

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
March 16, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Vice Chairperson Henke called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Board members Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, Dean Henke, Laura Cottingham, Kim Green, and Superintendent Susan Hintz. Chairperson John Nelson was absent.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Pack 84 Webelos from Rice Lake Elementary.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Henke, seconded by Cottingham, to accept the printed agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	The following community member addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board: Teresa Lunt.
SUPT. REPORT	Superintendent Hintz shared that North View Junior High recently appeared on a list of 34 Minnesota schools that will be eligible to apply for federal school improvement grants after being identified by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) as a “persistently low-achieving” school. She stated that as more is learned from MDE, we will continue to share information with our School Board, staff, and community. 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.

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Achieving Results

The Woodland Elementary Spelling Bee took place on February 19 with 26 students from grades 4-6 participating as finalists from their classrooms. The champion of this year's Bee was 4th grader Afton Aiken, who advanced to the Metro Area Spelling Bee at the Minnesota History Center on March 13.

Tora Husar, fourth-grader at Fernbrook Elementary, earned a perfect score in the Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge—a competition focused on vocabulary, analytical skills, and critical thinking. More than 200,000 U.S. students competed in the competition, and Tora was one of only 132 fourth-graders to earn a perfect score.

Two North View Junior High students received Honorable Mention honors at the History Day regional competition earlier this month. Tunmise Fawole was recognized for her exhibit about Muckraker Ida Tarbell; and Lacy Myrman was honored for her exhibit about birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger. Six other North View students participated in the History Day competition.

Rush Creek students read 303,342 minutes during February as part of "I Love to Read Month." Rush Creek students were challenged to read 201,000 minutes as a student body. As a reward for surpassing that goal, students celebrated by enjoying an Olympic-themed event filled with team-building and cooperative play activities.

The Minnesota Bar Association honored Park Center's Mock Trial team by giving it the 2010 Team Professionalism Performance Award at a banquet on March 10. The award recognizes high professional standards; to be considered, participants must demonstrate civility and courtesy; respect and fairness; honesty; integrity; and trustworthiness. The award is presented to only one Mock Trial team per year, and it is a great honor.

Emily Ford, a senior at Osseo Senior High, is a Channel 12's most recent Standout Student. A vice president of the National Honor Society and a Junior Rotarian with the Maple Grove/Osseo Rotary, Emily was commended for her leadership in the classroom and the community. Emily has been accepted to three colleges so far, and hopes to learn soon of her acceptance to the military academies at Annapolis or West Point, where she aspires to study engineering.

Student Confidence, Courage, Competence

Congratulations to the Park Center Boys' swim team on its 6th-place finish in the section meet.

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In Maple Grove Senior High athletics:

- The girls' basketball team won the section title and will compete in the state tournament this week.
- The wrestling team finished 6th in its first appearance at the state tournament.
- Both the CI and PI floor hockey teams will play in the state tournament this weekend at Bloomington Jefferson.
- The boys' swimming team finished sixth at the state swim meet.
- The boys' hockey team was runner-up in the Section 5AA hockey tournament.

Contributing to Community

On March 3, a group of Early Childhood Family Education and Special Education staff, family and friends packaged more than 1,600 meals at Feed My Starving Children. They also collected \$100 in donations to benefit the charity.

21 staff members from Park Center Senior High and North View Junior High IB World Schools participated in the Minneapolis Polar Plunge on March 6 to raise money for Special Olympics and to model for students the importance of contributing to community, which is a key concept in our system's mission. The I.B. Chillin' team dedicated its chilly adventure to students and raised a total of \$2,967.

Eight Park Center students are serving on two of the City of Brooklyn Park's strategic planning teams, helping build a bright future for their community. Using a planning model similar to the one used in our system, Brooklyn Park created a Core Planning Team, Measurement Team, and Action Teams to develop a mission statement and strategic plan for eventual approval by the Brooklyn Park City Council.

The Future Educators Club at Park Center Senior High collected more than 2,000 new and used children's books during a book drive last month. All books will be donated to Oxbow Elementary in Champlin, where the team shadows other educators.

Lifelong learning

Up With People visited Zanewood and Crest View Elementary Schools on March 2 to deliver the "Stand for Peace" program, teaching students about diversity, how to embrace differences, and how to resolve conflict peacefully. The lively program was conducted in individual classrooms using discussion, song and dance, and culminated with a school-wide assembly. Traveling with the 2010 Up With People cast is Kyle DeGraff, 2007 graduate of Maple Grove Senior High.

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Garden City hosted a Multicultural Family Literacy Night on March 4, inviting students and their families to celebrate books, participate in educational workshops and craft activities, and learn about American Indian, Hmong, Mexican and Turkish cultures. Students were encouraged to dress to reflect their individual heritage and culture. More than 150 people turned out for the event.

Leveraging Assets

Thanks to coordination by the North Hennepin Area Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership Committee and BestPrep, employees from Caterpillar, Inc. have been mentoring International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme business and management students at Park Center Senior High. The mentors and mentees corresponded via email for six weeks on topics such as college/post-secondary experience, career experience, ethics, attendance issues in the workplace, leadership roles, workplace communications, and teamwork. Students were able to meet their mentors when Caterpillar came to Park Center for a recent meet and greet.

Volunteers from TopLine Federal Credit Union hosted two financial literacy and personal money management training sessions for students at Park Center Senior High earlier this month. Nearly 80 juniors and seniors in the school's Family and Consumer Science "Real Life 101" classes participated. Students learned valuable lessons about topics such as financial planning and goal setting, saving, using credit wisely, preventing identity theft.

To help Fernbrook Elementary students celebrate "I Love to Read Month" and to reinforce the importance of science and scientific reading, the Fernbrook PTO sponsored a visit by the Science Museum of Minnesota's ExploraDome Planetarium. The ExploraDome is a portable, immersive learning environment where students experience "hands-on, minds-on" learning. Through guided inquiry based on the Minnesota state science standards, students traveled virtually to the edge of the known universe.

On March 2, Crest View Elementary kicked off its Watch D.O.G.S. program with a pizza party. Approximately 19 fathers or father-figures and their students shared a meal, participated in fun learning activities, and learned more about volunteer opportunities at the school. The fathers demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm at the opportunity to contribute to the school community.

Mission-driven employees

Dr. Wendy Barden, music curriculum coordinator, has completed a case study of math and reading achievement in grades 3-5 at Birch Grove Elementary. The multi-year study looked at possible patterns in

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<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Cottingham reviewed some of the key duties of the School Board.</p> <p>Director Epley reported that she and Director Green attended the <i>Housing for All</i> roundtable that was hosted at the Educational Service Center.</p> <p>Director Green reported that according to a summary of results of bond refunding (2005-2010) District 279 taxpayers have saved approximately \$10,883,107.</p>
<p>MISSION FORWARD UPDATE</p>	<p>Mission Forward Task Force co-chair Mark Fournier provided an update to the School Board on the task force's exploration of the topic, "academic rigor."</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES LEARNING</p>	<p>Licensed media specialists Kim Haugo (FB), Joan Magnuson (BG), and Jennifer Perusse (BW) shared a few of the many ways that today's media specialists help kids learn by using technology. Kim Haugo showed samples of student work in creating graphic novels; Joan Magnuson demonstrated use of online tools for student work such as book reports and animated videos; and Jennifer Perusse described her work in teaching students how to create interactive e-books.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Henke, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of March 2, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2010</u></p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of March 9, 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 February 2010</u></p> <p><u>Verified Accounts Payable dated March 16, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bill, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of February 2010</u></p> <p><u>Financial Reports for the Month of February 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Contract for Services This is an agreement between Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) and Independent School District 279 - Osseo Area Schools. PCG shall provide Medicaid billing services as the District's vendor July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013. The District shall pay PCG \$14.75 per claim per Medicaid eligible student that is receiving Medicaid covered services for 2010-2011, \$16.60 per claim for 2011-2012, and \$18.90 per claim for 2012-2013.</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Resolution Authorizing Line of Credit with a Financial Institution</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Amendment to the Orchard Lane Purchase Agreement Extending the Title Review Period by 15 Days</u></p> <p><u>Approval: 2010-2011 Medical, Dental, Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance Renewal Rates</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Timberland Partners Lease, Suite 7 (2,622 s.f.), 7600 Boone Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT</p>	<p>Motion by Henke, seconded by Epley, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$7,494.17.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2011, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL</p>	<p>Motion by Henke, seconded by Epley, to approve Terms and Conditions of Employment, July, 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011, an Agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and Osseo Principals Association.</p>

<p>DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD, AND OSSEO PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>The motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 6:30 PM, Conference Room W41, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 2. Negotiation Strategies Meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Closed to the Public. 3. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>At 8:58 p.m., motion by Cottington, seconded by Myszkowski, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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