

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes
September 10, 2012
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.
Board Chair Ellen Iverson called the Regular meeting of the Northfield Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. No one was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes / Table File
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment
There was no one.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Fossum, seconded by Quinnell, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on August 27, 2012, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - Superintendent Richardson reported that the first week of school went well. An increase in the number of students has prompted adjustments in some classrooms as well as on buses.
 - Nelson attended the High School's open house. She heard positive feedback from the parents of incoming ninth grade students.
- VI. Item for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. Explanation of the Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR) System.
Superintendent Richardson and Dr. Roger Jenni, Assessment and Testing Coordinator, shared information and made comparisons between the former No Child Left Behind (NCLB) state accountability measures and the new Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR) System that has been implemented with the approval of the new NCLB Waiver. The presentation also included the benefits and limitations of the new accountability system. There was also a discussion about the transparency and the potential for misunderstanding of the assessment data generated by the MMR system.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Items for Individual Action
There were no items.
 - B. Items for Consent Grouping
On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.
 1. Grant Application.
The Board approved Early Childhood Family Education's (ECFE) \$18,000 grant request to the Southeast Minnesota Initiative Fund to support ECFE's newly expanded outreach goals.
 2. Overnight Student Field Trip – ALC Trip to BWCA.
The Board approved the 9th annual Area Learning Center trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area June 10-14, 2013.
 3. Personnel Items.
 - a. Appointments*
 1. Rene Demel, 1.0 FTE Grade 6 & 8 Teacher at Middle School, beginning 8/28/12 through 6/5/13, BA-0.
 2. Amy Franklin, Early Childhood Teacher at Longfellow for up to 17 hours/week, \$24.36/hr.
 3. Michael Berger, Special Ed Educational Assistant at the High School for 6.5 hrs./day beginning 9/4/12, Class III, step 5, \$14.61/hr.
 4. Diane Nagy, 1.0 FTE Reading and Math Support Teacher at Bridgewater beginning 9/5/12 through 6/5/13, MA-6.

5. Michelle Gaertner, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Middle School beginning 9/10/12, BA-0.
 6. Dan Kust, High School Nordic Ski Coach, Level D, step 10.
 7. Kenneth Drivdahl, Assistant High School Nordic Ski Coach, Level G, step 1.
 8. Stephen Beaulieu, High School Weight Room Assistant Coach, Level K, step 1.
 9. Co-Curricular assignments for September.
 10. Melissa Reuvers, Supervisory Educational Assistant .5 hr./day and Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA 6.5 hrs./day at Bridgewater Elementary beginning 9/13/12, Class I, step 1, \$12.59/hr. (.5 hrs./day) and Class IV, step 1, \$13.26/hr. (6.5 hrs./day).
 11. Jane Dolan, Middle School Yearbook Co-Advisor, Level K, step 1 (1/2 stipend).
- b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment
1. Michael Berger, Special Ed Educational Assistant at the High School for 6.5 hrs./day, increase 1.08 hrs./day Special Ed Bus PCA beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13, Class IV, step 5, \$14.72/hr.
 2. Lisa Kruger Robb, .6 FTE EL Teacher at the High School, increase to .8 FTE for 1st Semester only, beginning 9/4/12 through 1/12/13.
 3. Mary Harrity-Davidson, .5 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Middle School, increase to .6 FTE Physical Education Teacher beginning 9/4/12 through 6/5/13.
 4. Clarita Kell, Instructional Educational Assistant at Middle School for 2.75 hrs./day, increase to 6.5 hrs./day beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13.
 5. Peggy Sheehy, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Longfellow, transfer to Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Northfield Montessori for 4 hrs./day beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13.
 6. Emelyn Osborn, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Sibley for 6.95 hrs./day, increase .13 hrs./day Supervisory Educational Assistant beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13.
 7. Laurie Noonan, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Bridgewater for 6.5 hrs./day, increase .5 hr./day Supervisory Educational Assistant beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13.
 8. Shelia Atkinson, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Bridgewater for 6.75 hrs./day, decrease to 6.5 hrs./day beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13.
 9. Katie Malecha, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Bridgewater for 6.5 hrs./day, increase .5 hr./day Supervisory Educational Assistant beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13.
 10. Nicole Gill, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Middle School for 6.75 hrs./day, increase .25 hrs./day beginning 9/5/12 through 6/4/13.
 11. Beth Kuyper, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Middle School for 6.75 hrs./day, increase .25 hrs./day beginning 9/5/12 through 6/4/13.
 12. Tammy Schwagerl, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Middle School for 6.75 hrs./day, increase .25 hrs./day beginning 9/5/12 through 6/4/13.
 13. Ruth Morgan-Malecha, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Middle School for 6.75 hrs./day, increase .25 hrs./day beginning 9/5/12 through 6/4/13.
 14. Cindy Huschle, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at High School for 6.5 hrs./day, increase to 6.75 hrs./day beginning 9/6/12 through 6/4/13.
 15. Sarah Van den Akker, Middle School Yearbook Advisor, change to Middle School Yearbook Co-Advisor (1/2 stipend).
 16. Kimberly Milne, .6 FTE Chemistry Teacher at the High School, increase to .8 FTE Chemistry Teacher at the High School for 1st semester, beginning 9/4/12 through 1/21/13.
 17. Craig Johnson, 1.0 FTE Biology Teacher at the High School, increase .2 FTE overload assignment beginning 9/4/12 through 6/5/13.
 18. Jeanne Mahoney-Hanzlik, 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at the High School, increase .2 FTE overload assignment for 1st semester, beginning 9/4/12 through 1/21/13.
 19. Ann Vander Martin, Supervisory/Special Ed Educational Assistant at Sibley for 3 hrs./day, increase Special Ed Educational Assistant .5 hrs./day to 3.5 hrs./day beginning 9/7/12.
 20. Andrea Waldock, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Longfellow for 5.5 hrs./day, increase to 5.75 hrs./day beginning 9/4/12 through 6/4/13.
 21. Vanessa Grave, Kid Ventures Site Leader at Bridgewater, decrease from 40 hrs./week to 29.5 hrs./week beginning 9/4/12.

