

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
January 12, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Board members Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, Dean Henke, John Nelson, Laura Cottington, Kim Green, and Superintendent Susan Hintz.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by John Nelson.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to accept the printed agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	The following individuals addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the Board: Jay Anderson, President of Education Minnesota – Osseo; and Collette Guyott-Hempel, community member.
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our system the opportunity to expand their learning and appreciation of the arts through trips to art museums, centers, and institutes, as well as theaters and performing arts centers.

Contributing to Community

Throughout the month of December, Kidstop students at Woodland Elementary collected 250 pairs of athletic socks as a gesture of support for soldiers stationed in Iraq. They also collected and decorated more than 100 pairs of children's socks for the soldiers to give as gifts to children in Iraq. The service project culminated on December 28, when students participated in a Skype session with Chad McNiesh, stationed with the 34th Infantry Division, to learn about life and culture in Iraq.

First, second, and third-graders at Woodland Elementary participated in "Operation: Soldiers Phone Home" last month, where each of the students created a greeting card for a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan or Iraq. Thanks to donations from General Mills employees, each student's greeting card will be sent overseas, accompanied by a calling card so soldiers can phone loved ones here in the States.

Toro Corporation generously provided gifts for 13 Crest View Elementary families this holiday season. Toro reps and employees presented gifts both to the parents and children of each family, as well as a wreath and a box of cookies.

The Maple Grove 9th and 10th grade girls' basketball teams took time during winter break to help those less fortunate by spending several hours at CROSS in Rogers organizing and stocking the food shelf. The Maple Grove girls basketball team also collected donations for CROSS at its home game against Andover on January 5.

Residents at Maranatha Care Center in Brooklyn Center enjoyed a visit from Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts Show Choirs on December 15. The choirs performed several musical pieces, choreographed performances, and sing-a-longs.

Mission-driven Employees

Marti Micks, Social Studies Teacher at BJH, has been awarded the 2010 Minnesota VFW Teacher of the Year award in the 6-8th grade category. The VFW's Citizenship Education Teachers' Award recognizes the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions. Ms. Micks will be recognized at a banquet on January 16.

Two ISD 279 educators, Bill Huston and Jill Simon, received the 2009 TIES Exceptional Teacher Award on December 15. Since 2004, TIES has

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recognized teachers in member districts who model successful practices in using classroom technology and engage students in learning. In total, 65 Minnesota teachers from 33 districts were given the Exceptional Teacher Award.

Dawn Nelson, Instructional Media and Technology Coordinator, is presenting a break-out session at the “Internet@Schools East 2010!” conference in Arlington, Virginia in April. Ms. Nelson will share how ISD 279 teachers are using Project Copernicus to leverage students’ personal technology, such as iPods and cell phones, with other equipment and online resources to teach 21st century skills in a variety of creative and engaging formats.

Achieving Results

Edinbrook Elementary hosted a Family Literacy event at the Brooklyn Park Library January 6 to equip parents with the tools, confidence and know-how to support reading habits at home. More than 400 students and their family members were in attendance at this community event, where each gained insight about literacy, enjoyed student performances and stories read aloud, and played games together.

Student confidence, courage and competence

Two seniors from each of our high schools have been nominated for the Minnesota State High School League’s AAA award acknowledging males and females who excel in Arts, Academics, and Athletics:

Park Center’s Triple A athletes are Christian Thompson and Gina Tonn; Osseo Senior’s Triple A athletes are Becca Girvan and Michael Scheffler; and Maple Grove Senior’s Triple A athletes are Hahn Chang and Anne Michael.

In partnership with the American Heart Association, Crest View Elementary’s Jump Team performed double-dutch for students at Breck Lower School to promote physical fitness and heart health. The Crest View Jump Team is made up of 16 girls from grades 4-6 who practice twice a week for the 20 demonstrations they have scheduled this year.

Lastly, Mike Looby, Executive Director of Community Engagement, gave an update on the Mission Forward Task Force.

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Chairperson John Nelson began his report by sharing that, prior to the Work Session, Superintendent Hintz submitted a letter stating her intention to retire at the end of this school year. Chairperson Nelson gave a brief summary of the work session held earlier in the evening that focused on planning for leadership succession. Chairperson Nelson

<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>reviewed the work session discussion on that topic, which began with Mr. Nelson’s affirmation of the Board’s commitment to constancy of purpose and continuity of leadership. He noted that Board discussion included options for leadership succession and the possible implications of a national search, a local search, or the appointment of an internal candidate.</p> <p>Board members agreed to conduct independent research regarding leadership succession planning, returning on January 26 to discuss what they learned and to identify next steps. If more time is needed, the discussion will continue to a subsequent meeting, with the goal of agreeing on a leadership succession process by no later than the conclusion of the regular meeting on February 9.</p> <p>Director Green reported that she and Director Epley attended an event through the Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD). This event gave them the opportunity to meet with a variety of legislators from through the metropolitan area.</p> <p>Director Epley shared that she has recently completed her site visits stating that she has personally visited each site in our district.</p> <p>Chairperson Nelson introduced Steve Antolak, who gave a brief update of the happenings in Intermediate District 287. Mr. Antolak is on the Joint Board for ID 287 and is the representative for our school district.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Epley, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2009</u></p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of January 4, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Electronic Wire Transfers (including Investments, Debt Service, MN Payroll Withholding, Flex Benefit Plan and Delta Dental) for the month of December 2009.</u></p> <p><u>Ratified Accounts Payable dated January 5, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of December 2009</u></p> <p><u>Financial Reports for the Month of December 2009</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>Approval for lease assignment to Unison for cell towers located at Basswood Elementary and the Educational Service Center</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 21st CENTURY Cohort II Grant of \$57,980 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$57,980</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Carl Perkins Grant in the amount of \$133,500 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$133,500</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Nonpublic Schools Grant in the amount of \$389,414 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$389,414</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Special Education Part B ARRA-Preschool Grant in the amount of \$126,547 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$126,547</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Preschool Supplemental IEIC, Phase 2 Grant of \$9,400 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$9,400</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process (CIMP) Grant of \$29,580 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$29,580</u></p> <p><u>Legislative Platform</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ISD 279 AND EDUCATION MINNESOTA – OSSEO, LOCAL 1212, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS, NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AFL-CIO</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the Terms and Conditions of Employment, July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2011, an agreement between the School Board of Independent School District 279 and Education Minnesota – Osseo, Local 1212, American Federation of Teachers, National Education Association, AFL-CIO.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
<p>PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ORCHARD LANE ELEMENTARY</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green, to approve the purchase agreement for Orchard Lane Elementary.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

<p>ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISD 279 SCHOOL BOARD TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MN DEPT OF EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE TO THE TOP PROGRAM</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the adoption of the resolution authorizing the ISD 279 School Board to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Education to participate in the Race to the Top Program.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
<p>GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$62,680.72.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Board Work Session, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. 2. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center.
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>At 9:22 p.m., motion by Cottington, seconded by Henke, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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