

# NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes  
November 26, 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 Stratmoen, seconded by Quinnell, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on November 13, 2012, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
  - Congratulations to the Northfield High School Girls Swim and Dive team! They are State Champions!
  - The Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council has approved our grant request of \$6,635 for expenses related to the Northfield Young Sculptors Project.
  - Students and staff had a great time on Friday night, November 16th, with The Amazing Hondo, a St. Paul based magician who performed as part of a fundraiser for Siri Thompson and her family. The event raised over \$3000 for Siri, who is in Miami receiving treatment for cancer.
- VI. Item for Discussion and / or Reports
  1. Professional Learning Communities Presentation – Early Childhood.  
This presentation was the first in a series of monthly informational reports on Professional Learning Communities in the Northfield Public Schools. The intent is to provide similar presentations to the Board from other buildings on a monthly basis. The purpose of these sessions will be to showcase the efforts of teachers implementing PLCs and the positive impact of their work on students.  
Representing the Longfellow Early Childhood team was Carrie Duba, Sara Line, Annie Oftedahl, Lynette Galchutt and Angie Schewe. This PLC consists of early childhood educators, early childhood special education educators and specialists. They work together in 6 sections in Hand in Hand Preschool, as well as in two self contained/transition rooms. Their PLC goal is to increase the social competence and relationship skills of Hand in Hand preschool students, so that 80% of all students will demonstrate the ability to successfully participate as a member of a group as measured by Teaching Strategies Gold category 2c by May 2013.
  2. School Improvement Plan Reports – Sibley and Bridgewater Elementary Schools.  
Sibley Principal Scott Sannes reported on the progress being made on Sibley's three goals followed by Becky Gainey and Tania Will speaking about current happenings at Sibley and future plans.  
Bridgewater Principal Nancy Antoine, Hope Langston and Connie Nelson followed and presented their progress on 2011-12 goals and their 2012-13 action plans. Both the Sibley and Bridgewater SIP Plans focused on the following three goals: (1) To demonstrate measurable gains in Math; (2) To demonstrate measurable gains in Reading; and (3) All students and staff will promote a respectful, safe and welcoming environment.
  3. iPad Minute.  
Matt Hillmann, Director of Human Resources and Technology, presented to the Board the final iPad minute. Grade 7 Life Science Teachers Amy Allin and Katrina Meehan demonstrated the virtual dissection of a frog using their iPad.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Resolution Awarding of the Sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Registration, and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation Alternative Facility Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013.

The refinancing of approximately \$16 million dollars in School Building Bonds will result in a decrease in interest rates paid on these bonds over the next eleven years resulting in a savings to the District's property taxpayers of over \$2.1 million dollars. This reduction in interest costs will reduce the amount the District will need to collect in property taxes by approximately \$85,000 to \$185,000 per year between 2014 and 2025.

On a motion by Pritchard, seconded by Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to award the sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Registration, and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation Alternative Facility Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, as presented. Voting 'yes' was Stratmoen, Quinnell, Pritchard, Nelson, Fossum, Maple and Iverson. No one voted 'no.'

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Maple, the Board voted unanimously to award the sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Registration, and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, as presented. Voting 'yes' was Stratmoen, Quinnell, Pritchard, Nelson, Fossum, Maple and Iverson. No one voted 'no.'

2. Community Services Budget Revisions for FY 2013.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the following revisions to the FY 13 budget for Community Services. The preliminary budget for FY 13 was: Revenues of \$1,700,201 and expenditures of \$1,647,319. Due the changes in the early childhood programs, a grant, employee agreement settlements, severance payout expenditures, and a change in the Community Services Director position, the revised revenues are \$1,855,447.00 and the revised expenditures are \$1,843,871.00.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

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

1. Cooperative Sponsorship – Gymnastics.

The Board approved a cooperative sponsorship in Gymnastics with Arcadia Charter School. This sponsorship will be in effect for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. Also included in this cooperative agreement is the continuation of an existing cooperative agreement with Randolph and Cannon Falls Public Schools.

2. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments\*

1. Michael Scofield, Assistant Boy's Hockey Coach beginning 11/16/12 through 3/9/13, Level E, step 1.
2. Aleta Kolan, Boys Swim/Dive Assistant Coach beginning 11/26/12 through 3/2/13, Level E, step 1 (split position).

b. Leaves of Absence

1. Laura Goodwin, FMLA leave of absence beginning 11/27/12 through 12/13/12.
2. Cindy Huschle, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA, leave of absence beginning 12/3/12 through 6/4/13.

c. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Theresa Brake, Instructional Educational Assistant at Greenvale, additional .75 hrs./day (Monday-Friday) for Morning Homework Help at Greenvale beginning 11/26/12 through 5/30/13, Step 4, \$12.03/hr.

2. Cindy Huschle, Special Education PCA at High School, transfer to Sign Language Facilitator at Sibley for 6.75 hrs./day beginning 12/3/12 through 6/4/13, \$18.32/hr.
- d. Resignation
  1. Amanda Story, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA, resignation effective 12/5/12.

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Greenvale Park	98%	98%
Sibley	99%	98%
Bridgewater	99%	97%
Middle School	78%	63%
High School	41%	41%
Area Learning Center	50%	75%

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, December 10, 2012, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, January 14, 2013, 7:00 PM, Organizational School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, January 14, 2013, immediately following Organizational School Board Meeting, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Pritchard, the Board adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Noel Stratmoen  
School Board Clerk