

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

School Board Meeting  
May 14, 2007  
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 7:00 p.m. Hager and Stratmoen were absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.  
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment.  
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.  
On a motion by Cirksena, seconded by Hargis, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on April 23, 2007, were approved.
- V. Announcements.
  - Eight high school students and Shari Hagen, High School Spanish Teacher, presented a slide show of their trip to Costa Rica over Spring Break.
  - May 9 was National School Nurse day. The school district is fortunate to have great nurses and we extend our thanks to them for the wonderful job they do for our students.
  - The Invest in the Future luncheon and early literacy awareness event for community leaders on April 12 featuring Al Quie was co-sponsored by the Northfield Early Childhood Initiative Coalition and the Northfield Rotary Club. The project was awarded a literacy project award by the Rotary District 5960. The Northfield Rotary Club has been a strong supporter of early literacy issues in the community.
  - Northfield High School drama presented "An Evening of Culture", directed by Kevin Dahle on May 4,5,11,12 in the high school auditorium.
  - Northfield High School's girls' golf team has been ranked as high as 5th in the state by the Mpls Tribune and won the Farmington Stan Otness Tournament for the first time ever. The golf team is coached by Brian Stevens.
  - Upcoming end of the year concerts are scheduled as follows: Middle School Band Concert on May 15, Concerto Concert by the High School Orchestra on May 17, Choir Concert on May 19, and Elementary Orchestra Concert on May 22.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
  1. Proposed 2007-08 Operating Capital/Health and Safety and Community Services Budgets.  
Tom Stringer presented the proposed Operating Capital and Health & Safety budget for 2007-08. A district capital committee and the Technology Steering Committee met numerous times during the year to review and prioritize requests from all buildings. Included in this budget is the new Capital Projects Levy revenue of \$750,000. After our basic commitments are met, three areas could be funded at substantially higher levels because of the new levy: textbooks, technology and deferred maintenance projects in buildings. Following Tom Stringer's presentation, Director of Community Services Hannah Puczko presented the Community Services Budget for 2007-2008.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Items for Individual Action  
There were no items for individual action.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

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

1. Authorized Waiving the Ban of Fireworks on School District Property to Permit Northfield Historical Society Fireworks Display on July 4.
2. Grant Request.  
Hand in Hand Preschool grant request for \$3,098 to the Target Foundation to support its parent lending library was approved.
3. Community Services Advisory Council.  
The Board approved the appointment of Amy Gage to the Community Services Advisory Council effective May 14, 2007.
4. Personnel Items.
  - a. Appointments\*\*
    1. Leah Sand, Physical Education and Health Teacher at the High School beginning with the 2007-08 school year, MA-4\*, subject to revision when negotiations for 2007-08 are completed.
    2. Rebecca Glassing, Media Specialist at the High School with 10 extra days beginning with the 2007-08 school year, MA15-6\*, subject to revision when negotiations for 2007-08 are completed.
    3. Summer Maintenance Workers  
Russell Dean Johnson, \$10.25/hour, Brandon Christel, \$9.50/hour, James Lewis, \$9.50/hour
    4. Community Services Instructors for Summer 2007
    5. Thomas VanWylen, Student Site Assistant for Kid Ventures at Sibley School for up to 2.5 hours/day beginning April 16, 2007, \$7.35/hour. There are no benefits with this position.
    6. Tami Brings, Site Assistant for Early Ventures at Longfellow for 35-40 hours per week, beginning May 7, 2007, \$10.22/hour.
    7. Joanne Larson, Special Ed Educational Assistant, transfer from 24.0 hours/week at Head Start/busing to Longfellow for 4.0 hours per day classroom/2.25 hours per day busing, for the period extending from May 17, 2007 through June 5, 2007.
    8. Paul Bernhard, long-term substitute High School Health Teacher for the 2007-08 school year, contingent on obtaining Minnesota Health teaching license, BA, step 2\*, subject to revision when negotiations for 2007-08 are completed.
  - b. Leaves of Absence
    1. Renae Schuster, FMLA leave from April 2, 2007 through June 5, 2007.
    2. Lowell Bauer, FMLA leave from April 20, 2007 through May 11, 2007.
    3. Catherine Penning, FMLA intermittent leave of absence from March 16, 2007 through June 5, 2007.
    4. Bridgette Tisdale, Reading Recovery Teacher, 0.16 leave of absence for the 2007-08 school year.
    5. Dawn O'Neill, Elementary Art Teacher, .09 leave of absence to reduce position from .8 to .71 for the 2007-08 school year.
  - c. Resignation
    1. Lois Kelly, Speech/Language Pathologist, resignation effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

- d. Change in Hours/Assignments for Non-Licensed Staff.
  1. Nicole Pettersen, reduce Site Assistant hours at Early Ventures from 40 to 22.5 hours per week. Add Site Leader for KidVentures at Greenvale Park for 15 to 17.5 hours per week beginning April 23, 2007, step 1 of the wage scale for site leaders (\$12.73).
  2. Crystin Voxland, transfer from EarlyVentures Site Assistant and KidVentures Site Assistant at Bridgewater to Site Leader for Early Ventures at Longfellow, 35 - 40 hours per week, effective April 23, 2007, step 1 of the wage scale for site leaders (\$12.73).
  3. Tammie Warner, transfer from Site Leader position at Greenvale Park to Site Assistant for Early Ventures at Longfellow, 35-40 hours per week, beginning April 23, 2007, step 2 of the wage scale for site assistants (\$10.49).

\*Lane placement subject to verification by the Professional Growth Committee

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report - May 1, 2007.

IX. Future Meetings

Tuesday, May 29, 2007, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

Saturday, June 2, 2007, 5:30 PM, Graduation, Memorial Field

Monday, June 11, 2007, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting,

Northfield High School Media Center

- X. On a motion by Berthelsen, seconded by Smith, the Board adjourned at 8:15 PM

A Closed Negotiations Strategy Session followed in the District Office Conference Room.

Katy Hargis, Clerk