

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

School Board Meeting  
January 11, 2010  
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.  
Chairperson Kari Nelson called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order. Berthelsen and Iverson were absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.  
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment  
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Pritchard, seconded by Maple, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on December 14, 2009, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
  - Several of our athletic teams competed over the winter break: the boys hockey team won the Schwan's cup in an open tournament; the girls basketball team won their tournament in Winona and the girls hockey team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their tournament in Austin.
  - The Triple A is an award from the MN State High School League that recognizes student excellence in Fine Arts, Academics, and Athletics. Evan Quinnell and Beret Amundson are the Northfield High School winners. They now go on to the Region IAA level for consideration.
  - The Middle School Geography Bee was recently held with a great turnout. 22 students in grades 6-8 participated. The winner was 7th grader Henry Beimers who defeated his twin brother William in the final round.
  - Five students from Northfield High School and three students from Northfield Middle School will participate in the 2010 Minnesota String and Orchestra Teacher's Association (MNSOTA) Middle Level Honors Orchestra. Of the entries made by Northfield Public Schools, Eve Grabau (violin), Cameron Judge-Becker (violin), Alex Webb (violin alternate), Chen Ye (violin), Anna McWilliams (violin), Emily Bristol (viola), Sarah Sneider (cello), Parker Ousley (cello) and Nicholas Pelletier (bass) were chosen.
  - Pritchard reported that Holly Fischer at Sibley held 19 holiday programs before the winter break.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
  1. Greenvale Park's School Improvement Plan Report.  
Greenvale Park's Principal Dave Craft presented its school improvement plan.
  2. Enrollment Projection and Budget Development.  
Director of Business Affairs Tom Stringer reviewed the enrollment assumptions that drive the 2010-11 budget development and five-year financial forecast. In addition, the calendar for developing the 2010-11 budget was reviewed.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Items for Individual Action
    1. School / Site Improvement Plans.  
On a motion by Maple, seconded by Stratmoen, the Board unanimously approved the seven site improvement plans submitted by building or program staffs for the 2009-2010 school year.



7. Community Service Instructors for Winter 2010.
- b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment
  1. Dusty Rotegard, Long-Term Substitute Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at the High School, continuing in position from 1/4/2010 to March, 2010.
  2. Nicole Thompson, Supervisory Educational Assistant, from 6 hrs./week to 0 hrs./week, for the Hand in Hand Preschool Program due to enrollment. Ms. Thompson will continue her position with the KidVentures program.
  3. Laura Marks, Weight Room Assistant, one extra day/week, \$12.00/hour.
  4. Larry Meadors, Weight Room Assistant, one extra day/week, \$14.00/hour.
  5. Mary Nelson, Bridgewater Site Specialist, decrease in hours from 20 hrs./week to 10 hrs./week, effective 1/15/10.
  6. Laura Berdahl, Greenvale Park Site Specialist, decrease in hours from 20 hrs./week to 10 hrs./week, effective 1/15/10.
  7. Sandra Reiman, Sibley Site Specialist, decrease in hours from 20 hrs./week to 10 hrs./week, effective 1/15/10.
  8. Margaret Colangelo, Middle School Site Specialist, decrease in hours from 30 hrs./week to 19 hrs./week, effective 1/15/10.
  9. Brenda Hand, 2.5 hrs./week Targeted Services Teacher at Bridgewater, from 1/5/10 through 4/29/10.
- c. Leaves of Absence
  1. Regina Hassanally, childcare leave of absence from on or about 1/18/10 through 4/5/10.
  2. Julie Wolner, FMLA leave of absence from 3/17/10 through 4/9/10.
  3. Emileana Graupmann, childcare leave of absence from on or about June 6, 2010.

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

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

#### VIII. Items for Information

1. Refunding General Obligation Bonds.

On October 26, 2009 the Board passed a resolution authorizing the solicitation and award of a refunding bond if the total net savings is at least \$1,200,000 and the present value benefit as a percentage of the present value of the refunded debt service is at least 4.0%. Rates in last week's analysis showed the District saving potentially \$1,716,486, a 6.750% savings. Ehler's & Associates have been instructed to set the sale for January 21, 2010. If the proposals are favorable, a recommendation will be adopted at the January 25, 2010 meeting.
2. Enrollment Report – January 2010.
3. TIES Exceptional Teachers 2009 – Mick Hamilton and Ann Hehr.

TIES Exceptional Teacher Award recognizes teachers in TIES member districts who model the best in using technology in their classroom and engaging students in learning. This year Mick Hamilton and Ann Hehr were chosen as Northfield's TIES Exceptional Teachers. Hamilton is a Middle School Science Teacher and Hehr teaches fifth grade half-time and also serves half-time as Sibley's Media Specialist.
4. MN School Board's Association Awards Luncheon.

At a luncheon on Thursday, January 14, Noel Stratmoen will be recognized for his 30 years of service on the Northfield School Board by the MN School Board's Association.

5. Educational Assistant Recognition Week, January 18 – 22, 2010.

Governor Tim Pawlenty has proclaimed the week of January 18-22 as Paraprofessional Recognition Week. Paraprofessionals, or in the Northfield School District, Educational Assistants, are persons who are essential to every school. Buildings will recognize the contributions of educational assistants during the week of January 18th.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, January 25, 2010, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, February 8, 2010, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Ellen Iverson, School Board Clerk