

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Independent School District 279 School Board  
August 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.
ROLL CALL	<p>The following members were present: Board members Dean Henke, John Nelson, Laura Cottingham, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, and Superintendent Kate Maguire.</p> <p>Board member Lin Myszkowski was absent</p>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Laura Cottingham.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to accept the printed agenda.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	The following community member addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board: Collette Guyott-Hempel.
SUPT. REPORT	<p>Superintendent Maguire stated that a regular part of the superintendent's report is to celebrate students who are demonstrating courage, confidence, and competence and to acknowledge staff and community members who are inspiring and preparing students achieve their dreams, contribute to community and engage in a life time of learning by sharing points of pride.</p> <p><b><u>Points of Pride</u></b> <b>Achieving Results</b> Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports released last week by the Minnesota Department of Education showed that the trend in our school district mirrors the rest of the state. Nearly 80% of Osseo's eligible groups made AYP in 2010, exactly the same number that made AYP in 2009. The number of ISD 279 schools that made AYP across all groups grew from five in 2009 to six in 2010, including Cedar Island, Fair Oaks, Garden City, Maple Grove Senior High, Rush Creek and Zanewood. The 2010 results also showed that, according to</p>

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Minnesota's growth model, Osseo students are growing at levels greater than or comparable to neighboring school districts and charter schools.

Business students in Park Center's IB Diploma Programme recently received the results from their first year of IB testing, and the results are excellent. 90% of the students who took the business test earned a passing score, which is equivalent to earning a 3 on an AP exam (a score generally considered eligible for college credit). In addition to an exceptional passing rate, the students' average score was slightly higher than the worldwide average. Since last year was the very first year of the Diploma Programme at Park Center, these IB exam results are outstanding.

### **Student Confidence, Courage, and Competence**

On August 11, twelve student athlete leaders from each of our three high schools attended the Northwest Suburban Conference Leadership Conference, a one-day event whose goal was to strengthen student leadership in schools. After the conference, Osseo Senior High student Justine Simon said, "We're excited for the new school year to begin and to bring our ideas and enthusiasm to our school. We love Osseo and just want to keep making it better and more awesome."

Congratulations to Maple Grove Senior High for placing among the top 10 state high schools in the Minnesota State High School League's Challenge Cup. The Challenge Cup recognizes excellence in fine arts and athletics, as measured by each school's participation in state competitions and events. Maple Grove Senior High's ranking marks the first time a Northwest Suburban School has appeared in the top 10 list.

The August issue of Maple Grove magazine features 3 stories about ISD 279 student confidence, courage and competence: the Osseo Senior High's cheer squad taking second place at the United Performing Association's national competition; the successful Taste of Maple Grove fundraiser for the Maple Grove Dance Team; and a story profiling several outstanding student athletes.

On August 12, Osseo Senior High hosted its first annual Student Leadership Summit, inviting 170 student leaders to learn about what it means to inspire others with the confidence, courage and competence to lead and make a positive difference for others. Together, the student leaders will develop and execute a character education program during the 2010-11 school year emphasizing the attributes of attitude, integrity, self-control, courage, responsibility, honesty, respect and perseverance.

### **Contributing to Community**

For their annual community service project, Rush Creek Kidstop

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students donated 1,236 pairs of shoes and \$902 to Souls 4 Souls, a nonprofit that provides new and gently used footwear to children overseas. Cosmic Club students pitched in by selling cookies, doughnuts and coffee to raise money to mail the shoes. On August 10, students and staff were joined by Vikings cheerleaders in a Skype session to present their gift to Souls 4 Souls representatives in Nashville.

On August 12, Rush Creek students and parents assembled more than 1,000 sandwiches for 363 Days, an organization that distributes meals to the Twin Cities' homeless. Special thanks to Rainbow, Cub and Target for donating the sandwich ingredients.

At the July 24 Osseo Concert in the Park, several Osseo students modeled contributing to community: they held a mini-bake sale whose proceeds went toward cancer research. Supt. Kate Maguire was also on hand to meet and greet concert attendees.

Thanks to Basswood PTO's 2010 fundraising efforts, students this year will benefit from a \$12,000 investment that enhanced the school's leveled reading library.

**Mission-Driven Employees**

More than 150 ISD 279 educators attended the Summer Assessment and Leadership Institute in late July to learn about successful practices in grading and assessment in order to provide meaningful feedback regarding student learning.

Congratulations to our system's Community Education staff, who completed a rigorous process to achieve national accreditation for after-school programming from the National Community Education Association. NCEA praised our district's programming in its report, stating, "Certainly the out-of-school programs provided by Community Education in District 279 are among the strongest and best managed programs that have ever participated in the NCEA accreditation process. District 279 has fully embraced a systems approach to school management that has permeated throughout the district."

