

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Independent School District 279 School Board  
September 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, September 14, 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 Cottingham, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, and Superintendent Kate Maguire.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Laura Cottingham.
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 individual addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board: Collette Guyott-Hempel.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Maguire began her report by stating that a regular part of the superintendent's report is to share points of pride. The points of pride celebrate students, staff and community members who are showing evidence of accomplishing our mission which is <i>to inspire and prepare ALL students with the confidence, courage and competence to achieve their dreams, contribute to community and engage in a life time of learning</i>. Cabinet members shared the following points of pride.</p> <p><b>Achieving Results</b> The American Indian Graduate magazine, a national publication, recently featured our system's American Indian Education Program in an article titled, "Indian Education: A Culture-Based Intergenerational Approach." Co-authored by Ramona Stately, one of our American Indian Education specialists, and Priscilla Buffalohead, a recent Osseo retiree, the article highlights our program's many successes, including a 100% graduation rate among American Indian students over the past five years, as compared to the national rate of only 41%.</p>

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Congratulations to both of our elementary magnet schools for being named 2010 Magnet Schools of Merit by the Magnet Schools of Minnesota organization. Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts and Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math and Technology School will receive their awards at the Magnet Schools of Minnesota fall conference on October 6.

The United States Census Bureau awarded ISD 279 a certificate of appreciation for our support in raising awareness of and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census.

**Mission-Driven Employees**

Maple Grove Senior High softball coach Pam Hennen was inducted into the Minnesota Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame this summer. Pam also coached girls' softball at Park Center for 14 years before making the move to Maple Grove Senior High, where she teaches biology and anatomy.

Michelle VandenPlas, English Language Learner teacher at Fair Oaks Elementary, received a second-place award in the elementary division of the 2010 Personal Finance Educator Award sponsored by Thrivent. This honor recognizes Ms. VandenPlas' efforts to create and implement innovative ways to teach personal finance.

**Student Confidence, Courage and Competence**

Congratulations to Park Center students Josie Thao and Hue Chee Vang for being recognized as Channel 12 Standout Students. Josie was recognized for her outstanding commitment to community and Hue Chee was recognized for embracing diverse perspectives during his trip last summer to China with the student leadership group called "CLIMB."

The Maple Grove Senior High Dance Team was featured on WCCO-TV last week, noting the team's four state championships in the last six years, and members' determination to win in both Jazz and High Kick at the 2011 state tournament.

**Contributing to Community**

ISD 279 Community Education is celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Travel & Adventure film series, which kicks off today at Osseo Senior High with "Backroads and Byways of America."

Park Center senior Adam Mickelson has created an organization called "Operation Thoughts of Home," which collects donations and sends care packages to U.S. military personnel stationed around the world. To date, the group has sent care packages to approximately 2,300 service members.

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2010 Link Crew sophomore orientation took place at Maple Grove Senior High on September 1 to welcome new students to the school. 119 juniors and seniors completed 10 hours of training to prepare for orientation day, where students took part in various team-building activities.

**First Week of School**

The other big news is, of course, the start of the new school year. Our first week went well. Staff reported feeling optimistic about the year and confident about their work. The positive attitude reflected in comments from staff across the system is important because when staff feels optimistic and confident, they believe in their ability to impact student learning. This feeling of "efficacy", the belief that you can make a difference, is a key characteristic of effective teachers, schools, and school systems.

**ESP Professional Development**

Under the category of "important firsts".....you will be interested to know that we just implemented the "first ever" system wide professional development for our Education Support Professionals.

Over the last year representatives from Human Resources, Staff Development, Equity & Integration and Education Minnesota designed and made ready a staff development strategy and program created specifically for our second largest employee group: Educational Support Professionals. The learning experience is designed to develop ESP's skills and expertise in their unique role as support staff and to inspire them to supporting our district mission.

On August 31st approximately 100 Educational Support Professionals participated in the first full day of this new program and I am happy to report that the day was a great success! The workshop day included instruction focused in 5 content areas:

1. System Mission and Core Values (Superintendent's Welcome Message)
2. Roles and Responsibilities as System ESPs
3. Cultural Responsiveness
4. System Technology tools
5. Student Behavior Management

The remainder of our Educational Support Professionals (over 400) will complete this training by the end of this school year.

Superintendent Maguire provided an update on information regarding the new federal education jobs bill for schools.

