

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
October 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Dean Henke.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Nelson, seconded by Laura, 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.
SUPT. REPORT	<p>Superintendent Maguire stated 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 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. Upon the superintendent’s request cabinet members shared the following points of pride.</p> <p>Achieving Results Woodland Elementary is celebrating the success of a new reading fluency assessment model that greatly streamlined the process of testing all students. By using the more efficient model, students and teachers are regaining six days of uninterrupted instruction over the full school year.</p> <p>98 District 279 students have earned AP Scholar Awards from the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Exams:</p>

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- Fourteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award; two of which were named AP National Scholars
- Twenty-two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award, and
- Sixty-two students qualified for the AP Scholar Award

The 2010 results marked a nearly 60% increase over 2009, when 62 students district-wide earned similar recognition.

Student Confidence, Courage, and Competence

Last summer, Park Center senior Olivia Myszkowski was one of only two students in Minnesota--and 98 in the entire country--selected to visit Washington D.C. as part of the prestigious American Legion Girls Nation program. Girls Nation is week-long citizenship and government program that helps students gain a firsthand perspective on democracy, develop leadership skills, and create the foundation for responsible citizenship. The week included visits with President Obama, Senator Amy Klobuchar and Congressman Erik Paulsen, who invited Olivia to try out his desk for this photo. This marked the second year in a row that a Park Center student was one of the two chosen in the entire state for Girls Nation.

Park Center senior Obsa Bizuwork has been named an *Outstanding Participant* in the 2011 National Achievement Program for placing among the top three percent of more than 160,000 black Americans who took the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Cheyenne Richardson, senior at Osseo Senior High, was recently recognized as a Channel 12 Standout Student for her commitment to community, involvement in school activities, and excellence in the classroom.

Contributing to Community

Crest View hosted a community-building event September 9 to celebrate the opening of the 2010 football season. Students spent the day in Vikings apparel and received football-themed lessons in many subject areas, learned Vikings cheers and chants, participated in football drills during phy ed class, and posed for group photos. A story about last year's Hair Dye for Haiti campaign at Maple Grove Senior High has earned local cable Channel 12 a regional Emmy Award. The Emmy-winning feature showcased Maple Grove students' commitment to community.

On September 20, Maple Grove Senior High hosted its very first Learning Conferences. In response to parent requests for more involvement in their student's education, school staff designed an event that took parents through an abbreviated version of their

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student's school day, allowing them to meet teachers, understand course expectations and assessment practices, learn about resources available to support student learning, and pick up tips about how to stay involved in their child's education throughout the school year.

Zanewood Elementary hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 23 to unveil a new mural depicting heroes and symbols that represent the connection among families, the school community, and our system's mission. The mural was made possible with grant funds, input from students, and the talents of Zanewood art teachers.

Mission-Driven Employees

Seven ISD 279 library media specialists hosted break-out sessions at the annual Minnesota Educational Media Organization conference this fall, sharing their expertise on subjects such as grant writing, integrating technology into reading instruction, and more.

The fall 2010 issue of *Teaching Tolerance* magazine features an article by Dave Warner, counselor at Oak View and Fair Oaks Elementary Schools, sharing an activity called "Compliment Tag." The game encourages children to look for the good in others and to verbalize their appreciation of others' equal intrinsic value.

In spite of pouring rain, the Food and Nutrition team demonstrated true commitment to our system's key strategy to "do whatever it takes to guarantee that all employees support, contribute to, and sustain the achievement of our mission and strategic objectives" by grilling nearly 900 hamburgers for a Cedar Island family BBQ.

Three teachers were surprised this morning with \$1,000 each in classroom supplies as part of Office Max's teacher recognition program, "A Day Made Better: Working to Erase Teacher-Funded Classrooms." Office Max volunteers delivered the supplies to Michael Whiteman, science teacher at North View Junior High; Kris Campea, language arts teacher at Osseo Junior High; and Pamela Brandt, reading facilitator at Zanewood Elementary. Each was nominated for the award in recognition of the teacher's hard work and dedication to students.

Leveraging Assets

ISD 279 Adult Basic Education was recently awarded a two-year, \$120,000 grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to fund courses to help students learn job skills, prepare for college and attain computer literacy. The grant provides additional opportunities for students to participate in job shadowing and internships.

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Crest View Elementary recently earned a \$46,000 Reading First grant, which was used to purchase 20,000 new books for a guided reading library. This is the second consecutive year Crest View has received a Reading First grant to help increase students' literacy skills.

