

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes
February 10, 2014
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. Fossum was absent. Stratmoen left the meeting after action was taken on the renewal of capital roof bonds.
- 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 Pritchard, minutes of the Regular School Board meetings held on January 27, 2014, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - The 18 top spellers qualified for and participated in the 30th annual District Spelling Bee on January 23 at the Middle School. The top three finishers have advanced to the regional bee, which will be held in Rochester on February 11. Eighth grader Hannah Pahs was the champion speller for the second year in a row. Eighth graders Joseph Pesta and Elijah Leer finished in second and third place.
 - Two Alpine Skiers (Cam Strike and Skye Sonnega) and one Nordic Skier (Miles Broske) have qualified for the state meet.
 - The Northfield High School Music Listening team of NHS Juniors Henry Beimers, William Beimers, and Nicholas Pelletier won the State Music Listening championship. This is their second straight State Championship. Their winning score was 98 out of 100, which may be an all-time record score for any team in the history of the State Music Listening Meet. Their coach is Karen Madson.
 - Greenvale Park once again participated in a voluntary fund raiser for the American Heart Association called Jump Rope for Heart. This year 93 students raised over \$3300 as a community service event benefiting the Minnesota Heart Association.
 - Brighton Living Magazine recently featured Northfield Community Services "Northfield Skating School" for its Olympic month issue. In its nine years, the Northfield Skating School has become a nationally recognized, model program, run by a staff of 14 people. Carey Tinkleberg is the founder and director of the school.
 - Pritchard thanked the Hiliner, the Cheerleaders and RALIE for organizing a pepfest at the Middle School.
 - Iverson thanked the staff for coordinating the numerous activities at the high school last Friday night, February 7.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. Presentation by Robotics Team.
Northfield High School's Robotics Team made a presentation. This is the first year that Robotics is being offered as a class at NHS with Industrial Technology Teacher Steve Taggart. Four mentors from the engineering community help the 28 students in class to learn and develop new skills. Since the Robotics team was founded in 1989, \$50,000 has been raised from local businesses to support the building of a robot for competition. This year the North Star Regional competition will be held at the end of March at the University of Minnesota. The team's best finish was last year when the team finished tenth out of sixty teams.

2. Director of Technology Proposal.

Director of Administrative Services Matt Hillmann outlined the proposal to add a full-time Director of Technology Services position. The proposal was also shared at the January 27th Board meeting. Nelson asked how the position will be financed. Hillmann responded that the position will be partially financed through the savings realized when the Director of Business Affairs resigned in January 2013 with the balance coming from the salary pool in the General Fund. Hardy asked how this position fits with the District's prioritizing of staff needs. The Board will act on the proposal at the Board's February 24th meeting.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Renewal of Capital Roof Bonds.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Nelson, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Stating the Intention of the School Board to Issue General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds to Finance Certain Capital Projects; Covenanting and Obligating the District to be bound by and to use the Provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to Guarantee the Payment of the Principal and Interest on the Bonds. Voting 'yes' was Maple, Pritchard, Nelson, Hardy, Stratmoen, and Iverson. No one voted 'no.' Fossum was absent.

2. Proposed Rescheduling of Full Day Closures.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Pritchard, the Board unanimously approved limiting the discussion to the rescheduling of full day closures during the 2014-2015 school year only.

Nelson moved and Maple seconded to approve the 2014-2015 proposed teacher and student make up days as presented in the chart. Then Pritchard moved and Nelson seconded to amend the motion to include that 6 full day closures would need to occur prior to April 15, 2015, for students to make up the days on June 8, 9, 10, 2015. Motion to amend the motion passed unanimously. Nelson then moved and Pritchard seconded to approve the 2014-2015 proposed teacher and student make up days as amended in the chart below. Motion passed unanimously.

Days Missed	Make Up Plan
4	Teacher workshop day (1). Target dates: June 8, 2015, if third cancellation is on or before February 13, 2015. June 9, 2015, if third cancellation is after February 13, 2015.
5	Teacher workshop days (2). Target dates: June 8 & 9, 2015, if third cancellation is on or before February 13, 2015. June 9 & 10, 2015 if third cancellation is after February 13, 2015.
6	Student contact days (3) in place of teacher work days if six days are cancelled prior to April 15, 2015. Target dates: June 8, 9, 10, 2015. If the third day closure and beyond take place after February 13, 2015, June 11, 2015 will be added as a teacher workshop day as well.

3. Resolution Requiring Administration to make Recommendations regarding Programming and Staffing for Next Year.

On a motion by Hardy, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution authorizing the administration to make recommendations for additions and reductions in program and for adding or discontinuing positions. Voting 'yes' was Maple, Pritchard, Nelson, Hardy and Iverson. No one voted 'no.' Fossum and Stratmoen were absent.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

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

1. Greenvale Park Elementary Overnight Field Trip.

The Board approved an overnight field trip for fourth and fifth graders at Greenvale Park Elementary School to attend a Science Museum of Minnesota Camp-In on March 13 and 14 in St. Paul. They will also visit the Minnesota State Capitol. Flint Hills Resources is paying all of the costs for the students to participate.

2. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments*

1. Alicia Griesert, Assistant Girls Softball Coach (Hourly - 9th Grade) at the High School beginning 03/10/2014 – 06/06/2014; \$12.00/hour.
2. Ella Stromme, Community Services Basketball staff beginning 02/08/2014 – 03/15/2014; \$7.50/hour.
3. Shannon Tassava, Special Education Educational Assistant-PCA (Class IV) at Sibley Elementary for 3 hours/day beginning 02/04/2014 – 06/06/2014; Class IV, Step I - \$13.49/hour.
4. Event Workers – Activities: Bielenberg, Brent; Grosse, Abigail; Leal, Alexander; Warner, Dylan
5. Andrew Allison, Community Services Basketball Staff Saturdays beginning 02/08/2014 – 04/01/2014; \$9.00/hour.
6. James (Bradley) Kluver, 1.0 FTE Long-Term Substitute First Grade Companeros Teacher at Bridgewater beginning 02/07/2014 – 04/11/2014; BA, Step 0.
7. Kristy Severson (Endersby), Long Term Substitute Third Grade Teacher at Sibley Elementary beginning -02/10/2014 – 04/25/2014; MA, Step 6.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Trisha Beacom, Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow, change from 19 hours/week to 37.75 hours/week beginning 02/03/2014 – 06/06/2014.
2. John Buteyn, LTS Social Studies Teacher at the High School – BA 30, Step 1, correction to BA 30, Step 0, beginning 02/19/2014 – 06/06/2014.
3. Danielle Crase, Targeted Services PLUS Site Assistant at Sibley, change from 4 days/week to 3 days/week Monday-Wednesday for 1.25 hours/day beginning 01/06/2014 – 04/24/2014.
4. Katherine Woodstrup, Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Bridgewater, add 3.75 hours/week beginning 1/28/2014 – 04/24/2014.

c. Leaves of Absence

1. Julie Biewer-Beckhechi, Middle School Teacher, Medical Leave of Absence beginning 02/20/2014 – 03/19/2014.
2. Sherry Schwaab, Elementary Teacher at Bridgewater, FMLA Leave of Absence beginning August 25, 2014 through January 4, 2015.

d. Termination / Resignations

1. Ratification of termination of employment.
2. Quinnesha Johnson, Special Education EA-PCA (Class IV) at Greenvale Park; rejected offer of employment effective 2/3/2014.
3. Jane Dolan, Middle School Track Assistant Coach, resignation effective 2/5/2014.
4. Hope Langston, RTI Coach & Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Bridgewater, resignation from Targeted Services PLUS program effective 1/29/2014.
5. Joey Muszel, Accounting Generalist in the District Office, resignation effective 02/05/2014.

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

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VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report – February 2014.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, February 24, 2014, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

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X. On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Maple the Board adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk