

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
January 14, 2016
Northfield High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Julie Pritchard called the Special meeting of the Northfield Board of Education of Independent School District 659 to order at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to consider and take action on the proposed administrative recommendation to expel a student.

Present: Colangelo, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, and Quinnell. Stratmoen was absent; Maple resigned effective January 12, 2016.

II. Closed Session for Consideration of Educational Data in Connection with a Proposed Student Expulsion

On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Quinnell, the Board unanimously approved moving into a closed session in the Northfield High School Conference Room for consideration of educational data in connection with a proposed student expulsion.

On a motion by Colangelo, seconded by Quinnell, at 11:30 PM the Board unanimously approved ending the closed session and opened the meeting to act on the proposed Resolution regarding a student expulsion.

III. Resolution Regarding the Proposed Expulsion of a Student

WHEREAS, the Administration served a student and the student's parent with written notice that the Administration was proposing to expel the student pursuant to the Minnesota Pupil Fair Dismissal Act;

WHEREAS, a fair and impartial hearing on the proposed expulsion of the student was held before an independent hearing officer beginning at approximately 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 2016, in the Northfield Public School District Conference Room, located at 1400 Division Street South, Northfield, Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the independent hearing officer has issued findings of fact, conclusions, and a recommendation regarding the proposed expulsion;

WHEREAS, the School Board has reviewed the independent hearing officer's findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the written notice of proposed expulsion, the name of the student proposed for expulsion, and the independent hearing officer's findings, conclusions, and recommendation are classified as private educational data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 659 as follows: The School Board hereby does not expel the student from the schools of Independent School District No. 659 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. The student is free to return to Northfield High School on Friday, January 15, 2016.

The motion for the adoption of this Resolution was duly made by Iverson and seconded by Quinnell and on a roll call vote the following voted in favor of the Resolution: Margaret Colangelo, Rob Hardy and Ellen Iverson

And the following voted against this Resolution: Julie Pritchard and Jeff Quinnell

Whereupon this resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

IV. Adjournment

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Iverson, the Board adjourned at 11:37 PM.

Noel Stratmoen
Clerk