Superintendent Maguire shared that we learned last week that the federal magnet school grant was declined. You will recall that the NWSISD collaborative applied for a third round of the federal magnet school grants. Our district would have benefitted by receiving dollars for a start-up STEM program at BJH. Other districts in the collaborative would have received money for magnet schools as well. We are still interested in using dollars from the local collaborative to support the development of a smaller STEM program at BJH and will begin exploring that plan immediately.

The superintendent shared that on Monday, September 20, in response to a request from gubernatorial candidate Tom Horner, we provided a tour of the early learning program at Fair Oaks Elementary and then met with him and his staff to describe how our system integrates early learning into our elementary programs. Phil Sadler, Kim Riesgraf, Barb Olson and I represented our system for his visit. Mr. Horner has expressed a commitment to investing in early education and was interested in deepening his understanding of how such programs can be implemented successfully. He mentioned his visit to Fair Oaks the following day on KARE-11's morning news program: "I was at a terrific program in the Osseo School District yesterday that fully integrates learning for kids 3, 4 and 5, getting them ready for kindergarten. Then in the same school they move right into kindergarten through third grade and they're seeing tremendous progress in how these kids are ready for kindergarten, ready to learn."

She also shared that under the direction of Barb Olson, School/Community Relations Director, we launched our advertising strategy, with print ads in this week's community newspapers (OMG Press and BC/BP Sun Post). TV ads and movie theater ads to follow, starting in October. While our advertising strategy has been in development for some time now, you may recall that the need to increase our marketing and advertising efforts was a key theme that emerged from the work of the Mission Forward Task Force. You can look forward to hearing more detailed information about our advertising strategy in an upcoming board presentation.

In addition the superintendent shared that our work to move forward the proposal to repurpose the former Osseo Elementary site continues. We hosted the first of two community meetings at the Osseo Community Center on September 28. The meeting was

<p>SUPT. REPORT</p>	<p>attended by approximately 18 community members. The outcomes of the meeting were to have community members become familiar with the OALC program, to help them understand the proposal to move the OALC, and to allow them to share their perspectives regarding the proposal. Kim Riesgraf began with a presentation about the proposal and then participants worked in small groups to share their perspectives and to generate questions.</p> <p>Superintendent Maguire and Mike Looby, Executive Director of Community Engagement, attended a meeting hosted by Myron Orfield, Executive Director of the Institute for Race and Poverty at the U of MN Law School. Dr. Orfield has done extensive research on racial segregation of cities and school systems across the country. Dr. Orfield met with superintendents from across the metro area including Robbinsdale, Richfield, Mounds View, Apple Valley, Burnsville, Wayzata, Anoka and the three integration districts to share information about current research and policy initiatives.</p> <p>The meeting focused on the research on racially segregated schools (70% or more student of color in a school) and the impact of that segregation on student achievement, high school graduation, post secondary attendance, and long term income capacity. Our school system has 10 schools that meet Dr. Orfield’s definition for the purpose of this discussion. In addition, he sought our perspectives on regional collaboration and integration policy that might influence legislation this session.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Myszkowski reported that the property committee met on September 22. The agenda contained only one item; to develop or consider offers or counter offers for the sale of Orchard Lane Elementary School, 6201 Noble Avenue North in Brooklyn Center. The previous purchase agreement on the property expired and the property committee is considering another offer for the property.</p> <p>Director Epley reported that she had several reports to share.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She attended six hours of ENVOY (Education Non Verbal Yardstick) training with the staff at Park Brook. This training focused on ways to increase the effectiveness of their instruction through non-verbal communication. • She attended the All Employee Gathering that was held on September 15 at Maple Grove Senior High. The cafeteria was bright and festive and featured fun foods and great music performed by ISD 279 – Osseo Area Schools employees. • She also attended the Maple Grove Senior High Learning Conferences (as a parent) that Mike Looby mentioned in Points of Pride. She shared that they were very interesting and informative.

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- She attended the Osseo Community meeting that Superintendent Maguire mentioned on September 28 and shared that it was a great opportunity to hear the questions and concerns of the Osseo residents.
- Lastly, she attended the 1st annual Osseo Prayer Breakfast. This was a sold out event and looks forward to next year's meeting.

Director Green reported that she and Superintendent Maguire the AMSD (Association of Metropolitan School Districts) meeting on October 1 at which they heard an informative guest speaker. At this meeting, AMSD also shared their legislative platform; which is still in draft form. This information will help our district as we create our legislative platform.

Director Cottingham reported that she recently attended the District 279 Foundation Trustee meeting. The Foundation awards classroom grants which helps support our teachers in their classroom.

Director Myszkowski reported that she and Superintendent Maguire attended the Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth meeting at which they revealed their proposed mission statement to the meeting attendees. This mission statement has a clear vision of positive youth development and shared that is very exciting to see the possibilities for our youth in the community.

PRESENTATION: YEAR-
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ACTIVITY REPORT

Kelly Benusa, Director of Business Services, reported that overall, we had a better year than budgeted, with the assistance of staff and administration, from a financial standpoint. Ms. Benusa reviewed the 2009-10 year-end data as follows.

Exhibit I summarizes all revenue and expenditure amounts in all of the budgeted funds.

Exhibit II summarizes the combined General Fund revenue and expenditure budget variance. The combined revenue/expenditure variance was 0.95% of total budgeted revenue and expenditures. This was within our budget planning benchmark of 2.00% for budgeted figures.

Exhibit III shows the fund balance increase of \$8,373,912 including general/transportation fund, special grants and gift accounts. This was more than the anticipated increase of \$3,742,645. The general/transportation unreserved fund balance increased by \$8,502,161 from a balance of \$31,789,373 at June 30, 2009 to \$40,291,534 at June 30, 2010.

Budget Development Worksheet Draft

<p>PRESENTATION: YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT AND STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORT</p>	<p>This statement shows the General/Transportation Fund unreserved fund balance as a percentage of expenditures for the previous two years, current year adopted budget, and projections for next two years. This is the best measure of our overall financial health. The fund balance as a percentage of annual expenditures increased to 22.23% from the previous year amount of 15.19%. This unreserved fund balance represents 11.6 weeks of operations.</p> <p>Ms. Benusa then presented the Yearly Treasurer’s Student Activity Report, including both summary and individual school reports.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Minutes of the special meeting of September 14, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Verified Accounts Payable Ratified dated September 21, 2010</u></p> <p><u>July and August Combined Financial Report</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Part B, Pre-School Incentive, ages3-5 in the amount of \$152,276 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$152,276</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Part B, Pre-School Supplement, IEIC, Ages 3-5 in the amount of \$10,043 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$10,043</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Part C, Infant & Toddlers Program, Ages 0-2 in the amount of \$176,267 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$176,267</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process (CIMP) in the amount of \$29,690 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$29,690</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Pre-School Incentive Personnel Development in the amount of \$5,820 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$5,820</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 IDEA, Spec. Ed. Federal Part B, Preschool Targeted Stimulus in the amount of \$142,667 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$142,667</u></p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Special Education Federal Flow-Through “B” in the amount of \$4,539,322 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$4,539,322</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Special Education, Part B ARRA Stimulus in the amount of \$1,241,345 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$1,241,345</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Special Education, Part B ARRA Stimulus in the amount of \$83,270 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$83,270</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Elementary Counseling Grant in the amount of \$399,512 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$399,512</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Title I School Improvement Supplement in the amount of \$25,000 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$25,000</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 School Improvement - ARRA in the amount of \$824,069 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$824,069</u></p> <p><u>Fundraiser</u></p> <p><u>Contract for Services Contract by and between Independent School District 279 and Visions for Learning, Inc. The consultant will provide professional development instruction and training regarding the Second Language Acquisitions Strategies. This contract shall not exceed 26,400</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SALE, DETERMINING THE FORM AND DETAILS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND REGISTRATION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010B</p>	<p>Joel Sutter from Ehlers and Associates gave the results and background of the Bond sale. Mr. Sutter shared that the refinancing of some building bonds will save local property taxpayers more than \$100,000 per year over the next three years. Since 2002, Board action to refinance bonds at more favorable interest rates has saved local property taxpayers more than \$11 million.</p> <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the adoption of the resolution awarding the sale, determining the form and details, authorizing the execution, delivery and registration, and providing for the payment of general obligation school building refunding bonds, series 2010B.</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 EDUCATION MINNESOTA – OSSEO EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottington, to approve the terms and conditions of employment, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012, an agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and Education Minnesota – Osseo Educational Support Professional.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2012, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD AND OSSEO SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the terms and conditions of employment, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012, an agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and Osseo School Nutrition Association.</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 \$89,384.25.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Board Work Session , Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 2. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 19 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. 3. You are invited to two events to learn more about the Osseo Area Learning Center An information session 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. Wednesday, October 6, 7-8 PM Osseo Community Center 415 Central Avenue A Welcome/Information Night at the Osseo Area Learning Center (OALC) in its current location, where you can learn more about the high school program and its services. Monday, October 18, 7-8 PM Tours by student ambassadors Presentation by Principal James Hill and OALC staff Osseo Area Learning Center 7300 Boone Avenue North Brooklyn Park 4. Community Education Program Advisory Council (CEPAC) Candidate Forum, Monday, October 18, 2010, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, North View Junior High Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT	At 9:20 PM, motion by Henke, seconded by Myszkowski, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
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