

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes

Organizational School Board Meeting
January 12, 2009
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 2009 calendar year.

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 four School Board members elected in the November 4, 2008 election to a four-year term of office. They are Diane Cirksena, Ellen Iverson, Anne Maple and Jeff Quinnell.

2. Election of Officers.

a. Election of Board Chair.

Stratmoen moved and Cirksena seconded that Kari Nelson be nominated as Board Chair. Hearing no further nominations, 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.

Cirksena moved and Maple seconded that Noel Stratmoen be unanimously elected as Board Vice Chair. Motion carried and Noel Stratmoen was unanimously elected as Board Vice Chair.

c. Election of Clerk.

Iverson moved and Maple seconded that Diane Cirksena be nominated as Board Clerk. Hearing no further nominations, Diane Cirksena was unanimously elected as Board Clerk.

d. Election of Treasurer.

Stratmoen moved and Cirksena seconded that Anne Maple be nominated as Board Treasurer. Hearing no further nominations, Anne Maple was unanimously elected as Board Treasurer.

3. Set Stipends of Directors and Officers.

Berthelsen moved and Cirksena seconded that the stipends for Board members be maintained at the current amount of \$190 per month for Directors and \$250 per month for the Board Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. 2009 Committee Appointments.

Board Chair Kari Nelson asked that Board members let her know if there are any committees of particular interest. She will bring to the January 26th meeting a list of committee appointments for the Board to consider. Nelson also received permission

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from other Board members to allow former School Board member Wendy Smith to finish the review of existing policies, which is nearing completion.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

On a motion by Cirksena, seconded by Iverson, the Board approved the following items listed under the consent grouping.

1. Designated the Director of Business Affairs (Tom Stringer) and Accounting Supervisor (Yosh Soltis) 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 Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board adjourned the Organizational meeting.

Diane Cirksena
Clerk