

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Independent School District 279 School Board  
November 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Vice Chairperson Henke called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Board members Dean Henke, Laura Cottingham, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, and Superintendent Kate Maguire.  Chairperson Nelson was absent.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Boy Scout Troop 247 of Maple Grove.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Henke, seconded by Myszkowski, 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 shared 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 contributing to the accomplishment of 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 points of pride.</p> <p><b>Achieving Results</b> The Maple Grove Senior High Model United Nations team recently participated in a simulation hosted by Macalester College on world food aid programs. Tony Stec and Kendall Clement received the Top Delegation award for their diplomatic work with 60 other participants; Sasha Silko and Aniket Ketkar received Honorable Mention.</p>

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Sixth grade scientists presented the results of their insect investigations at the 2nd annual Insect Fair at Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology School. Students used visual displays and explained their hypotheses, research, procedures, data, and conclusions to judges. The judges were scientists from education and state natural resource agencies, as well as private enterprise. In December, the sixth grade scientists will present their investigations at the University of Minnesota Insect Fair.

Congratulations to Channel 12 "Standout Student" Christopher Heitzig, who will be among the first 14 Park Center students to earn IB Diplomas this year.

Carson MacLeod, a fourth-grader at Fernbrook Elementary, created the Grand Prize winning entry in the Maple Grove Fire-Rescue's Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Carson earned an individual trophy and a ride to school in a fire truck with his family on a date of his choice. He also won a traveling trophy to display at Fernbrook all year long.

**Student Confidence, Courage and Competence**

Osseo Senior High and Maple Grove Senior High hosted the Class 5A (which is the largest enrollment class) state football quarterfinals on November 12. Sponsored by the State High School League, the quarterfinals drew attendees from all over the state. The host schools are chosen based on several factors, including neutral sites, sufficient seating for fans, and fields with artificial turf.

For the fourth season in a row, the MGSW swimmers and divers captured the Section 8AA swimming and diving championship. Individual section champs Erin Buck, Olivia Evanson and Elaine Boosalis advanced to the state championships and the team celebrated a total of seven Top 10 finishes in various team and individual events.

The Park Center Pirates made a valiant attempt to win their third straight CI adapted soccer state title last weekend. While they were overcome by Anoka-Hennepin in the final game, the team celebrated an outstanding finish as second in state.

Seven Park Center athletes were named All Conference in fall sports, including girls cross country, football, volleyball, girls and boys soccer, and girls tennis. An additional 22 students earned Honorable Mention in a variety of sports.

The Osseo Senior High swimming and diving team took fourth in the Section 5AA finals on November 13. All three of Osseo's relays ended up with a top five finish.

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Congratulations to Park Center's Mary Krambeer for being named All State First Team in girl's soccer.

Rice Lake Elementary recently held an all-school assembly called "The NED Show," which stands for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best! Through some dazzling yo-yo tricks, presenters reinforced some of the efficacious learner attributes, including responsibility, problem-solving, and skilled communication.

**Contributing to Community**

As part of the Mother Bear Project, more than 60 North View Jr. High students recently helped provide over 400 teddy bears to children affected by HIV/AIDS in emerging nations. Judy Johnson, a former North View parent, knit the bears that were stuffed by North View students.

Students in an 8<sup>th</sup> grade family and consumer sciences class at Brooklyn Junior High recently turned their sewing project into a community service project. Using donated fabric, the students planned and produced handmade school kit bags, then donated the bags to a world relief organization that will pack them with school supplies and send them to children in other countries.

**Leveraging Assets**

Park Center IB Business and Management students are participating in an E-Mentors program connecting them with business professionals from TopLine Federal Credit Union. Over an eight-week period, students and mentors correspond on topics such as Ethics in Business, Workplace Communications, Problem Solving, Teamwork, and Post Secondary and Career Experience. On November 10, students met with their e-mentors for some face to face networking.

Thanks to a partnership with Boston Scientific, Palmer Lake Elementary recently hosted a two-day visit by the Minnesota Planetarium's ExploraDome. The ExploraDome is a portable, immersive learning environment where students experience hands-on, minds-on learning. Through guided inquiry, under a 25-foot diameter dome, students engage in virtual travel from inside of the subatomic realm to the edge of the known universe.

