

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of the Superintendent
Memorandum

TO: Board of Education
FROM: L. Chris Richardson, Ph.D., Superintendent
RE: Table File Items for September 14, 2015, Regular School Board Meeting

VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports

1. Transformational Technology Update.
Enclosed is the power point presentation.

VII. Superintendent's Report

B. Items for Consent Grouping

1. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments.*

22. Katherine Arnold, Community School Evening Club Leader at Greenvale Park for 2.5 hours/day (T, Th) beginning 09/14/2015 – 06/08/2016; \$19.50/hour.
23. Stephanie Garcia, Targeted Services PLUS Student Site Assistant at GVP for 1.5 hours/day (M-Th) beginning 09/17/2015 – 05/18/2016; \$9.00/hour.
24. Cameron Jackson, Community Services Recreation Supervisor \$10.00/hour; General Recreation \$9.00/hour beginning 09/19/2015 – 05/31/2016.
25. Catherine Lovrien, Community School Evening Site Assistant at Greenvale Park for 3 hours/day (T,Th) beginning 09/17/2015 – 06/08/2016; Step 1, \$12.19/hour.
26. Keion Samuel, Community Services Recreation Flag Football Worker at CS beginning 09/15/2015 – 05/31/2016; \$9.00/hour.
27. Madison Sparks, KidVentures Site Assistant at Greenvale Park for 15 hours/week beginning 09/17/2015; Step 1, \$12.19/hour.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment.

54. Sara Anderson, Fifth Grade Teacher at Bridgewater, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at BW for 1.25 hours/day (M-T) beginning 11/10/2015 – 04/07/2016; Year 3, \$27.11/hour.
55. Sheila Atkinson, SpecEd EA-PCA at Bridgewater for 6.75 hours/day, add Targeted Services PLUS Site Assistant at BW for 1.5 hours/day (M-Th) beginning 09/21/2015 – 05/18/2016; Step 3, \$12.83/hour.
56. Michelle Bauer, Language Arts Teacher at the High School, add overload for Semester 2 beginning 02/02/2016 – 06/08/2016.
57. Russ Boyington, KidVentures Site Assistant at Sibley for 19.75 hours/week, change to KidVentures Site Assistant at Sibley for 22.25 hours/week beginning 09/07/2015.
58. Jill Kohel, Language Arts Teacher at the High School, add overload for Semester 1 only beginning 08/31/2015 – 02/01/2016.
59. Pilar Sullivan, GenEd EA at the NCRC, change to GenEd EA (ECFE) at Longfellow for 30 hours/week (10 hours/week Hand in Hand; 20 hours/week ECFE) beginning 09/10/2015. Pilar will also substitute with the program as needed. Step 2, \$13.84/hour.
60. Gina Swenson, First Grade Teacher at Sibley, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Sibley for 1.25 hours/day (M-Th) beginning 11/10/2015 – 04/07/2016; Year 3, \$27.11/hour.

c. Leave of Absence.

3. Michelle Bauer, Family/Medical Leave of Absence beginning 09/03/2015 for up to 60 work days.
4. Kelly Johnson, Family Medical Leave of Absence beginning on or about 11/19/2015 and continuing for 33 work days.

d. Resignation / Termination.

4. Abe Zamora, Educational Assistant at the High School, termination effective 08/31/2015.
5. Resignation by agreement.

e. TRA Part-Time Teacher Program

The Board is requested to authorize participation for Amy Moeller to participate in the TRA Part-Time Teacher Program, whereby teachers who qualify can personally purchase TRA service credit at no cost to the Northfield School District.

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

VIII. Item for Information

1. Update on Special Education Cooperative.

Transformational Technology Update

September 14, 2015

iPads

- First phase of new iPad leases received and deployed
- Student iPads distributed to grades 7-12
- Sixth grade iPad distribution this week

Casper Management System

- Implemented and tested this summer
- Students and staff enroll using network credentials during iPad set-up
- Provides much greater inventory detail and ability to manage content on iPads

Casper Focus

- Allows focusing student devices on website, app, or screen lock
- Syncs with Skyward class lists
- All secondary teachers trained

App Store Restriction

- App Store is now closed for all secondary students
- App Store remains open for elementary students with teacher supervision

Community Engagement

- Held 3 social media and internet safety sessions for parents with NPD this summer
- Held 24 short family meetings during NHS and NMS iPad distribution
- Responded to feedback from Trans Tech listening sessions with new management systems/practices

Looking to the future

- Phase 2 of new iPad leases
- Transformational Technology budget
 - iPad Leases have been moved fully to capital budget
 - Continued investment in technology resources for teaching and learning
 - Ongoing monitoring of iPad Protection Plan budget

Professional Learning

- Summer Learning Series
- Fall Professional Development:
 - Elementary iPad Set-up/Basic processes
 - Secondary Tech Team Up!
- Looking to add more ongoing opportunities
 - Transformational teaching--SAMR
 - Collaboration and communication tools

Overview of Conference Call with George Holt/MDE Finance Team – September 2, 2015

Takeaways – **2015-16 is absolutely the last year that we can operate Setting IV programs under the current JPA structure.** For 2016-17, we must either form a new Coop with Faribault or assume a host district status for any Setting 4 programs located in our district. State special education funding formula changes will only allow these two options. The comparison of the two options is as follows:

	Host District Arrangement	Two District Coop Agreement
Start Up	No action taken. Faribault runs CREC programs including EBD, mental health and transitions programs. Northfield runs Students with Unique Needs (SUN) program. Identified students from each district open enroll into district where selected program is housed.	Passage of resolution by each district approving Coop agreement. Use same agreement as SEMSEC with reduced number of districts included. Submit resolutions and agreement to MDE and receive a district number and district type
Student Enrollment	Students open enroll into host district. Host district cannot deny open enrollment. Host district becomes responsible for transportation	Any district can request placement of student into Coop program. Students cannot open enroll into Coop. Coop can be selective and determine whether to accept enrollment of a student. Resident district transports students to Coop.
Student Funding	90% of student costs reimbursed by the State. Host district is responsible for 10% of student costs. General Education Aid stays with resident district. Tuition bills sent to resident district.	100% of student costs reimbursed by the State. General Education Aid stays with resident district. Tuition bills sent to resident district. If all relevant cost are not covered can appeal to MDE.
MDE Finance	Uses host district finance, student accounting and reporting. Use MARSS SAC code 8 for at least one day, then placement to setting 4 program MARSS SAC code 19.	Uses Coop district finance, student accounting and reporting. Coop can provide services or contract with a district or 3rd party provider. Use MARSS SAC code 19.
Facilities	Host district is responsible for 100% of lease levy and build out costs of facilities (CREC - Faribault and Laura Baker School - Northfield). No Org Site rates available for Host district.	Coop district leases all the facilities and members can each lease levy for their portion of all lease costs that could include custodial, maintenance, and food service provided by the facilities lessor. Expanded Org Site Rates allow Coop to capture more costs.
Staffing	All staff are paid by host district and operate under the contract provisions of the host district	Staff can be hired by the Coop under a Coop meet and confer agreement or the Coop can enter into two contracts for purchased services with each district where facility is located. In that case, that district's contract provisions will govern staff.