<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p>	<p>She shared that, in August, President Obama signed the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act. 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. Osseo Area Schools has received approximately 4 million dollars.</p> <p>We have used 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 m dollars to retain existing staff. This strategy will help maintain stability in staffing for two years.</p> <p>We added more than 11 staff at the elementary level and more than 3.5 staff at the secondary level. The addition of staff has certainly made a difference for teachers and students. The formal enrollment count date for the state is October 1.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Green acknowledged, with appreciation, the work of the Mission Forward Task Force and stated that this information has been shared with our district's leaders.</p> <p>Director Cottington reported that the Parent Legislative Network (PLN) recently met and one of their main focuses is funding. In addition, Director Epley encouraged PLN and community members to attend Gubernatorial Forums to learn about their positions on education issues.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: 2010 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION: NAMM FOUNDATION AWARD</p>	<p>Tom Schmitt, president of Schmitt Music Company, presented a certificate noting our school district being named one of the nation's Best Communities for Music Education. ISD 279 was the only Minnesota school district to earn the award in 2009 and 2010. Dr. Wendy Barden, Music Coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of our system, and provided several examples of why our music education program attracts national recognition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deep partnerships with community organizations such as the Minnesota Orchestra;</li> <li>• A commitment to music education, evidenced by general and capital fund support for instruments, equipment, and concert attire;</li> <li>• A collaborative culture among music teachers at all levels and schools;</li> <li>• Opportunities for student performances at professional venues. For example, the most advanced band, choirs, and orchestra from Osseo, Park Center, and Maple Grove will perform at Orchestra Hall on November 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Orchestra Hall.</li> </ul>

<p>PRESENTATION: 2010 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION: NAMM FOUNDATION AWARD</p>	<p>Dr. Barden then introduced a group of music teachers who performed a piece commissioned (with grant funds) especially for the Osseo Area Schools. The lyrics developed out of the district mission, the strategic plan for music education, and reflections from students following a showcase concert in 2007.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS LEARNERS</p>	<p>Tamiko Thomas, Homeless Liaison, briefed the Board on the work our system is doing, in collaboration with other school districts and agencies, to support the needs of homeless learners. She shared that school-age children make up about one-third of Minnesota’s homeless population and that a child may lose 4-6 months of academic progress with each move to a new school. Ms. Thomas provided information on the federal McKinney-Vento Act and shared that this Act provides direction and support for services to meet the needs of homeless learners. Ms. Thomas provided information regarding 2010 – 2011 McKinney-Vento grant focus for ISD 279 – Osseo Area Schools.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Minutes of the regular meeting of August 31, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Ratified Accounts Payable dated September 7, 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 August 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of August 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Notice of Intended Capital Improvement Projects and Tax Levy Authorization</u></p> <p><u>Joint Powers Agreement between City of Maple Grove and ISD 279 for Domed Athletic Fields at Maple Grove Senior High</u></p> <p><u>Resolution for Approval of the Northwest Suburban Integration Joint Powers Agreement to Include Mounds View School District</u></p> <p><u>Superintendents Recommendations on Mission Forward Task Force Recommendations</u></p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>Contract for Services This is a contract by and between ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools and The Leadership and Learning Center totaling \$14,714.40. The purpose of this contract is to improve student learning and achievement by building the knowledge and skills of the educators and leaders at North View Junior High in ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools. Funding Source: North View Junior High State Improvement Grant.</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottington, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$636.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIERS 2010B</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the adoption of the resolution providing for the sale of general obligation school building refunding bonds, series 2010B.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>2010 PAYABLE 2011 TAX LEVY</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green, to approve the maximum levy limit 2010 payable 2011 tax levy.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT</p>	<p>Margaret Westin, General Counsel, provided the first reading of Policy 406 – Public and Private Personnel Data. The second and final reading of this policy will be at the October 19, 2010 meeting.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School Board Policy Meeting, Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 6:00 PM, Conference Room W41, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> <li>2. Negotiation Strategies Meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 6:00 PM, Conference Room N10, Educational Service Center. Closed to the Public.</li> <li>3. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> <li>4. <b>You are invited to two events to learn more about the Osseo Area Learning Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An information session</b> where you can learn more about ISD 279-Osseo Area Schools’ proposal to relocate the Osseo Area Learning Center to the former Osseo Elementary site.</li> <li>• <i>Choose the evening that fits your schedule</i></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday, September 28, 7-8 pm or Wednesday,</b></li> </ul> </li> </ol>

ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p><b>October 6, 7-8 pm</b> Osseo Community Center 415 Central Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An Open House</b> at the Osseo Area Learning Center (OALC) in its current location, where you can learn more about the high school program and its services.</li> <li>• <b>Monday, November 29 7:30 p.m. Tours by student ambassadors 8:00 p.m. Presentation by Principal James Hill and OALC staff</b> Osseo Area Learning Center 7300 Boone Avenue North Brooklyn Park No RSVP is required for either event. Additional information about the school district’s proposal for the former Osseo Elementary site is available at <a href="http://www.district279.org">www.district279.org</a> Questions? 763-391-7015.</li> </ul>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>At 9:00 PM, motion by Myszkowski, seconded by Henke, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>_____</p> <p>Kim Green, Clerk</p>