

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

School Board Minutes
October 12, 2015
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.
Board Chair Julie Pritchard called the Regular meeting of the Northfield Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Hardy, Maple, Pritchard, Quinnell and Stratmoen. Colangelo and Iverson were absent.
- II. Agenda Changes / Table File
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Maple, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on September 28, 2015 were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - The Greenvale Park Community School Inaugural Annual Report highlights the many activities, participants and community partners who were a part of the Greenvale Park Community School last year. This report was distributed to all households within a one-mile radius of Greenvale Park Elementary, regardless of whether the household had students attending the school. In addition, the report will be distributed to all households who have students who attend Greenvale Park and live outside the one-mile radius, households who have children in the Greenvale Park boundary and their children do not attend Greenvale Park and households with children ages 3 and 4 who live in the Greenvale Park boundary. The report will also be shared with our community partners and funders. Many thanks to our funders, Greenvale Park parents, teachers, and administrators, and more than 30 community partners who serve on the Greenvale Park Community School Advisory Council. Funding for the Greenvale Park Community School is provided by the Minnesota Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers - Cohort 6 grant, Women in Northfield Giving Support (WINGS) inaugural "Dare to Dream" award, Rice County Public Health's "Healthy Rice County" initiative and the Northfield Area United Way.
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
There were no items for discussion or reports.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Items for Individual Action
 1. 2016-2017 School Year Calendar.
On a motion by Maple, seconded by Quinnell, the Board unanimously approved the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar as presented.
 2. Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative (CVSEC).
On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Hardy, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Leaving the Southeast Minnesota Special Education Cooperative Joint Powers Agreement. Voting 'yes' was Hardy, Maple, Quinnell, Stratmoen and Pritchard. No one voted 'no.' Colangelo and Iverson were absent.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Hardy, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Entering Into Joint Powers Agreement creating the Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative (CVSEC). Voting 'yes' was Hardy, Maple, Quinnell, Stratmoen and Pritchard. No one voted 'no.' Colangelo and Iverson were absent.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

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

1. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments*

1. Tricia R. Christopherson, .5 FTE Long-Term Substitute Grade 3 Companeros Teacher at Sibley beginning on or about 11/19/2015 and continuing for 33 work days; BA, Step 6.
2. Betsy McLaughlin, .5 FTE Long-Term Substitute Grade 3 Companeros Teacher at Sibley beginning on or about 11/19/2015 and continuing for 33 work days; MA, Step 5.
3. Deanna Rasmussen, Special Education Educational Assistant-PCA at the Middle School beginning 10/12/2015 – 06/08/2016 for 28.15 hours/week; SpecEd EA-PCA Step 1, \$13.98/hour.
4. Pamela Rivera, Special Education Educational Assistant-PCA at Bridgewater Elementary for 6.75 hours/day beginning 10/05/2015; SpecEd EA-PCA Step 1, \$13.98/hour.
5. Karl Tise, Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at the High School beginning 10/8/2015 – 11/06/2015; MA60, Step 6.
6. Event Worker – beginning 10/12/2015: Mark Johnson

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment.

