

NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Minutes

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February 27, 2017

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 p.m. Present: Colangelo, Goerwitz, Hardy, Iverson, Pritchard, and Quinnell. Stratmoen was absent.
- II. Agenda Changes / Table File
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Iverson, minutes of the Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on February 13, 2017, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions
 - Gary Benson, Director of Project Planning and Development at Kraus Anderson, presented a \$1000 Student Learning Grant to the School Board. Board member Amy Goerwitz's name was selected during a drawing at the MN School Board Association's annual convention in January. Six grants are awarded each year for the districts selected to use in any way they see fit to enhance opportunities for teaching and learning in their facilities. This grant was given to the technology and engineering department.
 - Congratulations to the Girls Hockey team for not only their 4th place finish, but also for being this year's academic champs for section 1A. This is the first time for Girl's Hockey and an awesome accomplishment.
 - Northfield Public Schools Community Services Division's application for Pathway II – Early Learning Scholarships has received approval by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Pending final passage of the fiscal year 2018 education budget, the Pathway II scholarship allocation for our program is \$52,500.00 for SFY 2018 and \$52,500.00 for SFY 2019. The Pathway II Early Learning Scholarships support students in Hand in Hand Preschool by covering tuition costs, milk and snack costs, transportation and wrap-around childcare. This year, we have 24 students accessing a Pathway II Early Learning Scholarship. In total, there are 43 students who accessed scholarships for Hand in Hand Preschool this year.
 - Chair Pritchard thanked the Kmochs for organizing the Waffle breakfast twice. Unfortunately, both times the event had to be canceled due to the weather.
 - Pritchard also thanked the *Northfield News* for the great story about bus driver's appreciation day on February 22.
- VI. Committee Reports.
Board member Goerwitz shared reports on the February 20th meeting of the Community Services Advisory Committee and the District Curriculum and Staff Development Committee that met on February 21. Pritchard followed with a report on the February 17th meeting of Schools for Equity in Education.
- VII. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
 1. Social/Emotional Curriculum Presentation.
School Psychologist Carrie Duba shared the work of the District Student Support Services Team's Social Emotional Learning subcommittee and the progress being made with the District's effort to research and recommend a Social/Emotional curriculum in alignment with the strategic plan. Ms. Duba shared the timeline and the opportunities for stakeholders to preview the three SEL curricula identified for consideration - Strong Kids, Lion's Quest and Second Step.

2. QComp.

Superintendent Hillmann updated the Board on the District's consideration of submitting an application for the QComp program during the 2016-17 window. Given the Board's reservations about the timing of the \$91 non-voter approved levy, it was decided to "pause" QComp until the 2017-2018 window. However, it may be possible to implement some parts of the professional development plan using one-time funding already provided by the State for the Teacher Development and Evaluation (TDE) program.

3. Summary of Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation.

School Board Chair Julie Pritchard shared her summary of the Superintendent's mid-year performance evaluation. Board members gave Dr. Hillmann a very positive evaluation for his first six months as Superintendent. The numeric ratings Board members assigned, as well as their narrative comments, gave strong support for his performance. Board members expressed great confidence in his leadership and his vision for moving the District forward.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Bids for the Bridgewater Roof Bonds.

On a motion by Colangelo, seconded by Iverson, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Awarding the Sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery and Registration, and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2017A. Voting "yes" was Quinnell, Colangelo, Iverson, Pritchard, Hardy and Goerwitz. No one voted "no." Stratmoen was absent.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

On a motion by Goerwitz, seconded by Hardy, the Board unanimously approved the following items in the Consent Grouping.

a. Appointments.

1. Allison Gronli Community Services – Birthday Party Instructor for 3hrs./day on Saturdays District wide beginning 02/18/2017-05/31/2017; \$9.50/hr.
2. Margaret Jewison 1.0 FTE Industrial Technology Teacher at the High School beginning 08/23/17; BA, step 0.
3. Sandra Reiman Reading & Math Support Teacher for 4 hrs./day at Bridgewater Elementary beginning 2/1/2017-06/6/17, MA, Step 6.
4. Emma Wellman KidVentures Site Assistant for 7.5hrs./wk. M/W/F at Greenvale Park Elementary beginning 02/22/2017-06/06/2017; \$12.43/hour.
5. Event Workers for Rock N Roll Revival at the High School effective 02/24/2017:
*Jan Gillen, *Rochelle Bultman, *Esme Etter, *Rachel Reiland, *Micaela McCain, *Roxann McCain, *Selena Wagner, *Teresa Tillson, *Heidi Paulson, *Tamsen Hutton, *Tara Bamonte-Grebe and Amy Allin.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment.

1. Tammy McDonough 1.0 FTE Teacher at the Middle School, change to 1.1 FTE Teacher at the Middle School beginning 1/30/2017-6/06/2017.

c. Leave of Absence Requests Approved.

1. CORRECTION: Mary Huberg - FMLA leave of absence beginning February 7, 2017 through February 23, 2017.
2. CORRECTION: Annie Kruse ECSE Spec Ed Teacher at Longfellow, change to Early Childhood Coordinator with Community Services beginning 12/05/2016. Early Childhood Coordinator position changed from \$53,239/yr. for 52 wks./yr. to \$57,191 for 50 wks./yr. Step 4, Plus Masters Stipend.
3. CORRECTION: Heather Olivier, Orchestra Teacher at the Middle School FMLA/Childcare leave beginning 02/23/2017-through the end of the 2016-17 school year.
4. Lisa Battaglia, Teacher at the High School - Family/Medical Leave of Absence beginning on 02/13/2017-3/03/2017.

5. Krista Betcher, Teacher at the Middle School - Unpaid Leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school year.
 6. Stefanie Bothun, Band Teacher - Family/Medical Leave of Absence – Childcare beginning on 08/28/2017-01/01/2018.
 7. Jamie Moyer, Special Education Teacher – Family Medical Leave of Absence – Childcare beginning on or about 5/14/17 for 12 work weeks.
 8. Catherine O’Connor, ECSE Teacher - Family/Medical Leave of Absence – Childcare beginning on 08/28/2017-for 41 work days.
- d. Resignations and Retirements.
1. Stephen Cade, Middle School Assistant Track Coach – resignation effective 2/22/17.
 2. Marlene Ernste-Reineke Child Nutrition Associate at Greenvale Park resignation effective 03/06/2017.
 3. Dan Foley Teacher at Sibley retirement effective end of 2016-2017 school year.
 4. Debra James Early Childhood Special Ed Teacher at Longfellow, retirement effective end of 2016-17 school year.
 5. Kyle Korynta Assistant track coach at the High School resignation effective 02/16/2017;
 6. Emery Rankin-Utevsky Event Worker declined position effective 12/28/2016.
 7. Judi Vitito RTI Coach at Bridgewater resignation effective end of 2016-17 school year.
 8. Lisa Wisdorf, Kindergarten Teacher at Bridgewater, retirement effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

* Conditional offers of employment are subject to successful completion of a criminal background check and Pre-work screening (if applicable)

IX. Items for Information

1. 2018-2019 School Year Calendar.

A copy of the proposed 2018-19 school year calendar was given to the Board. The Board will be asked to take action on the proposed 2018-2019 school year calendar at its regular meeting on March 13, 2017.

X. Future Meetings

Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 5:30 PM, School Board Work Session, Northfield High School Media Center
Monday, March 13, 2017, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center
Monday, March 27, 2017, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Colangelo, the Board adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk