

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
May 18, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, May 18, 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 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 Kim Green.
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 School Board: Cammie Morris, community member.
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to receive this honor.

*On April 27, Elm Creek Elementary fifth-graders toured the Minnesota State Capitol and the Minnesota History Center for a special hands-on civics and history lesson. Students also spent time with Representative Kurt Zellers and Senator Warren Limmer, who greeted students and answered questions about life in politics.

*54 Park Center students became the first group of ISD 279 students to take International Baccalaureate exams earlier this month. Students took exams in Business Management and Physics, marking the first testing season of the new IB Diploma Programme at Park Center.

*On behalf of Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts, Principal Jeff Zastrow and Birch Grove colleague Stephanie Vleck accepted the 2010 Magnet Schools of America Award of Excellence at the organization's national conference in early May. They were joined by North View Junior High and Park Center Senior High who accepted a joint School of Excellence Award. Weaver Lake Elementary accepted a School of Distinction Award.

*Students in Mr. Wallace's fifth-grade class at Basswood Elementary participated in 2010 Brain Awareness Week activities sponsored by the University of Minnesota's graduate program in neuroscience. Students participated in interactive demonstrations of brain functions and observed a real human brain.

*Congratulations to Park Brook sixth-grader Da'sha'nae Pharms, winner of a recent spelling bee hosted by the A-mon-nue Sport & Social Association, a local organization that provides sports, education, and civic engagement opportunities for youth ages 7-18. More than 125 parents and community members cheered on contestants from area schools. Representing our district were Board member Laura Cottington, Palmer Lake principal Tommy Watson, and Zanewood student learning advocate Kendra Kuhlmann.

Student Confidence, Courage, and Competence

*Adam Jacobs and Tyler Olson, ninth-graders at Brooklyn Junior High, took top honors as "Best in Fest" in the narrative film category at the .EDU Film Festival held May 14-15, entering a film they created in HP English class. Another film by Adam was named a finalist in the documentary category. A film by Jonah Reid, of Maple Grove Junior High, also was accepted into the juried competition. The .EDU Film Festival is the only school-sponsored student film festival in Minnesota, and students from our school district were participating for the very first time.

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On May 12, 16 Maple Grove Senior High Future Educators Club students were joined by 16 guest staff members at the club's year-end banquet. Each student stood before the group and read a story reflecting gratitude for the special memories of how the educator touched the student's life. Students planned and managed all aspects of the banquet, including fundraising efforts to pay the costs.

*The ninth-grade Model United Nations team at North View Junior High participated in a senior-level simulation of a United Nations conference on April 27 at Hamline University. The team competed earned accolades for best position paper, best delegation, and honorable mention.

Park Center sophomore Marissa Tarr was selected from a group of more than 2,000 Minnesota students to participate in the Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Band this summer. Marissa will join several hundred other student musicians at a week-long summer camp, and will perform at a mid-winter clinic next February.

Leveraging Assets

*On May 7, Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts hosted its annual "Spotlight on the Arts" event to raise money to sustain and enhance arts programming. More than 200 attendees enjoyed student demonstrations by the media and visual arts troupes, as well as dance, drama, and show choir performances.

Osseo Area Schools recently received a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. The three-year grant will enable the expansion of counseling services, programming, and intervention strategies to support academic success for students at nine elementary buildings.

Contributing to Community

*Fernbrook Elementary students raised \$10,824 in the school's 2010 Walk for the Cure. Each year, students collect donations from friends and family to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation in honor of parent volunteer, Laurie Whitt, who lost her battle with breast cancer. The event takes place during phy ed class, during which students walk for 25 minutes along a track decorated with cancer awareness posters. Since 2001, Fernbrook families have raised more than \$76,000 for the cause.

*The second annual Maple Grove Run for Darfur took place on May 15. This event was created, organized, and staffed entirely by ISD 279 student volunteers who wish to aid those affected by the ongoing violence, political unrest, and poverty in Darfur, Sudan. Students are still counting the proceeds, but expect that the funds raised at this

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year's run will meet, if not exceed, last year's total. All proceeds will benefit the American Refugee Committee.

25 members of the Park Center Asian Club recently gave up a Saturday to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children to package, weigh, and box meals. By contributing to community, students learned how their hard work will directly improve the lives of overseas children living in poverty.

*On May 14, Rice Lake Elementary students collected trash outdoors as part of a good citizen project teaching kids how to care for their community.

Mission Driven Employees

May 3-7 was officially Teacher Appreciation Week, but many schools in our system took the opportunity to celebrate all employees, including teachers, administrative ESPs, lunchroom staff, bus drivers, nurses, and other support staff. In activities organized by PTOs, volunteer coordinators, students and principals, staff members enjoyed special treats, notes of encouragement, full breakfasts and luncheons, and other gestures of appreciation, often provided with support from local businesses. Even Brooklyn Park Mayor Steve Lampi got in the act with a proclamation honoring all teachers and staff.

Superintendent Hintz introduced the newest member the executive leadership team, Dr. Keith Jacobus. Dr. Jacobus is the Assistant Superintendent of Leadership, Teaching and Learning and will begin on July 1, 2010.

The superintendent concluded her report by giving a brief update on the School Board Work Session that preceded this meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kate Maguire gave an update on the denotation for North View Junior High and our response to it to help provide a better understanding of this to our community.

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Director Cottington reported that she attended a spelling bee.

Director Green reported that she attended a teacher appreciation night at Maple Grove Senior High that was heartwarming.

Director Green also reported that the Board is well aware of what is happening with the current legislative budget session and will continue to watch it diligently.

Director Henke also provided some details on the current legislative budget session.

<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Chairperson Nelson reported that prior to this meeting the Board had a closed session meeting to discuss the annual performance review of the superintendent. Chairperson Nelson gave a brief summary of that meeting and reported that the superintendent was given an outstanding evaluation and that she was rated between a 4.5 and 5 in each area.</p>
<p>MISSION FORWARD UPDATE</p>	<p>Mission Forward Task Force co-chair Mark Fournier reported that the task force had their last information gathering session; which focused on student behavior. Dr. Kate Maguire spoke on effective schools framework. The received a review of the suspension data, demographic data, and discipline data. Mr. Fournier stated that the group reviewed the final topics and they are getting ready for their final report.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND 2010-11 PRIORITY RESULTS RECOMMENDATIONS</p>	<p>Superintendent Susan Hintz's gave her annual report to the School Board regarding our system's progress on our strategic plan, and her recommendations for new priority results for 2010-2011.</p> <p>The new priority results, approved by the School Board, include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under the All Employees strategy: <i>A collaborative culture permeates our district to sustain our mission.</i> 2. Under the Overcome Obstacles strategy: <i>Our system understands the attributes of efficacious learners and is beginning to integrate them into classroom activities throughout the school.</i> 3. Under the Leverage Assets strategy: <i>Students are willing and knowledgeable advocates for our mission and core values.</i>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Electronic Wire Transfers (including Investments, Debt Service, MN Payroll Withholding, Flex Benefit Plan and Delta Dental) for the month of April 2010</u></p> <p><u>Verified Accounts Payable dated May 18, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of April 2010</u></p> <p><u>Financial Reports for the Month of April 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Student Trips</u></p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>Surrogate Parent Appointments: Two surrogate parent appointments dated May 10, 2010 and one dated May 14, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Resolution: Termination of Long-Term Substitute Teachers</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Resolution: Termination of Probationary Teachers</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Resolution Supporting Activity Participation and Sportsmanship in Partnership with the Minnesota State High School League Foundation</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Pavement Resurfacing Bid Award</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Cedar Island Boiler Installation Bid Award</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Resolution Purposing to Remove Rebecca Cranston from Unrequested Leave of Absence</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2011, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD, AND MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL I-M</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the terms and conditions of employment July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011, an agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and Management Personnel I-M.</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 \$33,544.50.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF PRIORITY RESULTS FOR 2010-11 AS DETAILED BY SUPERINTENDENT HINTZ</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the priority results for 2010-11 as detailed by Superintendent Hintz.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 6:30 PM, Conference Room W41, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 2. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 8:00 p.m., Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.

ADJOURNMENT	At 9:04 p.m., motion by Cottingham, seconded by Epley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
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