1. Tracy Closson, District Grounds Coordinator, add Assistant Alpine Ski Coach at the High School beginning 11/09/2015 – 02/10/2016; Level G, Step 2.
2. Correction: Bob Gregory-Bjorklund, High School Musical Director (Fall) beginning 09/25/2015 – 11/30/2015; change from Level F, Step 7 to Level F, Step 11.
3. Kelly Hebzynski, Math Teacher at the Middle School, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher at the Middle School for up to 5 hours/week (M-Th) beginning 10/19/2015 – 05/26/2016; Year 1, \$27.11/hour.
4. Rhea Mehrkens, Writing Teacher at the Middle School, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher at the Middle School for up to 5 hours/week (M-Th) beginning 10/19/2015 – 05/26/2016; Year 1, \$27.11/hour.
5. Laurie Noonan, Special Education Educational Assistant at Bridgewater (6.75 hours/day), change to SpecEd EA-PCA at BW for 6.75 hours/day beginning 09/06/2015. (GenEd EA .50 hours/day; SpecEd EA-PCA 6.75 hours/day).
6. Anna Rubin, Grade 2 Companeros Teacher at Bridgewater, Add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Bridgewater for 1.25 hours/day (M-Th) beginning 11/10/2015 – 04/07/2016; Year 2, \$27.11/hour.
7. Micah Schultz, Social Studies Teacher at the ALC, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher at the Middle School for up to 5 hours/week (M-Th) beginning 10/19/2015 – 05/26/2016; Year 2, \$27.11/hour.
8. Chris Scoville-Riazi, Art Teacher at the ALC, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher at the Middle School for up to 5 hours/week (M-Th) beginning 10/19/2015 – 05/26/2016; Year 1, \$27.11/hour.
9. Correction: Shari Setchell, High School Musical Assistant Director (Fall) beginning 09/25/2015 – 11/30/2015; change from Level I, Step 7 to Level I, Step 6.
10. Geoffrey Staab, Math Teacher at the High School, add Assistant Wrestling Coach at the High School beginning 11/16/2015 – 02/27/2016, Level E, Step 6 (1/2 stipend).
11. Correction: Shari Bridley, SpecEd EA-PCA (7.0 hours/day) at Longfellow, add SpecEd Bus EA-PCA at Longfellow for .6 hours/day – change to .67 hours/day beginning 09/08/2015 – 06/08/2016 (7.0 hours/day to 7.67 hours/day).
12. Correction: Shelly Kruger, SpecEd EA-PCA (6.75 hours/day) at the High School; add SpecEd Bus EA-PCA at the HS for 1.25 hours/day – change to 1.42 hours/day beginning 09/08/2015 – 06/08/2016 (6.75 hours/day to 8.17 hours/day).
13. Correction: Jacqueline Meyer, SpecEd EA-PCA (6.75 hours/day) at the High School; add SpecEd Bus EA-PCA at the HS for 1.25 hours/day – change to 1.42 hours/day beginning 09/08/2015 – 06/08/2016 (6.75 hours/day to 8.17 hours/day).
14. Mark Auge, Science Teacher at the High School, add Head Baseball Coach at the High School beginning 03/21/2016 – 06/17/2016; Level C, Step 11.

15. Kiwi Bielenberg, .55 FTE PHD at LF; .15 DAPE at MS; .30 DAPE at Sibley; change to .55 PHD at LF and .45 DAPE at Sibley beginning 08/31/2015.
16. Ryan Driscoll, .80 FTE Phy. Educ. and .20 DAPE at GVP, change to .875 PE and .125 DAPE at GVP beginning 08/31/2015.
17. Andy Jaynes, .919 FTE Phy. Educ. And .081 DAPE at Sibley, change to .90 PE and .10 DAPE at Sibley beginning 08/31/2015.
18. Robyn Jessen, SpecEd EA-PCA (5.5 hours/day); GenEd EA-Supv. 1.55 hours/day at Greenvale Park, change to SpecEd EA-PCA (5.5 hours/day); GenEd EA-Supv. to 1.3 hours/day at GVP beginning 10/12/2015 – 06/08/2016 (7.05 hours/day to 6.8 hours/day).
19. Tony Mathison, .975 FTE Phy. Educ. And .025 DAPE at Bridgewater, change to .940 PE and .060 DAPE at Bridgewater beginning 08/31/2015.
20. Rustianna Mechura, KidVentures Site Assistant for 2 hours/day at Bridgewater, change to KidVentures Site Assistant for 2.5 hours/week at BW beginning 09/07/2015.
21. Heather Ryden, 1.0 FTE MTSS Coach at Greenvale Park, change to .75 FTE MTSS Coach/.25 ADSIS Tutor at GVP beginning 08/31/2015.
22. Diane Torbenson, 1.0 FTE MTSS Coach at Greenvale Park, change to .75 FTE MTSS Coach/.25 ADSIS Tutor at GVP beginning 08/31/2015.

c. Leave of Absence.

1. Brittany Ellerbusch, Family/Medical Leave of Absence beginning on or about 02/01/2016 and will extend for 8 work weeks.
2. Dana Jans, Child Nutrition Associate I at the High School, Childcare Leave of Absence beginning on or about 11/04/2015 and extending for 4 work weeks from first day of leave.

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report – October 2015.

2. “Thoughtexchange” – Engaging Communities. Informing Decisions.

Administration shared information about the Thoughtexchange process that will be implemented over the next three years to engage the Northfield Public Schools community in providing regular and thoughtful feedback about our current school district programs and operation while allowing the community to inform us about the important questions and proposals that the Board must decide upon over the next several years. For further information about Thoughtexchange and to view additional testimonials by districts currently using their program, visit their website at: <https://thoughtexchange.com>

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, October 26, 2015, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, November 9, 2015, 6:30 PM, Public Hearing, Northfield High School Media Center

Monday, November 9, 2015, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

X. On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Maple, the Board adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk