

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
February 9, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL	<p>The following members were present: Board members Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, Dean Henke, John Nelson, Laura Cottington, and Superintendent Susan Hintz.</p> <p>Board member Kim Green was absent.</p>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by John Nelson.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottington, to accept the printed agenda.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	The following individuals addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board: Scott Taylor, staff member; Collette Guyott-Hempel, community member; and Gregg Fechtelkotter, community member.
SUPT. REPORT	<p>The superintendent stated that <i>our mission is to inspire and prepare all students to achieve their dreams, contribute to community, and engage in a lifetime of learning</i>; these accomplishments are evidence that our students are achieving this mission. With assistance from Cabinet members Superintendent Hintz shared some “points of pride” that showcase some of the achievements that have taken place in our District 279 school community.</p> <p>Student Confidence, Courage, and Competence</p> <p>As part of the Singers in Accord concert series, North View Junior High and Osseo Senior High Choirs will welcome guest conductor Nick Page on February 18 to learn about community sing-a-longs. That same evening, at 7 p.m. in the Osseo Senior High auditorium, students will perform a free community sing-along concert called, “The World in Six Songs,” inspired by the Daniel Levitin book of the same title. Together,</p>

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the choirs and audience will explore six fundamental song types: friendship, joy, comfort, religion, knowledge and love.

Students in the ninth-grade choir at Brooklyn Junior High have the exceptional opportunity of learning directly from two professional jazz vocalists with local ties: Timotha Lanae, a Park Center Senior High graduate and former American Idol contestant whose photo is on the screen; and Gwen Matthews, one of the Twin Cities' favorite jazz and R&B vocalists. Lanae and Matthews are conducting six jazz clinics at Brooklyn Junior as members of Minnesota Artists for Youth Arts. The clinics will culminate in a concert at the Park Center Senior High auditorium on March 25, which will include performances by the Brooklyn Junior High Jazz band, 9th grade choir, and a special performance by Lanae and Matthews.

Park Center's gymnastics team took second place in the "Think Pink" Columbia Heights Gymnastic Invitational on January 23. They also won they award for "Top Fundraiser", raising more than \$200 in the fight against breast cancer.

District 279 athletes earned high marks in recent Northwest Suburban Conference Nordic Ski meets. In the Nordic boys' team competition, the Osseo Orioles took the meet title; and in the girls' team competition, the Maple Grove Crimson took top honors. Matt Jackels of Maple Grove was the individual pursuit champion. Park Center Senior High students Jennifer St. Peter, Nicole Ball and Kayla Ampe earned All Conference Honors, while Gina Tonn and Andy Fenske earned All Conference Honorable Mention.

The Maple Grove Senior High Math Team is advancing to the state competition, having won the Twin Cities Suburban West Division title. Seven of the top 15 placing individuals in the divisional competition—including first, second and third place winners—were Maple Grove students. We wish the team good luck at state on March 8.

Leveraging Assets

The Watch DOGS volunteer program at Edinbrook Elementary has brought more than 100 fathers and father figures into the school, where they have committed more than 85 days of volunteer service this school year. Following Edinbrook's model, Crest View Elementary is also launching a Watch DOGS program. Watch DOG volunteers play an influential role as positive role models, greeting students as they enter the building, helping in the lunchroom, reading to small groups, helping in the classroom, and mentoring students.

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Contributing to Community

ISD 279 students are continuing to help earthquake victims in Haiti:

- Responding to their class theme of “working together,” students in Rush Creek’s Four Star Express preschool and child care program hosted a penny drive to raise money for Kids Against Hunger, an organization helping earthquake victims. The students raised more than 10,000 pennies and learned that they can help fight hunger in the world.
- Elm Creek sixth-graders raised more than \$125 in donations from their families, neighbors, and friends. The AFL-CIO Union Fund matched the funds, resulting in a total of \$250 that will be used to provide food and temporary shelter for earthquake victims.
- Zanewood sixth-graders packaged meals at Feed My Starving Children on February 8.
- The Woodland Student Council is collecting donations in hopes of raising \$1,000 for the American Red Cross.

In a spirit of community partnership, the After-School Art Club students at Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts created decorations for the Brooklyn Park/Brooklyn Center Youth Council’s Blue Jean Ball held on January 22 at Embassy Suites in Brooklyn Center. Student volunteers from Park Center Senior High and Brooklyn Junior High also helped, and Triarco Arts and Crafts donated materials. The Birch Grove students’ hard work culminated in a field trip to the event location to see their decorations on display.

On February 18, Park Center Senior High will host its annual Hoops for Heart charity event, a fun basketball game between students and staff. Money is raised through a raffle for the chance to win one of 250 donated prizes. All proceeds benefit the American Heart Association.

Mission-Driven Employees

Rachel Arntson, speech language pathologist at Fair Oaks Elementary, recently published a book entitled, “We Can Talk: Tips for Enhancing Your Child’s Speech and Language.” The book is based upon Ms. Arntson’s extensive experience working with children and families, helping children improve their communication skills.

Achieving Results

On January 8, more than 200 Brooklyn Junior “A” honor roll students were invited to the school’s Bulldog Café for a special Honor Roll Breakfast sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brooklyn Park. Students received certificates and enjoyed a celebratory breakfast. In addition to school administrators and staff, special guests Gina Smith and Brian Bourassa of the Rotary Club were on hand to offer their congratulations.

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The February 2 Business Beat segment on Channel 12 showed how students in the Osseo Area Schools Community Based Vocational Assessment and Training program help local businesses. The feature story described the success students have had obtaining jobs, earning an income, and learning valuable life skills through the program.

For the 20th consecutive year, Osseo Area Schools has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International. The certificate is awarded to school districts that demonstrate quality and clarity in the preparation and issuance of their comprehensive annual financial reports, and is the highest recognition offered by the organization.

On January 29, ISD 279 Early Childhood program staff collaborated with other community partners and neighboring school districts to host the annual Family Resource Fair, showcasing educational programs and services available to families in our communities. More than 50 families attended and learned how to support their children's education. Families also enjoyed music, activities, and lunch, and each child received a free book to promote early literacy.

Achieving Dreams

Congratulations to Corbin Gillen, senior at Maple Grove Senior High, who was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Minnesota Chapter of the Germanic-American Institute. He won the scholarship by writing an essay—completely in German—that explained how he would use the scholarship to advance his study of the language. Corbin, along with his parents and German teacher, Carolyn Tischer, will attend an award ceremony in mid-February.

Lifelong Learning

At the Sno-Daze assembly on February 5, Maple Grove Senior High students watched an excerpt of the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In observance of Black History Month and in support of our mission for all students to achieve their dreams, students were challenged to ponder their individual dreams and declare them in writing on a paper globe that will be displayed in the school.

Students in North View Junior High's after-school Sewing Club have been busy learning the lifelong skill of designing and making different kinds of hats and mittens this month. Club members were previously recognized for making and donating scarves to children in Guatemala.

At the February 1st Maple Grove City Council meeting, Kidstop students from Basswood, Elm Creek, Fernbrook and Rice Lake received trophies for completing the Maple Grove Fire Safety G.L.O.W. (Giving

<p>SUPT. REPORT</p>	<p>Little Ones Wisdom) program. Students learned about fire prevention and safety, toured the fire station, climbed aboard a fire truck and met with fire fighters. Four Star students at Woodland, Cedar Island, Weaver Lake and Rush Creek are currently participating in the G.L.O.W. program.</p> <p>Superintendent Hintz shared that we've reviewed enrollment statistics back to the 2001-2002 school year and shared the good news that our enrollment is stabilizing. She stated that we are pleased that our enrollment has stabilized, and we are working very hard not only to retain students, but also to attract them and grow our enrollment.</p> <p>In the area of student achievement the superintendent shared that our data shows that the longer new students are in our schools, the faster they grow—either catching up to grade level or exceeding it. She stated that new students are those who arrive at some point after October 1 and therefore receive less than one year of instruction in our schools before they take nationally normed tests.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Epley shared that she attended an event titled <i>Journey Through Black Dance</i> at Garden City Elementary.</p>
<p>MISSION FORWARD TASK FORCE UPDATE</p>	<p>Mike Looby introduced Task Force Co-Chair, Mark Fournier who provided an overview of their meeting on February 8. Mr. Fournier shared that the group continued their brain-storming session and that the group had come to a consensus on five high-level topic groups.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Ratified Accounts Payable dated February 2, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Student Trip</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Resolution Supporting Grant Request by Independent School District 279 from the Minnesota State High School League Foundation</u></p> <p><u>Contract for Services This is an agreement between Hennepin County and ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools. ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools shall implement and be paid for the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) school intervention initiative. The total cost of this agreement shall not exceed \$96,487.</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$34,649.54</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet the Candidate, Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 8:00 AM, Maple Grove Government Center, Emergency Operations Room (lower level) 2. Meet the Candidate, Thursday, February 11, 2010, 7:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center 3. District 279 Foundation's 10th Annual: A Night Out, Saturday, February, 13, 2010, Rush Creek Golf Course. 4. Special School Board Meeting for the purpose of interviewing the Superintendent candidate, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 7:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 5. School Board Work Session, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 6. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, February, 23, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.
ADJOURNMENT	<p>At 8:42 p.m., motion by Cottingham, seconded by Henke, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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