hager moved and Berthelsen seconded that nominations be closed. Noel Stratmoen was unanimously elected as Board Vice Chair.

c. Election of Clerk.

Hager moved and Berthelsen seconded that Katy Hargis be nominated as Board Clerk. Hearing no further nominations, Katy Hargis was unanimously elected as Board Clerk.

d. Election of Treasurer.

Berthelsen moved and Hargis seconded that Paul Hager be nominated as Board Treasurer. Hearing no further nominations, Paul Hager was unanimously elected as Board Treasurer.

3. Set Stipends of Directors and Officers.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Berthelsen, the Board set the monthly stipends for 2007 at the current level of \$240 for the School Board Chair and \$180 for School Board Directors.

4. Committee Appointments.
With the exception of the addition of Wendy Smith to the Policy Review Committee, Board Chair Kari Nelson reappointed Board members to the same Committee assignments as in 2006.
 5. Revised Policy DLCA - Mileage Reimbursement Rates.
On a motion by Hager, seconded by Berthelsen, the Board approved the revision to Policy DLCA, Mileage Reimbursement Rates setting the Standard Mileage Rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service for Employee Business Expenses be used when using a personal vehicle for travel between buildings.
- B. Items for Consent Grouping.
On a motion by Hager, seconded by Berthelsen, the Board approved the following items listed under the consent grouping.
1. Designated the Director of Business Affairs and Accountant Supervisor as Deputy Clerk Treasurer.
 2. Designated Regular Meetings of the Northfield School Board to begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.
 3. The *Northfield News* was designated as the official newspaper of the Northfield School Board.
 4. The School Board authorized that facsimile signatures of officers of the Board be utilized in signing school district checks and documents.
- III. On a motion by Berthelsen, seconded by Hager, the Board adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Katy Hargis
Clerk