**North View Grant**

Superintendent Maguire shared that she was pleased to be able to report the outcome of our efforts to on the grant application for funds for North View Junior High. Our system has been awarded \$1.7 million (total over three years) to improve student achievement at North View Junior High. The superintendent stated that as required by the grant, we will provide system resources to complement the activities funded by the state funds. In fact, we were committed to taking action to improve student achievement at North View whether or not we

<p>SUPT. REPORT</p>	<p>received the grant. The grant will be immensely helpful, though, by providing additional capacity to accelerate the work we know is necessary at North View. The superintendent shared the three main areas of focus; instruction, school climate and culture, and community and family engagement.</p> <p><b>PREPARATION FOR START OF SCHOOL</b> Cabinet members reported on the preparations that have taken place for the start of school.</p> <p>Kim Riesgraf, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, reported on the preparation of our physical facilities; Rich Melvin, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported on new teacher preparation; and Keith Jacobus, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership, Teaching, and Learning, reported on experienced teacher preparations, and Superintendent Maguire reported on the preparation of our leaders.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>As part of the School Board reports Director Green gave a brief overview of the July 13 School Board Work Session on Grading and Reporting; Chair Nelson gave an update on of the work of the School Board Policy Committee; Director Epley reported on the Minnesota School Boards Association Summer Seminar that she and Director Green attended; Director Henke spoke on grading and reporting; and Director Cottingham responded to a community member who spoke during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: AN OVERVIEW OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN 2010</p>	<p>Don Pascoe, Director of Research, Assessment, and Accountability presented an overview of our districts student achievement in 2010.</p> <p>Mr. Pascoe stated that the purpose of his presentation was to examine the patterns that the system can celebrate, and the ones that present challenges in order to support your work as a Board.</p> <p>The report was framed by two parts of our mission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>All students</b> - Who are “all students” and how is that changing? This report examined patterns in ethnic, economic and special program characteristics of our students.</li> <li>2. <b>Competence</b> - How well do we “prepare all students with the competence” to meet our strategic objectives? This report explores math and reading achievement patterns evident in the results from the NWEA MAP, MCA II and our schools’ AYP results.</li> </ol> <p>At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Pascoe answered questions from Board members.</p>

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA	Director Henke removed item K, <u>Application for Conditional Use Permit, Former Osseo Elementary Site</u> , from the agenda for further discussion.
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as amended:</p> <p><u>Minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Ratified Accounts Payable dated August 3, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Verified Accounts Payable dated August 17, 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 June 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of June 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 July 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of July 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Resolution Relating to Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election</u></p> <p><u>Designation of Responsible Authority</u></p> <p><u>Contract for Services</u>  This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and Dr. Larry Blackmer, The Grant Writing Network. The consultant will work collaboratively with the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant partners to refine the evaluation plan and instruments, help complete federal and state reports, review evaluation findings and explore areas of improvement, provide continuous feedback and make necessary modifications. The contracted services will begin on July 1, 2010 and end on June 30, 2011. The contract will not exceed \$20,000. Funding Source: 21st Century Community Learning Grant.</p> <p><u>Contract for Services</u>  This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and</p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks. The consultant will conduct after-school Sports &amp; Fitness, Career Exploration, Teen Advisory Board, TeenZone and Field Trips for students at North View Junior High IB World School and Brooklyn Junior High School between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. The contract will not exceed \$35,000. Funding Source: 21st Century Community Learning Grant.</p> <p><u>Contract for Services</u> This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and TreeHouse. The consultant will conduct Support Group meetings, One-to-One meetings, Going Deeper meetings and activities for students at North View Junior High IB World School and Brooklyn Junior High School between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. The contract will not exceed \$35,000, plus \$3,500 for transportation services. Funding Source: 21st Century Community Learning Grant.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ACTION ON ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Following a discussion by Board members, Chair Nelson presented a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the Application for Conditional Use Permit, former Osseo Elementary Site; the motion was seconded by Director Green.</p> <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green to approve of item K of the consent agenda, <u>Application for Conditional Use Permit, Former Osseo Elementary Site.</u></p> <p>The motion carried on a 4-1 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 \$10,107.23.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>POLICY COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Director Henke asked to have Policy 725 - Establishing School Attendance Boundaries considered as a separate item.</p> <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the second and final reading of the following policies;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy 616 - School District System Accountability</li> <li>2. Policy 650 - Community Involvement in Education Program Develop: Site Councils</li> <li>3. Policy 651 - Community School Cooperation in Setting Goals, Evaluating Progress and Planning Improvements in the Instructional Program: District Planning Advisory Council</li> </ol>

POLICY COMMITTEE	<p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> <hr/> <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottington, to approve the second and final reading on Policy 725 - Establishing School Attendance Boundaries.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School Board Work Session, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. Topic: Mission Forward Task Force.</li> <li>2. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 31, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> </ol>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>At 10:16 PM, motion by Cottington, seconded by Henke, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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