

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

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October 8, 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 Maple, seconded by Fossum, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on September 24, 2012, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - The middle school TEAM UP (Teaching English Learners Action Model to Unite Professionals) teachers completed their two year long grant project last year. The NMS team was so successful that the University of Minnesota faculty awarded them a mini-grant to continue their work for one more year. On September 25th, TEAM UP members held a bilingual parent night for any families who needed assistance in setting up e-mail and family access accounts. They also provided an orientation to middle school life and tours of the school. The event was a big success with over 50 individuals from 20 different families participating.
 - Northfield High School Art Teacher Christie Clarke has been named Art Teacher of the Year by Art Educators of Minnesota.
 - The Connected Kids Mentoring Program will receive the Robert J. Dayton Quality Mentoring Award from the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota for addressing sustainability challenges to create stability, exemplifying a unique or innovative mentoring model while maintaining a commitment to quality. Thanks to staff, Linda Oto, Cheryl Strike and Laura Berdahl, and the over 100 community mentors and their mentees who make Connected Kids such a successful program.
 - Growing Up Healthy has been selected as the Outstanding Organization Award recipient by the Minnesota Community Education Association. Community Services Division has been a partner in Growing Up Healthy since its inception in 2007.
 - United States Senator Al Franken visited the TORCH program on October 4th. He had an opportunity to hear from administrators, staff and community supporters about the origins and growth of the program and the profound positive effect it is having on the graduation rates of Latino and other minority students as well as students who are likely to be the first in their family to attend college. Senator Franken then met with TORCH students and heard personal stories of the support and encouragement these students have received from TORCH staff and volunteers and the effect the program has had on their lives and futures.
 - The Bridges to Kindergarten Program, which is strongly supported by the Northfield Area United Way, was featured in the Harvard Education Review. Bridges to Kindergarten was one of six programs identified as exemplary models for the nation in creating collaboration and thoughtful transitions into kindergarten.
- VI. Item for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. iPad Minute.
Matt Hillmann, Director of Human Resources and Technology, updated the Board on the schedule for developing the proposal for a one-to-one (1:1) tablet computer implementation for students beginning in the 2013-14 school year. He also showed how Chris Holmquist in the High School Art Department is using his iPad to record his drawing demonstrations that he will show to his classes. Mr. Hillmann recorded and edited this iPad minute using his own iPad.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Revisions to Policy 419 – Tobacco-Free Environment.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to School Board Policy 419 – Tobacco-Free Environment as presented.

2. Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation Grant for Student Participation.

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the following Resolution as presented.

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 659, supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees. The grant request is for \$10,000.

Voting 'yes' was Stratmoen, Quinnell, Pritchard, Nelson, Maple, Fossum and Iverson. No one voted 'no.'

B. Items for Consent Grouping

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

1. Modifications to the Co-Curricular Overnight Trips for 2012-2013.

On May 29, 2012, the Board approved the list of Overnight Co-Curricular Trips for the 2012-2013 school year. The Board approved the addition/change to the previously approved list as follows:

Girls Hockey - Cross Lake (Brainerd Area) - (November 9, 10) This is an additional trip.

Girls Hockey - Austin (December 27, 28) Previously scheduled to go to Roseau.

2. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments*

1. Sara Route, Middle School Youth Center Site Leader for 3 hrs./day at Middle School beginning 10/1/12, Step 1, \$13.88/hr.
2. Rachel Woldum, Middle School Youth Center Site Assistant for 2 hrs./day at Middle School beginning 10/1/12 through 5/10/13, Step 2, \$11.43/hr.
3. Kaylin Hreha, Supervisory (.5)/Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA (6.5) for 7 hrs./day at Bridgewater Elementary beginning 10/1/12, Class I, step 1, \$12.59/hr. and Class IV, step 1, \$13.26/hr.
4. Kathleen Mellstrom, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA for 6.75 hrs./day at the High School beginning 10/4/12, Class IV, step 1, \$13.26/hr.
5. Carina Zick, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA for 4.25 hrs./day at Greenvale Park beginning 10/5/12 through 6/4/13, Class IV, step 1, \$13.26/hr.
6. Jeffrey LaPanta, Assistant Girl's Hockey Coach (split position) beginning 10/29/12 through 2/23/13, Level E, step 1, \$2,000.00.
7. Sara Rowan, Assistant Girl's Hockey Coach (split position) beginning 10/29/12 through 2/23/13, Level E, step 1, \$1,217.00.
8. Jessica Rezac, Dance Team Assistant Coach JV, beginning 10/22/12 through 2/16/12, Level F, step 1.
9. Co-Curricular Assignments for October.
10. Lindsay Schacht, PLUS Site Leader at Bridgewater for 2 hrs./day (Mon.-Thurs.) beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, Step 1, \$13.88/hr.
11. Vincente Vasquez, PLUS Site Leader at Greenvale Park for 2 hrs./day (Mon.-Thurs.) beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, Step 1, \$13.88/hr.
12. Toni Easterson, PLUS Site Leader at Sibley for 2 hrs./day (Mon.-Thurs.) beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, Step 1, \$13.88/hr.
13. Lindsey Nohava, PLUS Site Assistant at Greenvale Park for 1.5 hrs./day (Mon.-Thurs.) beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, Step 1, \$11.14/hr.
14. Erin Carlson-Donohoe, PLUS Site Assistant at Sibley for 1.5 hrs./day (Mon.-Thurs.) beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, Step 1, \$11.14/hr.

15. Victoria Winter, PLUS Student Site Assistant for 1.5 hrs./day (Mon.-Thurs.) beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, \$8.01/hr.
- b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment
1. Shelley Hansen, .4 FTE School Social Worker at Longfellow, change to .4 FTE School Social Worker at Longfellow (.25)/ALC (.15) beginning 8/28/12.
 2. Terri Quint, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Bridgewater for 6.25 hrs./day, change to 5.25 hrs./day Special Ed/ 1.5 hrs./day Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA beginning 9/4/12.
 3. Rolf Tollefson, Supervisory Educational Assistant at Greenvale for .75 hrs./day, increase to .75 hrs./day Supervisory/6.25 hrs./day Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Greenvale beginning 9/26/12 through 6/4/13.
 4. Cheryl Mathison, 1.0 FTE ALC Teacher, additional 3 hours/week Independent Study at ALC beginning 10/1/12 through 4/25/13.
 5. Darcy Seurer, 1.0 FTE ALC Teacher, additional 3 hours/week Independent Study at ALC beginning 10/1/12 through 4/25/13.
 6. Mary Boyum, Supervisory (.2)/Special Ed PCA (6.75) /Bus PCA (.67) for 7.62 hrs./day at Sibley, change to Supervisory (.2)/Special Ed PCA (6.58)/Bus PCA (1.17) for 7.95 hrs./day beginning 10/8/12 through 6/4/13.
 7. Kiwi Bielenberg, .75 FTE DAPE Physical Education Teacher at ALC/HS/S, increase .25 FTE Physical/Health Disabilities Teacher district-wide beginning 10/4/12.
 8. Ruben Alvarez, EL Teacher at Middle School, additional 1.25 hrs./day PLUS Program Teacher at Middle School (Mon.-Thurs.) for 5 hrs./week beginning 10/8/12 through 4/25/13, \$26.52/hr.
 9. Elizabeth Valentine, EL Teacher at Greenvale Park, additional 1.25 hrs./day PLUS Program Teacher at Sibley (Mon.-Thurs.) for 5 hrs./week beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, \$26.52/hr.
 10. Christa Danielson, Kindergarten Teacher at Bridgewater, additional 1.25 hrs./day PLUS Program Teacher at Bridgewater for 2.5 hrs./week beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, \$26.99/hr.
 11. Amanda Schrader, EL Teacher at Sibley, additional 1.25 hrs./day PLUS Program Teacher at Sibley (Mon.-Thurs.) for 5 hrs./week beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, \$26.99/hr.
 12. Bonnie Klamm, Educational Assistant at Sibley, additional 1.25 hrs./day (Mon.-Thurs.) for 5 hrs./week beginning 10/22/12 through 4/25/13, Step 4, \$12.03/hr.
- c. Leaves of Absence
1. Gigi Tisdale, leave of absence beginning 9/24/12 through 10/15/12.
 2. Rebecca Glassing, FMLA leave of absence beginning 10/5/12 through 10/19/12.
- d. Resignations
1. Lauren Johnson, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Bridgewater, resignation effective 10/8/12.
 2. Matthew Nohava, Technology Workstation Specialist, resignation effective 10/9/12.
- e. TRA Part-Time Teacher Program
The Board authorized participation for the following teachers to participate in the TRA Part-Time Teacher Program, whereby the teachers who qualify can personally purchase TRA service credit at no cost to the Northfield School District.
- Mary Harrity-Davidson
 - Amy Moeller

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report – October 2012.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, October 22, 2012, **6:30 PM, Reception for National Merit Scholars, Lower Cafeteria, Northfield High School**
Monday, October 22, 2012, **7:30 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center**

Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

- X. On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Stratmoen, the Board adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk