

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
May 4, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Board members Dean Henke, John Nelson, Laura Cottington, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, and Superintendent Susan Hintz.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Tammie Epley.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Nelson, seconded by Epley, to accept the printed agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	No one addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board.
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*Garden City students wrote more than 350 letters to crew members of the USS Miami in hopes of developing a pen pal relationship to learn more about life aboard a submarine.

*On April 23, Palmer Lake students played a baseball game against school staff as the reward for exceeding their reading goals during "I Love to Read Month" in February.

*On April 30, Park Center Senior High hosted the Minnesota International Baccalaureate Showcase, a community event spotlighting the learning and achievements of IB students from across the state. Approximately 900 attendees enjoyed a keynote address from author Kao Kalia Yang, arts performances by students, and culminating personal projects and Creativity-Action-Service projects.

*Hundreds attended American Indian Education Day & Wacipi on April 24. Attendees enjoyed artisan exhibits, demonstrations, Native American dance, a celebration of local graduates, food, and more. Educators also received curriculum materials providing ideas for infusing American Indian history and culture into lesson plans.

Achieving Dreams

*Artists Philip Blackburn and JD Steele partnered with ACHIEVE students and children from the Shangilia orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya to create a musical composition made up of recorded sounds and voices of both student groups. "The Magic Mirror of Life" composition involves students reciting personal proverbs and words to live by that encourage listeners to overcome obstacles in order to achieve their dreams. Next month, ACHIEVE students will have the opportunity to meet their Kenyan peers at a concert at the Ordway Theater, and the composition will be featured at the Flint Hills International Children's Festival this June in St. Paul.

*The Osseo Senior High wrestling team drafted letters and compiled care packages for troops in Afghanistan in honor of a fellow teammate's brother who was deployed earlier this year.

Contributing to Community

*More than 100 community members attended Cedar Island's first Summer Spectacular Information Fair on April 22 hosted by the Campus Schools PTO. The event provided parents with information about low-cost or free summer activities for kids, and strategies for supporting learning throughout the summer.

Student Confidence, Courage and Competence

Jessica Fife is Osseo Senior High's Athena Award winner, recognizing a female athlete who excels in individual and team sports. Jessica will be

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honored for her achievements in volleyball, basketball, and track at a banquet at the Minneapolis Convention Center later this month.

*Julia Winkelman, sixth-grader at Garden City Elementary, was awarded the Dennis Winfield Award at the Brooklyn Center Annual Police and Citizens Awards Ceremony April 21. Julia was recognized for her leadership and service as a kindergarten bus helper and as a student who consistently demonstrates kindness to others.

Congratulations to Park Center's Fastpitch Softball team on its first place finish at the Richfield Vance Crosby Softball Invitational, and to the JV Girls Golf team on its second place finish at the Glen Lake Girls' Golf Invitational.

*Maple Grove Senior High student John Belk is one of 27 students in the upper Midwest to receive the prestigious Schubert Club Bruce P. Carlson Student Scholarship. The award recognizes the two most talented student musicians in junior high, senior high, and graduate school categories, awarding scholarship money and public performance opportunities to help students pursue their musical aspirations.

Jennifer St. Peter, senior at Park Center Senior High, received a \$2,000 scholarship in the Young Epidemiology Scholars Competition for her research on weight, nutrition, and exercise.

* 52 ISD 279 high school students were honored as Star Students at the 14th annual recognition program sponsored by the North Hennepin Area Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership Committee. Students from Maple Grove Senior High, Osseo Senior High, the Osseo Area Learning Center, and Park Center Senior High were recognized in four categories: academic achievement, employment skills, student activities, and volunteer service. The Chamber awarded college scholarships to four students: Jonathan Bennett from Osseo Senior; Juhee Kwon from Maple Grove; Kehnyeh Momoh from Park Center; and Leah VanHale from Osseo Area Learning Center.

Superintendent Hintz thanked Mike Looby, Executive Director of Community Engagement, for all dedicated efforts in working with the Core Planning Team meeting and the annual Investment in Youth event that recently took place.

The superintendent also gave a brief report on the all staff professional development day where all teachers focused one of our key effective instructional strategies, differentiation.

<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Cottingham reported that she attended the Investment in Youth event that took place at Park Center Senior High. She shared that Superintendent Hintz and Chairman John Nelson received awards at this event.</p> <p>Director Epley reported that she and Park Brook Principal Scott Taylor took six students to Arizona and Mexico where they deliver approximately \$7,000 in supplies and equipment to a school in Mexico. The students are part of the Students Connecting through International Service program.</p> <p>Director Green reported that she and Director Henke attended The Mentor Connection at Intermediate District 287. At this event, 10 students from ISD 279 – Osseo Area Schools displayed the projects they worked on with their mentors.</p> <p>Superintendent Hintz reported that she has been meeting with various groups and requested that, as the school year comes to a close, we make the best use of every minute of every day.</p>
<p>MISSION FORWARD UPDATE</p>	<p>Mission Forward Taskforce Co-Chair, Linda Yang, reported that their last meeting consisted of a snapshot of public school choice. She shared that Kim Riesgraf, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, and Barb Olson, Director of School/Community Relations, spoke on enrollment and charter schools. Ms. Yang stated that the taskforce is forming groups for their final report.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: DISTRICT PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC) REPORT</p>	<p>Eric Schneider introduced Amy Gibson, Shannon Heim, and Brenda Troiani who are members of the District Planning Advisory Council (DPAC) team. These individuals presented their report of recommendations to the School Board. The purpose of DPAC is to provide combined community and ISD 279 staff involvement in planning for and evaluation of existing instructional programs in our system. As an advisory group, DPAC develops recommendations for School Board consideration, which is in line with one of the results under the “Overcoming Obstacles” strategy found in our strategic plan: “Our system is continually reviewing site and system policies, procedures, practices, and proposals to ensure our mission is achieved.”</p> <p>Summary of 2009-2010 DPAC recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train all English Language Learner teachers in the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol, which makes grade-level academic content more accessible to English Language Learners. 2. Increase access to the accelerated math curriculum.

<p>PRESENTATION: DISTRICT PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC) REPORT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Set a target for growth on the NWEA/MAP assessments from Spring to Spring. 4. Reduce the achievement gap. 5. Increase implementation of the Full Option Science System (FOSS) Kits for K-6. 6. Implement effective classroom technology in grades 7-12. 7. Integrate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) into K-12 scope and sequence, which means incorporating STEM themes into other academic areas, e.g., social studies, reading, writing. 8. Implement Science Notebooks in the K-6 curriculum; notebooks are a tool that can be used to deepen understanding of science content.
<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 April 20, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Verified Accounts Payable dated May 4, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Student Trips</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Track Resurfacing Bid Award</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Boiler Equipment Bid Award</u></p> <p><u>Resolution: Proposing to place Rebecca Cranston on Unrequested Leave of Absence</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Tennis Court Resurfacing Bid Award</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$45,178.55.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Board Work Session. Tuesday, May 18, 2010 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 2. Negotiation Strategies Meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 PM, Conference Room N10, Educational Service Center. Closed to the Public. 3. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.

ADJOURNMENT	At 9:12 p.m., motion by Cottingham, seconded by Henke, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
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