**Lifelong Learning**

Seven athletes from Maple Grove and Osseo Senior High schools have made commitments to their universities of choice by signing letters of intent. The athletes have chosen schools including the University of Minnesota, University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, University of Minnesota, Wayne State University, Colorado School of Mines, and Syracuse University.

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**Mission-driven employees**

Elm Creek first grade teacher, Gloria Singh, is helping motivate avid readers through a grant from the District 279 Foundation that allowed her to purchase almost \$400 in new books to be used in newly formed book clubs. Students will choose areas of interest and have opportunities for discussion with book club peers.

Birch Grove drama teacher Kris Holsen has been elected President of Art Educators of Minnesota. Our school district has a number of employees who serve in state leadership roles within their professional associations, which contributes to our statewide reputation as being a system that other school districts look to for leadership in a variety of areas.

Superintendent Maguire that our own Tim Wilson, Chief Technology Officer, has been named TIES Minnesota Technology Leader for 2010. TIES is a consortium of 41 MN school districts which brings together technology and education to create comprehensive, cutting-edge solutions for school districts, educators and students. TIES member districts represent about 400 schools and over 250,000 students – one-third of MN's student population.

Tim was chosen by a TIES selection committee that used CoSN criteria to judge nominees' efforts to improve education through information technology tools, their impact on technology use in education and their efforts to involve the community and facilitate partnerships to advance technology in education.

Tim will receive his award at the TIES 2010 Education Technology Conference awards dinner on December 5 in Mpls. He will also be recognized at the opening session of the TIES conference on December 4. In addition, TIES staff have nominated him for the national CoSN leadership award. Congratulations to Tim!

The superintendent reported that she attended a meeting of superintendents from around the state whose districts have received state school improvement grants for turnaround efforts. The meeting was convened by Pat King who leads the office of turnaround schools for the commissioner of education. The purpose of the meeting was to connect the superintendents of districts working on turnaround efforts to share their work and to ensure that superintendents are well informed about the MN Principals Academy which is the comprehensive leadership development program in which all turnaround principals are required to participate. Principals of the turnaround schools must complete the academy during the year which is one of the reasons that administrative support at the turnaround site is

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enhanced. John Groenke, North View Junior high principal, will be participating in the academy. The academy is a rigorous leadership program based on the National Institute for School leadership curriculum.

Superintendent Maguire reported on two endeavors that hold great promise for students and communities in Hennepin County.

She shared that the first collaborative effort is the attention being paid to drop out prevention and recovery in Hennepin County. The superintendent attended a meeting on November 10 with all Hennepin County commissioners and all Hennepin County superintendents for the purpose of examining the dropout issue in Hennepin County and exploring the possibility of regional collaboration on drop out prevention and recovery. Almost 3,800 students drop out of high school in Hennepin County annually and the economic impact to our region is significant. Spearheaded by the county, the meeting included a presentation on the key elements of successful large scale regional collaboration from a representative of the Philadelphia drop out recovery program called Project U-Turn. While this conversation is only in its infancy, we are moving forward by analyzing data on drop out rates while continuing to seek support for long term collaboration.

The second collaborative effort is the regional Family Services Center. Superintendent Maguire has reported on the Family Services Center at a number of recent board meetings. The Family Services Center, to be located on Brooklyn Blvd next to our existing ABE building, will hold county services for residents. Along with the county and CEAP, our school district is one of three partners in the project. The formal agreements among the partners are coming to closure after more than four years of work on the project.

Lastly, the School Nutrition Magazine which is a national nutrition service publication in which our school district is featured. Thanks to the good work of Tom Pellegrino, district 279 nutrition services director, and his staff, the magazine features the work of our food service staff who have taken their commitment to our mission and core values to a high level. Our nutrition services staff have specifically identified how they help kids develop confidence, courage, and competence. Further, the staff has developed measureable expectations and standards for cafeterias and kitchens that align with the mission and core values. As a result of their work, nutrition staff are committed to our mission and are making an impact on kids lives by building relationships.

<p>SUPT. REPORT</p>	<p>The superintendent stated that this is an example of what can happen when we make an investment in helping staff understand and support the mission, core values, and strategic objectives. We've made an investment to ensure that this happens over the course of the last three years.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Green gave a brief update of the School Board Work Session. Our 2011 Legislative Platform was the topic of the work session at which Lobbyist Valerie Dosland provided board members legislative background and context. Following Dosland's presentation our districts Legislative Platform was reviewed and discussed. The 2011 Legislative Platform will be on the December 7, 2010 for approval.</p> <p>Director Myszkowski reported that the board has been attending Cultural Competency training sessions.</p> <p>Director Epley reported that she attended the District 279 Foundation Fall Fundraiser at the Maple Tavern and a tech workshop at Park Center Senior High; teachers from Osseo and Anoka-Hennepin districts were in attendance also.</p> <p>Director Green reported that she and director Epley attended the Community Education Program Advisory Council (CEPAC) meeting where the results of the MN student survey were presented.</p> <p>Director Cottington reported that she attended the District 279 Foundations meeting. She also reported that she, Director Epley and approximately 40 staff members attended a two-day workshop on Designing and Facilitating Effective Meetings led by Steve Barone.</p> <p>Director Henke reported that he along with other board members and administration attended the ISD 279 Showcase Concert at Orchestra Hall. This concert consists of choir, band and orchestra students from Osseo Senior High, Park Center Senior High and Maple Grove Senior High.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: FY2010 AUDIT REPORT</p>	<p>Jim Eichten Managing Partner of Malloy Montague Karnowski &amp; Radosevich (MMKR). Eichten presented the findings of the Fiscal Year 2010 audit. He shared that our district earned another clean, unqualified audit opinion from the independent audit firm</p> <p>Eichten noted that government regulations now require a higher level of accountability for school districts and increased rigor of audits, and said, "to have all that increased level of accountability, increased complexity in all the grants, and still to have no findings [in the single audit, internal controls, student activities and special purpose reports] is an impressive credit to your organization and</p>

PRESENTATION: FY2010 AUDIT REPORT	to the finance department.” In the legal compliance area, the audit did have one finding related to a missing withholding affidavit, which Eichten said was “minor in the overall scope of the organization.”
REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA	Director Green requested that item J <u>Resolution not to Seek Authorization As A Charter School Authorizer</u> be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Motion by Henke, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of November 9, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Financial Reports for the Month of October 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 October 2010</u></p> <p><u>Verified Accounts Payable Ratified dated November 16, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of October 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Fundraisers</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Education Jobs Fund in the amount of \$4,029,151 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$4,029,151</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Fresh Fruit &amp; Vegetable Grant in the amount of \$78,823 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$78,823</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Indian Education Grant in the amount of \$32,538 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$32,538</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Local Collaborative Time Study in</u></p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>the amount of \$538,688 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$538,688</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 N.W. Hennepin Family Services Collaborative in the amount of \$79 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$79</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 State ABE in the amount of \$1,224,187 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$1,224,187</u></p> <p><u>Surrogate Parent Appointments There are two Surrogate Parent Appointments dated November 5, 2010 and November 8, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Farm Lease Renewal for Troy Lane and 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue Site</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 Green, seconded by Cottingham, to approve the <u>Resolution not to Seek Authorization As A Charter School Authorizer.</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, JULY 1, 2009– JUNE 30, 2011, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD AND SCHOOL EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>Motion by Myszkowski, seconded by Green, to approve the terms and conditions of employment, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011, an agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and School Executives.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 4-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2011, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD AND DIRECTORS AND CONFIDENTIAL MANAGERS</p>	<p>Motion by Green, seconded by Epley, to approve the terms and conditions of employment, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011, an agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and Directors and Confidential Managers.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 4-1 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 COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL</p>	<p>Motion by Cottingham, 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 Communications Personnel.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 4-1 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 EDUCATION MINNESOTA – OSSEO REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES</p>	<p>Motion by Epley, seconded by Cottingham, 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 Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 4-1 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 COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALISTS</p>	<p>Motion by Myszkowski, seconded by Epley, to approve the terms and conditions of employment, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012, an agreement between Independent School District 279 School Board, and Community Education Program Specialists.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 4-1 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 GENERAL COUNSEL</p>	<p>Motion by Cottingham, 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 General Counsel.</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 Henke, seconded by Epley, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$33,405.30.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School Board Work Session, Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> <li>2. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> </ol>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>At 9:37 PM, motion by Green, seconded by Epley, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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