

**NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Minutes**

School Board Minutes

November 13, 2017

Northfield High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Northfield Board of Education of Independent School District 659 was called to order.

II. Agenda Changes / Table File

The table file was added.

III. Public Comment

Jana Hirsch, parent of a Greenvale Park student, expressed concerns about the “I Imagine” program. She asked the Board and administration to be thoughtful as they consider continuing the program.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Iverson, minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on October 23, 2017, were unanimously approved.

V. Announcements and Recognitions

- Congratulations to Community Services Director Erin Bailey for receiving Region Five’s “Community Educator of Excellence” award.
- Congratulations to High School Business Education Teacher Julie Wolner for receiving the “Outstanding Secondary Educator” award by the Minnesota Association of Career & Technical Education Administrators on November 1.
- Pritchard recognized the Annual Veteran’s Day Program at Bridgewater on November 10.
- Pritchard thanked the numerous people who participated in the high school fall play, “The Drowsy Chaperone.”
- Hardy recognized the recent death of Ray Cox and his service on the school board from 1985-2000. He had a tremendous impact on community.

VI. Items for Discussion and Reports

There were none.

VII. Superintendent’s Report

A. Items for Individual Action

1. Resolution Canvassing the Results of the Special Election.

On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of the School District Special Election held November 7, 2017, on the question of revoking the existing referendum revenue authorization of the school district and replacing that authorization with a new authorization for taxes payable in 2018 thereafter (question 1) of which 4085 voted in favor, and 3831 voted against the same. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have carried.

On a motion by Stratmoen, seconded by Hardy, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of the School District Special Election held November 7, 2017, on the question of authorizing the issuance of school building bonds for a school acquisition and betterment program (question 2) of which 3467 voted in favor, 4436 voted against the same. The passage of School District Question 2 is contingent upon the passage of School District Question 1. Question 1 having carried and Question 2 having not received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, Question 2 is hereby declared to have failed.

Hillmann thanked the community for passing the operating levy. The passage of the operating levy solidifies the district’s ability to maintain programs at the highest level. Of course, there is disappointment in the outcome of the bond referendum election. The Board will hold a work session on Monday, December 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The focus will be on the results of the bond referendum and next steps to move ahead implementing the master facilities plan.

2. Dundas Dome Lease Agreement for 2018.

On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Quinnell, the Board unanimously approved the lease agreement between Northfield Public Schools and Dundas Dome for the time period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at a full facility rental fee of \$450 per hour, not to exceed 90 hours within the lease term. was approved.

Hardy thanked Tom Graupmann for his years of service as the School District’s Activities Director. (Graupmann is retiring January 1, 2018.)

3. American Education Week Proclamation.

On a motion by Hardy, seconded by Goerwitz, the Board unanimously approved the American Education Week Proclamation.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

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

1. Financial Reports – August 2017.

The Board approved paid bills totaling \$1,781,876.72, payroll checks totaling \$852,848.76, and the financial reports for August 2017. There were no bond payments made in August 2017.

2. Gift Agreements.

The Board approved two gift agreements:

- A \$3000 donation to the Angel Fund lunch accounts from the Class of 1987.
- A \$1577 gift for summer band lessons scholarships, and \$486 for summer orchestra lessons scholarships from the Northfield Fine Arts Booster Club.

3. Personnel Items.

1. Melanie Block, Long Term Substitute Special Education EA-PCA at the High School.
2. Matthew Crase, Long Term Substitute Special Education EA-PCA at the Middle School.
3. Laura DeGroot, Weight Room Assistant at the High School.
4. Matthew Detjen, Assistant Boys Swimming Coach at the Middle School.
5. Margaret Fessler, Targeted Services PLUS Site Assistant at Bridgewater.
6. Roger Helgeson, 1.0 FTE Custodian at the High School and Bridgewater.
7. Jonah Hudson-Erdman, Assistant Nordic Ski Coach at the High School.
8. Brenda Kragseth, 1.0 FTE General Education EA-Media

Center at the High School.