22. Rachel Hughitt, Kid Ventures Student Site Assistant at Sibley, decrease from 22.5 hrs./week to 12 hrs./week beginning 9/4/12.
23. Angie Callahan, Kid Ventures Site Leader at Sibley, decrease from 40 hrs./week to 29.5 hrs./week at Greenvale Park beginning 9/4/12.
24. Nicole Miner, Kid Ventures Site Assistant at Sibley, decrease from 35 hrs./week to 18.5 hrs./week beginning 9/4/12.
25. Lacey Neumann Bissonnette, Kid Ventures Site Leader at Sibley, decrease from 40 hrs./week to 29.5 hrs./week at Greenvale Park beginning 9/4/12.
26. Anita Corwin, Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow, increase from 15 hrs./week to 34 hrs./week beginning 8/27/12.
27. Debbie Foley, Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow, decrease from 27.5 hrs./week to 26 hrs./week beginning 8/27/12.
28. Angela Frawley, Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow, decrease from 35.75 hrs./week to 34.5 hrs./week beginning 8/27/12.
29. Anna Kelly, Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow, increase from 26.5 hrs./week to 40 hrs./week beginning 8/27/12.
30. Brianna Spittle, Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow, increase from 25 hrs./week to 33.5 hrs./week beginning 8/27/12.
31. Tammie Warner, Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow, increase from 27.5 hrs./week to 31.5 hrs./week beginning 8/27/12.
32. Rhonda Stanley, Instructional Educational Assistant at Greenvale Park for 3.5 hrs./day, increase to 5.5 hrs./day beginning 9/10/12 through 6/4/13.

c. Resignations

1. Sandi Miller, Instructional Educational Assistant at Middle School, resignation effective 8/30/12.

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

**Subject to revision when 2012-14 negotiations are completed.

VIII. Items for Information

1. Draft of Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement.

A draft of the 2011-2012 Annual Report was given to the Board. The Annual Report includes student achievement goals, staff development goals, and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test results compared to national averages. It also includes the testing and assessment schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. The community will be notified when it is available on the website, which should be beginning October 1.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, September 24, 2012, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center
Monday, October 8, 2012, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Nelson, the Board adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk