

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
June 15, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Board members Dean Henke, John Nelson, Laura Cottingham, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, and Superintendent Susan Hintz.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by John Nelson.
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	No one addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board.
SUPT. REPORT	<p>Superintendent Hintz 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 Congratulations to Leah VanHale Gervais, recent graduate of the Osseo Area Learning Center, who was recognized as a Channel 12 Standout Student for her initiative and persistence to learn, and her ability to overcome obstacles.</p> <p>Congratulations to the Park Center Fastpitch Softball team on winning the State 2AA Softball Tournament on June 10 and 11 in Mankato. Coach Steve Ericson was also named “Section Coach of the Year.”</p> <p>The Oak View 6th grade chorus helped kick off the Twins game vs.</p>

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Kansas City on June 8 by singing the national anthem to a packed stadium of baseball fans.

The Maple Grove Senior High girls softball team won the section 5AAA title to earn a spot in the state tournament, where they took 4th place.

Cedar Island Elementary held its second annual Vocabulary Parade on June 4. Through this event, students celebrate the vocabulary words they learned this year by dressing up in a way that demonstrates the meaning of their assigned word. More than 500 parents, grandparents, and siblings attended the Vocabulary Parade.

Achieving Results

International Baccalaureate physics students at Park Center Senior High undertook a special project to identify the best design for crumple zones on cars to reduce the effects of a crash. Students followed lines of inquiry and employed graphic analysis and computer-monitored pressure measurements to pinpoint the most effective form of protection. Students investigated, planned, created, and evaluated each aspect of their design, leading to continuous self-guided improvement—an example of IB learning at its best.

Osseo Senior High's 10HP English class set a record for the number of student works recognized and published in a single year in professional publications and through contests. To date, writings of 207 students have been published in A Celebration of Young Poets, Anthology of Poetry, Calliope, and others.

Park Brook students enjoyed a special tea party on June 9 to share the stories they wrote during this year's Writers Workshop with teachers and their peers.

Weaver Lake sixth grade teacher Mary Moran decided to turn the school's summer tuckpointing project into a math challenge by asking students to calculate how many miles of mortar will be replaced. The students used every math skill they had learned during the year to complete this challenge. They accounted for the area of the windows, determined the areas of various surface area shapes, calculated the ratio of mortar to brick, used proportions to complete the estimation, used formulas for areas of parallelograms and triangles, interviewed staff to gather additional information, and used Google Earth to validate measurements and measure the parts of the building they couldn't see. They used altimeters to measure the height of the building. Ms. Moran said the students were highly engaged and excited about developing the process and solving this real world math problem. Students determined that the project will require 7.63 miles of mortar.

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Eleven Osseo Area Learning Center students earned “Workplace Readiness” certificates by completing required curriculum and activities in the College & Career Readiness Seminar and/or a work-based learning experience such as a community internship. The Workplace Readiness program is a collaboration between ISD 279 and the North Hennepin Area Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership Committee.

Three students from Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math and Technology School received Honorable Mention—scoring in the top 10% in the nation—in the WordMasters Challenge, a national competition that encourages growth in vocabulary and verbal reasoning.

Leveraging Assets

On June 10, Osseo Junior High unveiled a mosaic made up of ceramic tiles 9th grade students designed to interpret the Bill of Rights, patriotism, and the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens. Special thanks to former ISD 279 custodian Bill Yarco of Yarco Ceramic Tile for providing materials and donating his time to install the mosaic.

With the help of a grant from the District 279 Foundation, Zanewood Community School provided an outdoor education experience for 5th and 6th grade anglers. For three weeks, students attended class after school to learn fish identification, equipment use, lure selection, and fishing ethics. Each student received a fishing pole, a tackle box filled with lures, and a fishing hat. The final meeting included a field trip to Moore Lake where students practiced what they learned by casting, catching, and safely removing fish from their lines.

The Maple Grove Senior High Music Boosters Club generously awarded three \$500 scholarships to music students this year.

Contributing to Community

Zanewood Community School hosted its annual end-of-year BBQ picnic on June 3, bringing together students and families to celebrate another successful school year. The Blue Lake Dance project, featuring Zanewood students, performed hip hop dances for entertainment. The event also served as a launch party for a partnership between Zanewood, CEAP, and Target to provide Zanewood families with food assistance.

Weaver Lake third-graders recently donated \$1,200 to Feed My Starving Children. The donation was funded by the profits from the “Math at the Snack Shop” project, where 3rd graders applied their math skills by managing the snack shop, controlling inventory, ordering new products, and selling healthy snacks to students and staff.

<p>SUPT. REPORT</p>	<p>Basswood Elementary participated in the annual Minnesota FoodShare campaign this spring by hosting a school-wide food drive, which produced 2,624 donated items for CEAP.</p> <p>Mission-driven Employees Adult Basic Education instructor Paula Freiermuth has completed national certification for STAR—Strategies for Achievement in Reading. STAR is a national evidence-based reading instruction initiative to teach reading to the approximately 50% of the adults in the U.S. who read below the 8th grade level. Nationally certified trainers are able to provide training, coaching, and technical assistance to adult education programs throughout the United States.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Cottington stated she recently attended a District 279 Foundation meeting and gave a brief report.</p>
<p>MISSION FORWARD UPDATE</p>	<p>Mike Looby, Executive Director of Community Engagement, reported that the Mission Forward Taskforce has completed their work and are now writing their final report which will be presented at the July 13, 2010 School Board meeting.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: MARKETING ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW</p>	<p>Barb Olson, Director of School/Community Relations, gave a brief presentation which reviewed the current and future strategies to increase our district’s enrollment in a competitive school choice environment.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES LEARNING: CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS</p>	<p>Tim Wilson, Chief Technology Officer, presented a summary of how our district has established classroom technology standards and what we are doing to bring our classrooms to that standard. Mr. Wilson also summarized the Instructional & Information Technology Team 2010 annual report.</p>
<p>REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Director Henke requested that item 9M, <u>Approval: First Amendment to Purchaser Representation Agreement with Pfeffer Company, Inc.</u>, be removed for further discussion.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as amended:</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 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 May 2010</u></p>

	<p><u>Verified Accounts Payable dated June 15, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of May 2010</u></p> <p><u>Financial Reports for the Month of May 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Student Trips</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Request to State Demographer to certify the school district enumeration of 136,700 as of June 2010 as a special census; and that said figures be considered the official census of persons residing in the school district.</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Success for the Future in the amount of \$69,445 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$69,445.</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Success for the Future – Amended Budget - in the amount of \$2,170 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$2,170.</u></p> <p><u>Approval of FY11 Workers' Compensation Carrier</u></p> <p><u>Approval: Osseo Ice Arena Metal Roof Replacement project to R.J. Marco</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ACTION ON ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Following a brief discussion, motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve item 9M from the consent agenda, <u>Approval: First Amendment to Purchaser Representation Agreement with Pfeffer Company, Inc.</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>APPROVAL: FY 2011 BUDGET</p>	<p>Kelly Benusa, Director of Business Services, provided a summary of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 (FY2011). Ms. Benusa stated that it is estimated that we will receive \$8.7 million more revenue for FY2011 than the FY2010 revised budget, or an increase of 4.71%. The estimated expenditure budget is \$6.7 million less than projected. The assumption used in this projection was a 4% increase in expenditures.</p> <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the FY 2011 budget.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottington, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$25,632.88.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>APPROVAL: SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT FOR JULY 2010 – JUNE 30, 2013</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green, to approve the Resolution relating to approval of superintendent contract by and between the School Board and Dr. Katherine P Maguire.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p> <hr/> <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green, to approve the Letter of Agreement between Dr. Katherine P Maguire, the School District and the School Executives Association.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Prior to the announcements, Chairperson Nelson presented Superintendent Hintz with a plaque on behalf of the School Board and thanked her for her 9 years of dedicated service to the staff, students, and community of ISD 279 – Osseo Area Schools.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Board Work Session, Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Topic: North View School Improvement Plan. Open to the Public. 2. Negotiation Strategies Meeting, Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 7:00 PM, Conference Room N10, Educational Service Center. Closed to the Public. 3. Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 5:30 PM, Conference Room W42, Educational Service Center, Open to the Public. 4. School Board Work Session, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 5. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.
ADJOURNMENT	<p>At 9:45 p.m., motion by Henke, seconded by Cottington, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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