

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

Organizational School Board Meeting
January 12, 2015
Northfield High School Media Center

I. Call to Order.

The Organizational meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 659 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting Chair Ellen Iverson for the purpose of organizing the Board for the 2015 calendar year.

II. Organization of the Board.

A. 1. Acceptance of Notice of Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office

The three School Board members elected in the November election were Margaret Colangelo, Julie Pritchard and Jeff Quinnell. The Oath of Office for each of these persons was administered by Acting Chair Ellen Iverson. Colangelo, Pritchard and Quinnell are each beginning a four-year term of office.

2. Election of Officers.

a. Election of Board Chair.

Iverson moved and Stratmoen seconded that Julie Pritchard be nominated as Board Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Julie Pritchard was unanimously elected as Board Chair.

Pritchard and Stratmoen spoke about Iverson's excellent leadership and mentorship as Chair. Iverson expressed her gratitude for being Board Chair.

School Board Chair Julie Pritchard then chaired the remainder of the Organizational School Board meeting.

b. Election of Vice Chair.

Hardy moved and Quinnell seconded that Ellen Iverson be nominated as Board Vice Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Ellen Iverson was unanimously elected as Board Vice Chair.

c. Election of Clerk.

Maple moved and Colangelo seconded that Noel Stratmoen be nominated as Board Clerk. Hearing no further nominations, Noel Stratmoen was unanimously elected as Board Clerk.

d. Election of Treasurer.

Stratmoen moved and Iverson seconded that Anne Maple be nominated as Board Treasurer. Hearing no further nominations, Anne Maple was unanimously elected as Board Treasurer.

3. Set Stipends of Directors and Officers.

Hardy moved and Iverson seconded that the stipends for Board members be maintained at the current amount of \$190 per month for Directors and \$250 per month for the Board Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. 2015 Committee Appointments.

Board Chair Julie Pritchard asked that Board members let her know if there are any committees of particular interest. She will bring to the January 26th meeting the list of committee appointments.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the following items listed under the consent grouping.

1. Designated the Director of Administrative Services (Matt Hillmann) and Director of Finance (Valori Mertesdorf) as Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

2. The *Northfield News* was designated as the official newspaper of the Northfield School Board.

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3. The School Board authorized that facsimile signatures of officers of the Board be utilized in signing school district checks and documents.
4. The 2015 mileage reimbursement rate for use of private automobiles on School District business is 57.5 cents per mile. This is the mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

C. Item for Individual Action

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved designating Regular Meetings of the Northfield School Board to begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

III. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board adjourned the Organizational meeting at 7:17 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
Clerk