

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes
December 8, 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. 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 Pritchard, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on November 24, 2014, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - On December 6, a Free Bikes 4 Kids event was held at the Greenvale Park Community School in collaboration with Allina Health. More than 100 local children received beautiful bikes and helmets.
 - Superintendent Richardson spoke briefly about the vandalism at the High School and thanked the High School custodial staff and Science teachers for their teamwork in getting the classroom ready for students on Tuesday.
 - Outgoing School Board members Kari Nelson and John Fossum were thanked for their years of service.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. Truth-in-Taxation Presentation for the Payable 2015 Property Tax Levy and Public Comment.
The amount of the proposed final levy for 2015 is \$15,580,033.28 and represents a 1.98% increase from the prior year. Director of Administrative Services Matt Hillmann reviewed the levy and the current year's revised general fund budget.
 2. School Improvement Plan Presentations – Area Learning Center and Greenvale Park Elementary School.
The final school continuous improvement plan presentations by Greenvale Park Elementary School and the Area Learning Center documented the progress made on each building's site improvement goals from the 2013-14 school year, then representatives from each building described their building's 2014-15 site improvement goals, the data or evidence that was used to identify those goals, and the specific performance targets that will be used to determine success in reaching the goals. Greenvale Park also reported on achievement gap reduction, support for new instructional strategies for English learners, efforts to enhance a positive building climate and the implementation of the Greenvale Park Community School. The ALC targeted attendance and credit completion goals, as well as working to ensure that graduating seniors have a post secondary life plan for employment, enrollment in college or enlistment in the military. The presentations also highlighted specific activities that will be completed during the 2014-15 school year. Presenting for the Area Learning Center was Director Daryl Kehler. Principal David Craft and Response to Intervention Coaches Diane Torbensen and Heather Ryden, and Community School Co-Coordinator Laura Berdahl and Kathryn Schmidt presented for Greenvale Park.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Pritchard the Board unanimously approved extending the Board meeting past 10 PM.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Items for Individual Action
 1. Certify Final 2014 Payable 2015 Tax Levy.
On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved certifying to County Auditors the 2014 Payable 2015 Final Certified Net Tax Levy in the amount \$15,580,033.28.
 2. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Budget Amendment.
On a motion by Pritchard, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the revised 2014-15 general fund budget of revenues of \$44,535,222 and expenditures of \$44,735,365.

3. Property/Casualty/Liability Insurance.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Fossum, the Board unanimously accepted the proposal from Northfield Insurance Agency as the School District's property/casualty/liability insurance carrier.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

On a motion by Fossum, seconded by Nelson, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Grouping.

1. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments*

1. Theresa Brake, Community School Club Leader at Greenvale Park beginning 12/01/2014 – 06/05/2015 for 1 hour/day (M-T-Th-F); \$18.68/hour.
2. Dylan McDonough, Assistant Wrestling Coach at the High School beginning 11/28/2014 – 02/28/2015; Level E, Step 1 (50% stipend).
3. Rock 'n Roll Revival: Ray Coudret, Director; Level A, Step 2; Bob Gregory-Bjorklund, Assistant Director; Level F, Step 9; Shari Setchell, Choreographer; Level E, Step 6; Craig Wasner, Coordinator; Level F, Step 7.
4. Event Workers: John Dennis, Donna Eicher, Glynnis Lessing and Christina Schwietz
5. Nives Bakic, Long-Term Substitute SpecEd EA-PCA for 6.5 hours/day and GenEd EA for .25 hours/day at the Middle School beginning 12/11/2014 – 03/05/2015; SpecEd EA-PCA Step 1, \$13.73/hour; GenEd EA Step 1, \$13.21/hour.
6. Tom Sola, Long-Term Substitute High School EBD Teacher beginning 12/1/2014 – 12/19/2014; BA 45, Step 14.
7. Jay Werness, Long-Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School beginning 12/10/2014 – 02/11/2015; BA, Step 0.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Trisha Beacom, EarlyVentures Site Assistant Substitute, change to Early Ventures Site Assistant at Longfellow for 39 hours/week beginning 08/25/2014.
2. Michelle Gaertner, SLD Teacher at the Middle School, overload for one hour/day for specialized instruction beginning 11/19/2014 – 11/20/2014.
3. Candy Hard, ASD Teacher at the Middle School, overload for additional ½ hour/day for specialized instruction beginning 11/19/2014 – 11/20/2014.
4. Mary Momberg, DCD Teacher at the Middle School, overload for homebound instruction extended 11/1/2014 – 11/30/2014 for 3 hours for November.

c. Leave of Absence

1. Colleen Hohrman, Unpaid Leave of Absence extended to January 9, 2015 (return to work date of 01/12/2015).

d. Resignation / Retirement

1. Maelynn Rosas, Middle School Youth Center Site Assistant, resignation effective 11/19/2014.
2. Lee Engelby, Custodian at the High School, retirement effective 1/30/2015. Lee has worked for the District for 41 years.

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report – December 2014.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, January 12, 2015, 7:00 PM, Organizational School Board Meeting followed by Regular School Board Meeting, NHS
Monday, January 26, 2015, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

X. On a motion by Fossum, seconded by Stratmoen, the Board adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk