

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 659
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 15, 2014, 3:30 PM
District Office Conference Room

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda Changes / Table File
- III. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Items for Individual Action
 - 1. School Board Policy 907 – Rewards.
 - 2. Offering of a Reward by the School District.
- IV. Future Meetings
 - Monday, January 12, 2015, 7:00 PM, Organizational School Board Meeting immediately followed by Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center
 - Monday, January 26, 2015, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center
- V. Adjournment

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Board of Education
FROM: L. Chris Richardson, Ph. D., Superintendent
RE: Explanation of Agenda Item for the December 15, 2014, Special School Board Meeting

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 1. School Board Policy 907 – Rewards.

In light of the recent High School break-in and vandalism incident, we have been in regular contact with the Northfield Police. They have advised us that the next step in the investigation should be for the Northfield Public Schools to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of this crime. In order for the school district to offer and pay a reward, Minnesota State Statute requires that the Board of Education formally adopt a Board policy allowing rewards to be offered. Due to the seriousness of this situation and the need to respond in a timely manner, we believe that passage of a policy on rewards would be justified in this situation. Passage of the policy and the subsequent offering of a reward would provide the Northfield Police Department and the District with another tool that would support the ongoing investigation of this crime.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Motion to approve School Board Policy 907 as presented.
 2. Offering of a Reward by the School District.

In consultation with the Northfield Police Department, we would recommend offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of the recent break-in and vandalism of a Northfield High School Classroom.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Motion to approve offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of the recent break-in and vandalism of a Northfield High School Classroom.
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907 REWARDS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to authorize the school board to offer rewards to persons who provide accurate and reliable information leading to the conviction of a person who has committed or conspired to commit a crime against students or school employees, volunteers, or school board members as a result of their affiliation with the school district, or against school district property.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board believes that, in certain circumstances, the offering of a reward may lead to the receipt of information that would solve or prevent a crime against students, school employees, volunteers, school board members, or school district property. The school board also believes that the fact that the school board may offer a reward may have a deterrent effect on the commission of such crimes.

III. APPROVAL OF OFFERING OF REWARDS

The school board shall approve the offering of any rewards by the school district. The approval shall specify the amount of the reward and the crime to which it is applicable. The approval may relate to a specific incident or to a continuing category of crime, i.e., assault of a teacher, damage to school property, etc.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES

The superintendent shall develop directives and procedures to address the timing and method of payment of any reward earned by an information provider. The information provided must have led to the conviction of the person who committed or conspired to commit the crime for which the reward was offered.

Policy 907 – Rewards

Adopted:

School Board

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 659

Northfield, Minnesota

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 22 (Reward)

shareholder in a corporation, established for the sole purpose of constructing, acquiring, owning in whole or in part, financing, or operating a wind energy conversion system for the benefit of the district or districts in accordance with this section. A board individually, or acting jointly, or an entity of which a board is a limited partner, member, or shareholder, may not sell, transmit, or distribute the electrical energy at retail or provide for end use of the electrical energy at an off-site facility of the board or entity. Nothing in this subdivision modifies the exclusive service territories or exclusive right to serve as provided in sections 216B.37 to 216B.43.

Subd. 22. **Reward.** A school board, after formally adopting a policy consistent with this subdivision, may offer a reward to a person who provides accurate and reliable information leading to the conviction of a person who has committed or conspired to commit a crime against students or school employees, volunteers or board members as a result of their affiliation with the school district, or against school district property.

Subd. 23. **Credit cards.** A board may authorize the use of a credit card by any officer or employee otherwise authorized to make a purchase on behalf of the district. If a district officer or employee makes or directs a purchase by credit card that is not approved by the school board, the officer or employee is personally liable for the amount of the purchase. A purchase by credit card must otherwise comply with all statutes, rules, or district policy applicable to school district purchases.

Subd. 24. **Membership in economic development, community, and civic organizations.** The board may authorize and pay for the membership of the school district or of any district representative designated by the board in those local economic development associations or other community or civic organizations that the board deems appropriate.

History: *Ex1959 c 71 art 4 s 17,22; 1961 c 225 s 1; 1961 c 562 s 13; 1967 c 173 s 2; 1967 c 704 s 1; 1969 c 21 s 1; 1969 c 104 s 1; 1973 c 491 s 1; 1973 c 739 s 1; 1975 c 162 s 41; 1975 c 359 s 23; 1975 c 365 s 1; 1978 c 616 s 5; 1978 c 706 s 20; 1979 c 334 art 6 s 9; 1980 c 609 art 6 s 16; 1981 c 194 s 1; 1981 c 358 art 7 s 22; 1982 c 548 art 6 s 4; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 309 s 24; 1987 c 398 art 7 s 20; 1988 c 605 s 3; 1988 c 626 s 1; 1988 c 668 s 2; 1988 c 718 art 7 s 21; 1991 c 265 art 6 s 22; art 9 s 36; 1992 c 499 art 12 s 8; 1993 c 224 art 12 s 16; art 13 s 17; 1994 c 647 art 6 s 11-13; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 9 s 20; art 16 s 13; 1996 c 412 art 3 s 10; art 6 s 1; 1Sp1997 c 4 art 6 s 7; art 7 s 4; 1998 c 397 art 1 s 54; art 3 s 53; art 5 s 88-90; art 6 s 62-68,98-100,107,124; art 8 s 1,2; art 11 s 3; 1998 c 398 art 5 s 55; art 6 s 17; 1999 c 241 art 9 s 19; 2000 c 489 art 10 s 2,21; 2003 c 130 s 12; 1Sp2003 c 9 art 12 s 5; 2004 c 216 s 1; 1Sp2005 c 5 art 2 s 50-52; 2007 c 146 art 2 s 15; 2008 c 349 art 11 s 1; 2009 c 96 art 1 s 5*