

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
April 6, 2010

<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>	<p>A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Vice Chairperson Henke called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>ROLL CALL</p>	<p>The following members were present: Board members Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, Dean Henke, Laura Cottingham, Kim Green and Acting Superintendent Kate Maguire.</p> <p>Chairperson John Nelson and Superintendent Hintz were absent.</p>
<p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p>	<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Director Epley.</p>
<p>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Henke, seconded by Myszkowski, to accept the printed agenda.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD</p>	<p>The following community members addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board: Greg Friess, Collette Guyott-Hempel, Matt Regan, and Scott Regan.</p>
<p>ACTING SUPT. REPORT</p>	<p>Acting Superintendent Maguire and Cabinet members shared some Points of Pride that celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff in our school district.</p> <p><u>POINTS OF PRIDE</u> Achieving Results The Minnesota Safety Council has awarded Osseo Area Schools a Governor’s Safety Award for superior performance in workplace safety and health. ISD 279 is one of 256 employers—and the only school district in Minnesota—to be recognized at the Governor’s Safety Awards luncheon on May 14.</p> <p>Inspired to launch a book discussion pen pal program, Promise Fellow Rosie Chang and Principal Rob Mendolia challenged students to raise money at a recent Book Fair so the school could purchase reading material for the program. When students surpassed the \$1,000</p>

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fundraising goal, Principal Mendolia allowed students to shave his infamous sideburns. Now 30 students are in a pen pal relationship with their peers in Hopkins, reading books together and discussing them through correspondence.

Garden City hosted its Second Trimester Celebration with a school-wide assembly that celebrated students' academic accomplishments and contributions to the Garden City learning community through a commitment to positive character traits.

In only its second full year, Park Center's IB Programme has almost doubled the number of students seeking the full IB Diploma. Sixty-six students are enrolled in the rigorous full Diploma Programme in 2010-11, and another 400 students are taking at least one IB course next year. Fifty six students will take IB tests this spring (the first opportunity) and over 400 tests will be given in May 2011.

In March, Fair Oaks Elementary hosted two successful Family Literacy Night events for students and their families. Every Fair Oaks family participated in sessions where they learned activities they can do at home to promote reading and writing. Thanks to a 279 Foundation grant and Title I parent involvement funds, each family took home a book bag with the directions and materials for all activities as well as two free books per child.

Park Center Senior High students, under the guidance of mentor Linda Yang, have brought the CLIMB High Achievers program to Garden City Elementary. Twice a week after school, high school students work with 50 third- through sixth-grade students to help them develop self-confidence and leadership skills, and tutor them in math and reading.

Osseo Senior High's Opportunities in Emergency Health Care program took fourth place at the 24th Annual State Emergency Care Competition on February 27. The competition consists of three scenarios that involve a medical or trauma accident and test students' medical skills along with problem solving, teamwork, and dedication.

The Woodland Elementary sixth-grade Math Masters team, under the leadership of Mrs. Landers, earned tenth and eleventh place in the state competition March 13 at Robbinsdale Middle School. Two team members also earned individual honors.

Student Confidence, Courage and Competence

On March 18, Channel 12 featured Maple Grove Senior High's new show choir and the comeback of the modern-day glee club.

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More than 700 people turned out for Birch Grove's 5th annual spring musical, "Dear Edwina, Jr.," with performances on March 12 and 13. The matinee and evening shows were all sold-out performances.

The Woodland Elementary Parent Teacher Association participated in the National PTA's 2010 Reflections Art Program. Four Woodland students won state-level awards: Emily Anderson, a fourth-grader, won the Award of Outstanding Interpretation (the top award) in Film Production. Awards of Merit went to Jacqueline Crockett, a sixth-grader, in Literature; Emily Grant, a fourth-grader, in Photography; and Adrienne Manders, a second-grader, in Visual Arts.

The Maple Grove Senior High Dance Team won first place in the High Kick division and second place in the Jazz Funk portion of the Class AAA state competition.

MGSJ junior Paige Horwood won a National Danceline competition in California. This summer, she will represent the United States in an international competition in Japan.

Rebekah Holten, senior at Osseo Senior High, was named a KARE 11 Academic All Star. Rebekah was recognized for her academic excellence and her participation in the National Honor Society, Girl's State (where she was elected governor by her peers), the Nordic ski team, and various volunteer efforts.

Achieving Dreams

1999 Park Center grad and Pirates pitcher Pat Neshek has been named a relief pitcher for the Minnesota Twins for the 2010 season.

Contributing to Community

The Empty Bowls event on March 25 was a huge success. Approximately 650 people attended and purchased more than 700 bowls created by ISD 279 students, staff and Northern Clay Center employees. Empty Bowls raised more than \$10,000 to benefit the local CROSS Food Shelf.

As part of the "2010 Students Connected Through International Service Project" at Rice Lake, Park Brook, Edinbrook, Oak View, Elm Creek and Weaver Lake Elementaries, students raised more than \$6,800 to purchase school supplies and instructional materials for a school in Sasabe, Sonora, Mexico. A group of 6 fifth-graders, including one representative from each participating school, will travel to Mexico in late April to deliver the supplies and promote cultural understanding with their peers in Sasabe.

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On March 23, Zanewood’s Math/Bingo night was attended by more than 200 parents and students who enjoyed pizza and played bingo to win backpacks full of school supplies and gift cards, all donated by staff members. The event kicked off with a lively dance performance by Zanewood students who participate in an afterschool program at the Brooklyn Park Rec Center.

On February 25, the Brooklyn Junior High Jazz 1 Ensemble was invited to entertain guests at the Brooklyn Park Rotary Wild Game Fundraiser held at Edinburgh USA Country Club.

Leveraging Assets

Our employees are demonstrating that safety pays—in a very literal sense. Due to our system’s excellent claim loss ratio for 2009, we will receive a dividend in the amount of \$56,064.77 from our workers compensation insurance company.

On March 24, Park Center Senior High 11th grade English classes learned about life for children in war-torn northern Uganda through a presentation by the non-profit, Invisible Children. Students watched a documentary film that followed American high school students who traveled to Uganda to get to know some of the youth affected by war. One of the Ugandan students featured in the film was present in person to share his personal story.

During the week of March 22-26, Oak View fifth-graders participated in a Music and Phy Ed residency with the Titambe Dance Company. Students learned dances and drumming techniques, which they performed for the entire Oak View student body on March 26. It was an amazing performance, and it will be performed again during the Fine Arts Multicultural Event on May 6.

Mission-driven Employees

Donna Speake, Maple Grove Senior High guidance counselor, was honored with Education Minnesota’s Human Rights Award at the organization’s Representative Convention. The award recognizes Education Minnesota members who protect and advance the civil and human rights of students and educators.

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Director Cottington shared that she, Director Epley, Superintendent Hintz, and Assistant Superintendent Maguire attended the District 279 Foundation Trustees meeting.

Director Cottington also shared that the Foundation’s “An Investment in Youth” event is on Sunday, May 2, at Park Center Senior High. The awards program is at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Epley reported that six times per year employees from KPMG, an Audit, Tax and Advisory services firm, go to Park Brook Elementary and read to students in every classroom. Each student is given a copy of the book to take home. Director Epley attended this event.</p> <p>Director Epley also reported that she attended the March Community Education Program Advisory Council (CEPAC) meeting.</p>
<p>MISSION FORWARD UPDATE</p>	<p>Task force Co-Chair, Mark Fournier, reported that Don Pascoe, Director of Research, Assessment and Accountability, spoke to the group about school structure/grade configuration at their March 22 meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Fournier reported that task force members broke into small groups to generate a list of key observations for school structure/grade configuration to consider. There was general consensus that the 9-12 grade configuration would require further study in order to determine if it were worth pursuing.</p> <p>Mr. Fournier shared that their next meeting is on April 12.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Henke, seconded by Cottington, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Verified Accounts Payable dated April 6, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Approval for the superintendent to assist an educational agency pursuant to IX. - A. of the contract</u></p> <p><u>Approval of the Integration Revenue Budget Worksheet for FY 2011</u></p> <p><u>Approval of the recommendation to award the Transportation Contract, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Surrogate Parent Appointments 2 dated March 15, 2010 and 1 dated March 25, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Student Trip MGSB, Primavera Camping Tours to Caragena and Bogota, Columbia, June 15 - June 27, 2010</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 \$83,995.68.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.
ADJOURNMENT	At 8:37 p.m., motion by Cottington, seconded by Myszkowski, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
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