

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

Organizational School Board Meeting
January 9, 2017
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 Julie Pritchard for the purpose of organizing the Board for the 2017 calendar year.

II. Organization of the Board.

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

The four School Board members elected in the November election were Amy Goerwitz, Rob Hardy, Ellen Iverson and Noel Stratmoen. The Oath of Office for each of these persons was administered by acting chair Julie Pritchard. Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson and Stratmoen are each beginning a four-year term of office.

2. Election of Officers.

a. Election of Board Chair.

Colangelo moved that Julie Pritchard be nominated as Board Chair. Hearing no further nominations, Julie Pritchard was unanimously elected as Board Chair.

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

b. Election of Vice Chair.

Hardy moved 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.

Quinnell moved that Noel Stratmoen be nominated as Board Clerk. Hearing no further nominations, Noel Stratmoen was unanimously elected as Board Clerk.

d. Election of Treasurer.

Iverson moved that Rob Hardy be nominated as Board Treasurer. Hearing no further nominations, Rob Hardy was unanimously elected as Board Treasurer.

3. Set Stipends of Directors and Officers.

Iverson moved and Quinnell 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. Goerwitz requested that an increase in the stipend be considered at the 2018 Organizational meeting. Colangelo suggested that a committee of staff and administrators be formed to consider Board performance and make a recommendation about increasing the stipend. Superintendent Hillmann will seek MSBA and legal guidance regarding Board stipends.

4. 2017 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 23rd meeting the list of committee appointments.

B. Items for Consent Grouping.

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

1. Designated the Director of Finance (Valori Mertesdorf) as Deputy Clerk Treasurer.
2. Designated Christine Neset, Student Information Systems Manager, as the Identified Official with Authority for MN Department of Education (MDE) Secure Website Access.
3. Designated that Regular meetings of the Northfield School Board will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.
4. The Northfield News was designated as the official newspaper of the Northfield School Board.

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5. The School Board authorized that facsimile signatures of officers of the Board be utilized in signing school district checks and documents.
6. The 2017 mileage reimbursement rate for use of private automobiles on School District business is \$53.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2017. This is the mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

III. On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board adjourned the Organizational meeting at 7:11 PM.

Noel Stratmoen

Clerk