

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Independent School District 279 School Board August 31, 2010	
CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Board members Dean Henke, John Nelson, Laura Cottington, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, and Superintendent Kate Maguire.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Lin Myszkowski.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to accept the printed agenda.  The motion carries unanimously.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	There were no individuals who addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board.
SUPT. REPORT	<p>Superintendent Maguire shared 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. Cabinet members shared the following points of pride.</p> <p><b>Achieving Results</b>            North View Junior High launched a new program called WEB, which stands for "Where Everyone Belongs." The program pairs incoming 7th grade students with 9th graders to help ease the transition to junior high. The mentor-mentee pairs recently attended an orientation session together and participated in team-building activities at Camp Ihduhapi and will also engage in regular conversations throughout the school year.</p> <p>North View Junior High is also launching a "School Community" class for all students that shares information about the ins and outs of junior high. Students will learn about conduct expectations, participate in meet-and-greet sessions with administrators and student support staff,</p>

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and engage in instructional and team-building activities to help foster a positive school environment.

Over the summer, approximately 700 high school students were served through academic programs coordinated by the Osseo Area Learning Center:

- More than 300 students earned a combined total of 380 credits through an eight-week Independent Study Program.
- 148 students in the 9th grade credit recovery program replaced a failing grade previously earned in a core subject area.
- More than 200 students participated in the BST-MCA/GRAD Prep and Test courses achieving the following outcomes:
- 98% of students who retook the math MCA/GRAD test improved their score, and 54% earned a passing score.
- 78% of students who retook the reading MCA/GRAD test improved their score, and 39% earned a passing score.

#### **Achieving Dreams**

Contributing to Community is helping one student come closer to achieving her dreams of becoming a zoo keeper. OALC student Angela Hansen has been a Como Zoo volunteer for the past five years preparing food for animals, testing the water quality of animal pools, and introducing zoo guests to different species of wildlife. Angela has recently accepted a zoo keeper assistant job, which she hopes will give her valuable experience as she anticipates a post-secondary education in zoology.

#### **Mission-Driven Employees**

On August 23rd and 24th, more than 60 educators from the Campus schools participated in a Learning Institute to master skills and strategies to help ensure all students learn.

Congratulations to Kip Sackett, College and Career Readiness teacher at the Osseo Area Learning Center, who was awarded “Staff Member of the Year” by the Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs.

Over the summer, our district grounds crew planted more than 50 trees on Woodland Elementary grounds. The Woodland PTA will plant additional trees this fall to provide shade for the playground, and to beautify the Woodland Eagle Trail, an outdoor learning area that was greatly enhanced last spring by school and community volunteers.

#### **Contributing to Community**

During the 2009-10 school year, 6,045 individuals contributed more than 171,500 hours of volunteer time in our schools! Special thanks to everyone who generously shared their time and talents to benefit student learning last year.

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On August 24, approximately 500 volunteers from Boston Scientific spent the day completing beautification projects at Park Center Senior High and Brooklyn Junior High. Park Center and Brooklyn Junior were chosen by Boston Scientific employees as the benefactor of their annual volunteer day because of the close ties employees they have with these two schools. Volunteers painted artwork and murals, constructed benches and planters, completed landscaping and cleaning projects, and built a community garden. This event was the largest volunteer effort ever coordinated by Hands-On Twin Cities.

Superintendent Maguire shared that there is an incredible amount of work that occurs over the summer months to prepare for the start of a new school year. She stated that during the last board meeting, you heard about work that is occurring to prepare our facilities, to prepare our new teachers, and to prepare our leaders. At this meeting Tim Wilson, CTO shared information about technology and report, Mike Looby to provided data regarding summer programs that helped to prepare students for school.

Additionally, the superintendent reported on the progress being made at North View Junior High to ensure accelerated student achievement in the upcoming year. At the last meeting, she reported that we had been awarded 1.7 m dollars in a state improvement grant. Since that time, our team which includes both system and site level administrators, had the first formal site visit by Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) staff. North View Junior High staff also hosted a waffle breakfast to kick off their commitment to family engagement. The event was well attended by board members, by families and special guests including Congressman Erik Paulsen, city officials, and MDE staff. In total, more than 375 guests attended the event.

Lastly, the superintendent provided an update on information regarding the new federal education jobs bill for schools.

Earlier this month, President Obama signed the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act, which will provide \$26 billion in aid to states, municipalities and school districts. The Education Jobs Fund includes \$10 billion dollars in one-time funding to school districts during the 2010-2011 school year to support educational and related services.

We were informed that Osseo Area Schools will receive 4 million dollars. We will use the money to hire approximately 15 full time staff members for two years to lower class size in targeted areas and to provide classroom support. We will also use approximately 1 million dollars to retain existing staff. This strategy will help maintain stability in staffing for two years.

SUPT. REPORT	While there are stringent guidelines regarding the use of this new money, this second round of federal stimulus dollars will certainly help move our mission forward!
SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS	<p>Director Myszkowski gave a brief update on the School Board Work Session that preceded this meeting. The topic was <i>Mission Forward Task Force Superintendent's Recommendations</i>.</p> <p>Director Green reported that she and other board members attended Superintendent Maguire's back-to-school address to staff and shared that it was a great way to start a new school year.</p> <p>Director Henke shared some information he found while researching state and local pension plans. Director Green also shared information on these plans that is available on the Minnesota School Boards Association website.</p> <p>Director Myszkowski reported that she attended that open house at Park Brook Elementary and shared that the enthusiasm was contagious.</p>
PRESENTATION: SUMMER TECHNOLOGY UPDATES	Tim Wilson, Chief Technology Officer, presented a summary of technology updates and upgrades performed at sites over the summer to help kids learn. As part of his report he shared that there were 569 new wireless access points were installed in learning spaces throughout our system; 179 new projectors were installed and another 332 were mounted in classrooms; and 192 document cameras were purchased and installed.
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottington, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Minutes of the special meeting of August 4, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Minutes of the special meeting of August 17, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Contract for Transition Services with Rise, Inc This is an agreement between ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools and Rise, Inc. Rise shall provide transition services to transition students from September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011.</u></p> <p><u>Quit Claim Deed for Exchange of Permanent Egress/Ingress Easement of Affected Parcel PID No. 30-119-22-42 0003 (northeasterly of County Road No. 10, Maple Grove, MN)</u></p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>Student Trips Zanewood 6th Grade to Audubon Center of the Northwoods, 9/27/10 - 9/29/10</u></p> <p><u>Fundraisers</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2012, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD, AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SPECIALISTS</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green, to approve the terms and conditions of employment, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012, an agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and Confidential Support Specialists.</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 \$8,157.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Negotiation Strategies Meeting, Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 6:00 PM, Conference Room N-10, Educational Service Center. Closed to the Public.</li> <li>2. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> </ol>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>At 9:15 PM, motion by Cottingham, seconded by Epley, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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