

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

School Board Meeting
March 22, 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 at 7:00 PM. No one was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes.
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Stratmoen, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on March 8, 2010, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - Congratulations to all NMS students who participated in the History Day regional competition. 55 students competed and we are very proud of their accomplishments! Students advancing to the state level are: Jonah Berthelson, Katie Wagner, Sage Brinton, Jane Ludwig, Skip Varley, Kyle Betcher, Tori Finger, Maddie Wick, Anna Dols, Rachel Will, Vanessa Gonzalez, Greta Hummel, and Olivia Riggins.
 - This past November, 60 Team A reading students chose to participate in a National Writing Contest: Letters About Literature. In level 1, Minnesota received 680 letters and of these just 54 advanced to round 3. Two of our NMS students made it into these final stages of the competition: Jasper Egge and Will Kruse. The final results at the state level will be announced at the end of this month.
 - Last Friday, a diverse group of 10 IBM engineers from Rochester visited Team A NMS 6th graders to promote and engage our students in real-world science and math applications. The presentation was a dynamic combination of show-and-tell and hands-on experiences, culminating with the students constructing a Robot Sport project.
 - Northfield High School had a great 8th grade parent/student night last Monday, with well over 200 parents and 170 members of the 8th grade class. LINK crew members were on hand to orient the 8th graders in their "soon-to-be" four year home.
 - The Girls Basketball team went to the State playoff game last Wednesday and unfortunately lost to Lakeville North. It has been 31 years since the Girls Basketball team has gone to State.
 - The Science Olympiad team took fourth at State.
 - The Weightlifting team is State champs.
 - Spring Sports started on last Monday with great participation.
 - Last Wednesday four Knowledge Bowl teams competed.
 - Parents were reminded to complete the online PLC survey.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. Area Learning Center's (ALC) Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Report.
Area Learning Center's Director Pat Parlin and staff members Renee Rasmussen, Cheryl Mathison and Darcy Seurer presented the building's site improvement plan goals and the interventions that are being used to increase attendance. This presentation was the fifth in a series of monthly informational reports on the implementation of PLCs in the Northfield Public Schools.

2. Ninth Grade Academy Progress Report.

Members of the Ninth Grade Academy staff described the implementation of the Academy as an instructional strategy to support at risk ninth graders as they enter high school. T.J. Wiebe, Jill Ertl, Lisa Battaglia, Alyssa Jilek, and Mark Ensrud shared information about the makeup, structure and schedule of the program as well as the impact on student achievement that this program has already made on students.

3. Elementary Specialists Proposal

The elementary principals have been working on ways to provide classroom teachers with both common preparation time and common teaching time to allow for an intervention system that is systematic, timely and directed to meet the instructional needs of all elementary-age students. The elementary principals presented to the School Board a proposal for full-time specialists in Physical Education, Music and Media. It is anticipated that the Board will take action on this proposal at its April 12, 2010 meeting. Chair Nelson encouraged Board members to send Superintendent Richardson any questions they may have.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Community Services Revised Budget for 2009-2010.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the Community Services revised budget for 2009-2010 as presented.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

On a motion by Berthelsen, seconded by Iverson, the Board unanimously approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.

1. Grant Requests.

- Community Services and all member programs of the PrimeTime Collaborative are requesting \$32,000 from the Northfield United Way to support the summer 2010 PLUS program as well as next school year's PLUS program.
- A \$18,500 request to the Northfield Area United Way for the Bridges to Kindergarten program.
- A \$5,000 request to WINGS to support services for children qualifying for School Readiness services during the school year.
- A \$3,500 request to WINGS for supplies for ECFE's Lunch and Learning program.

2. Sibley Construction Change Order No. 3.

The following items are included in Change Order No. 3:

RFP No. 7 Revise duct routing to fit in ceiling space	ADD \$1,403.60
RFP No. 15 Chalk the inside corners on CMU joints	ADD 525.00
RFP No. 16 Revise counter support and condensation concerns	ADD 3,183.75
RFP No. 17 Relocate mop sink	ADD 1,861.65
RFP No. 18 Add 4 th wire feeder to panel	ADD 9,382.59
RFP No. 19 Add sheet rock grid A1-D1 above ceiling per building official requirement	ADD 627.98
RFP No. 25 Re-route piping in tunnel to fit	ADD 1,887.01
RFP No. 26 ASI#7 – 12' whips and change room # 135 fixtures (9) to A-3's	ADD 252.00
	TOTAL \$19,123.58

Approximately \$60,589.00 remains in the contingency budget.

3. Financial Reports – February 2010.

The Board approved paid bills totaling \$1,669,391.57, payroll checks totaling \$1,955,354.08, and the financial reports for February 2010. No bond payments were made in February 2010.

4. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments**

1. Jerry Larson, Assistant Boys/Girls Track Coach, Level F, (step 1).

b. Leave of Absence

1. Troy Deden, extending unpaid Leave of Absence through the end of the 2009-10 school year.

c. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Shari Bridley, Special Ed Educational Assistant & Bus PCA, increase in hours from 33.5 hrs./week to 36.55 hrs./week, effective 3/10/10 through 6/11/10.
2. Zach Vanek, Site Assistant at Sibley 15 hrs./week to Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Sibley, 12.5 hrs./week, effective 3/12/10, \$13.63/hr.

d. Resignation

1. Laura Reiter, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, resignation at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. April is Occupational Therapy Month.

Northfield Public Schools employs three Registered Occupational Therapists who provide services to students with disabilities, age birth to 21, to assist them in benefiting from their program of special education instruction.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, April 12, 2010, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center
Monday, April 26, 2010, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

X. Adjournment.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Ellen Iverson, School Board Clerk