9. Jamie Larson, Early Ventures Teacher at Longfellow.

10. Ellen McCarthy, Assistant Nordic Ski Coach at the High School.

11. Samuel Pratt, Targeted Services PLUS Student Site Assistant at Bridgewater and Sibley.

12. Caitlin Reuter, Dance Team Assistant Coach at the High School.

13. Patrick Riley, Assistant Boys and Girls Track Coach at the High School.

14. Rebecca Stoufis, 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher ASD at Sibley.

15. Jacklyn Swenson, Targeted Services PLUS Student Site Assistant at Sibley.

16. Melissa Bernhard, Assistant Girls Gymnastics Coach at the High School.

17. Emma Brezina, Targeted Services PLUS Student Site Assistant at Sibley.

18. Marissa Gallardo, Targeted Services PLUS Student Site Assistant at Bridgewater.

19. Henry Kelley, Weight Lifting Team Assistant Coach at the High School.

20. Daniel Taylor, Science Olympiad Advisor at the High School.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Correction: Peggy Fink, add Special Education Mentor at the High School, effective 10/13/2017-06/07/2018; \$500 Stipend-Sharing Stipend with Mary Magnuson.
2. Correction: Mary Magnuson, add Special Education Mentor at the High School, effective 10/13/2017-06/07/2018; \$250 Stipend-Sharing Stipend with Peggy Fink.
3. Charlie Alvarez, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Greenvale Park.
4. Robert Benson, add Targeted Services PLUS Site Lead at Sibley.
5. Caitlyn Bushey, change to 1.0 FTE Special Ed Teacher at Bridgewater.
6. Tina Dokken, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher at the Middle School.
7. Stephanie Ennis, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Greenvale Park.
8. Marilyn Frey, add LTS Special Ed Bus EA at the High School.
9. Rebecca Gainey, add an overload.
10. Melanie Klein, change to 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher ASD at Sibley.
11. Tiffany Malecha, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Greenvale Park.
12. Tammy McDonough, add Targeted Services BLAST Teacher at the Middle School.
13. Rebecca Meyers, change to Early Childhood Teacher at the NCRC.
14. Katie Remmey, change to a.m. Crossing Guard at the Middle School.
15. Jessica Rushton, change to Special Ed EA-PCA NB Room at Sibley.
16. Heather Ryden, add an overload at Sibley.
17. Kimberly Slegers, change to .8 FTE Health and .2 FTE Phy-Ed at the High School.
18. Rhonda Stanley, add Safety Patrol Duties at Greenvale Park.
19. Gina Swenson, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Sibley.
20. Amber Soderlund, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Sibley.
21. Melanie Block, add Long Term Substitute Morning Bus EA at the High School.
22. Marilyn Frey, change to Special Ed EA and Long Term Substitute Afternoon Bus EA at the High School.
23. Heather Ryden, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Greenvale Park.
24. Elizabeth Valentine, add Targeted Services PLUS Teacher at Greenvale Park.

c. Leave of Absence Approved

1. Kathleen Beck, FMLA leave beginning on 10/24/17 through 11/6/17.
2. Stephanie DeAdder, FMLA leave beginning on 11/22/2017 through 11/28/2017.
3. Curt Mikkelson, FMLA leave beginning 12/12/2017-01/01/2018.
4. Mark Johnson, Teacher at the Middle School, Family/Medical Leave of Absence beginning 12/01/2017-12/11/2017.

d. Resignations

1. Mary Harry-Davidson, Middle School Boys Tennis Coach, resignation effective 11/6/2017.
2. Samantha Olson, Media Center Assistant at the High School, resignation effective 11/13/2017.
3. Michelle Steele, Middle School Girls Tennis Coach, resignation effective 11/3/2017.
4. Dan Meyers, Weightlifting Team Coach, resignation effective 11/08/2017.

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

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Options Report.

Student Information Systems Specialist Christine Neset provided the 2017-2018 Enrollment Options Report. Northfield Public Schools has 411 students attending our schools from other school districts this school year compared to 313 last year. 739 Northfield students are attending school elsewhere, including other public schools (189), charter schools (280), home schools (130) and non-public schools (140). Last year 719 students attended school elsewhere.

2. Enrollment Report – November 2017.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, December 4, 2017, 5:30-7:30 PM, Work Session, NHS Media Center

Monday, December 11, 2017, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board Meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

X. The Board adjourned.

Noel Stratmoen
School Board Clerk