

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
December 7, 2010

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| <p>CALL TO ORDER</p> | <p>A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.</p> |
| <p>ROLL CALL</p> | <p>The following members were present: Board members John Nelson, Dean Henke, Laura Cottington, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, Lin Myszkowski, and Superintendent Kate Maguire.</p> |
| <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> | <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Kim Green.</p> |
| <p>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p> | <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to accept the printed agenda.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> |
| <p>PRESENTATION: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE, NORTH VIEW JUNIOR HIGH AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL: PROGRESS ON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT</p> | <p>North View Junior High Principal John Groenke updated the School Board on North View’s progress on the School Improvement Grant. Groenke updated board members on the three key areas of focus for the three-year grant: student achievement; school climate and culture; and family and community engagement. Three students provided their perspectives on their experience at North View, and two Maple Grove families shared why they chose to enroll their students at North View.</p> |
| <p>TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT/ QUESTIONS</p> | <p>Kim Riesgraf, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, provided the Board and audience with budget information for 2010-11. The school district’s total revenue budget for all funds totals \$252,079,192. The revenue is derived from 75.1% state aid, 18.6% local levy, and 6.2% other sources.</p> <p>Total expenditures for all funds for 2010-11 are projected to be \$205,584,302.</p> <p>Dr. Riesgraf reviewed the “Comparison of Proposed Tax Levy Payable in 2011 to Actual Levy Payable in 2010” chart. The total proposed levy payable in 2011 is \$70,137,614, the maximum allowable for all funds, compared to \$69,249,833 for the current year (payable 2010), which represents approximately a 1.3% increase.</p> |

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| <p>TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT/ QUESTIONS</p> | <p>Dr. Riesgraf reviewed a breakdown of the various levies which provide revenue for the General Fund and explained the reasons for the increases and decreases.</p> <p>Dr. Riesgraf opened this portion of the meeting for public comments. There were no comments from the public; as a result Dr. Riesgraf announced that the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was formally adjourned.</p> |
| <p>AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD</p> | <p>No one addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board.</p> |
| <p>SUPT. REPORT</p> | <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></p> <p>Achieving Results Park Center senior Katie Lind was named a candidate in the 2011 competition for a Special Scholarship based on her performance on the 2009 PSAT exam. Administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, Special Scholarships are provided by corporate sponsors who also fund Merit Scholarship awards.</p> <p>Another Park Center senior, Joseph Kelly, was chosen out of more than one million entrants as an Artist of the Week on the Artsonia website. Artsonia is the largest student art museum in the world, with the mission that all students would have an online art gallery to preserve their masterpieces for all time.</p> <p>Student Confidence, Courage and Competence On December 4, 55 Weaver Lake 6th graders presented the results of their scientific investigations at the University of Minnesota’s Insect Fair, “Celebrating Insect Biology and Student Achievement.” University professors and graduate students judged the student presentations, noting that the Weaver Lake students had a thorough understanding of the scientific process. The students also attended various breakout sessions focused on entomology.</p> <p>The Park Center PI Adapted Soccer team earned a 3rd place finish at the state tournament held in mid-November.</p> |

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The Maple Grove girls' tennis team wrapped up a successful season, finishing 4th in the conference with three All-Conference selections (Taryn Stromback, Allison Juda and Hannah Schutte).

Contributing to Community

Three District 279 schools are selling notecards showcasing student artwork, with proceeds benefiting educational programs. Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts is selling notecards featuring the work of student artists; Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology School offers cards that feature student photography from the school's fall Monarch study; and Park Center's notecards also spotlight student artworks. Costs range from \$5 to \$14; for more information, contact each school.

North View Junior High hosted a "Let It Snow" family bingo night last week, attended by about 350 people who enjoyed a pizza dinner and fun activities. Art teacher Ellen Plum created special craft projects for younger children while their older siblings and parents played Bingo. This event is one of many family events North View is offering to building community among North View families and to support strong school/home relationships.

Park Brook Elementary Principal Scott Taylor is engaging parents at the school by inviting them to join him for "Coffee with the Principal." This informal get-together provides an opportunity for parents to discuss annual school goals with the principal and to build community with other parents.

Every month, 3rd graders at Basswood Elementary sharpen their handwriting and letter writing skills by sharing news about school and local events with soldiers from Minnesota and Wisconsin. The letters are included with care packages put together by Marianne Schmidt, a Maple Grove resident. Over the past 8 years, Mrs. Schmidt has sent nearly 1500 care packages to soldiers serving overseas. The Basswood 3rd graders students have received many responses to their letters and even had a flag flown into a combat mission in Iraq in their honor. The flag was then sent to the school.

Over the past six years, students at Woodland Elementary have made and donated more than 1,000 blankets and hundreds of pillows to Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul. Working with a "buddy classroom," first through sixth grade students cut and tie fleece blankets to give to sick kids at the hospital. Students in kindergarten and in the school's Four Star Express preschool program stuff pillows that are used to rest heads, prop arms and legs, and give a little smile to patients. Funded by a generous grant from the District 279 foundation, this service project teaches students how to investigate

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and respond to a need within their community.

The Osseo Senior High boy's hockey team took advantage of a crisp fall weekend and went out in the community to rake and bag leaves from senior citizens yards. The team received much praise and appreciation from the senior citizens they helped.

Lifelong Learning

Several community education staff members shared their expertise at the National Community Education Association Conference earlier this month. Carrie Larson trained other community educators on Effective Community Use of School Facilities, and Mike Looby presented on strategic planning, using District 279's plan as an example of focusing an entire system on increasing academic achievement for all students. A highlight of the conference was when District 279's Gail Maus and Mike Looby received the organization's highest award recognizing the national accreditation of 13 District 279 sites that provide out-of-school-time programs and service to children in our community.

Mission-driven employees

Park Brook food service staff members are connecting with kids in a whole new way this year. Once a month during lunch, kitchen staff members lead activities in the cafeteria while other school employees serve lunch. At the first activity of the year, food service employees planned an engaging game that focused on food-related vocabulary. The game was a hit, and students are already looking forward to the next activity.

Two Osseo teachers were recognized at the annual TIES conference as 2010 TIES Exceptional Teachers, recognizing their modeling of best practices in using technology in their classroom and engaging students in learning: Kris Campea, from Osseo Junior High, and Mary Litwinczuk, from Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology School.

Leveraging Assets

On December 1st, 50 Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts 4th-6th grade orchestra students took the stage with the Minnesota Orchestra to play "Ode to Joy" for more than 4,000 audience members. Afterwards, the students also performed for the meeting of the Minnesota Orchestra Board of Directors. The concerts are an example of the close collaboration Birch Grove has with the Minnesota Orchestra and with Jim Bartsch, its educational director. The entire school attended one of the performances and audience members reported that the students performed beautifully.

In only its first year, Park Brook Elementary's Morning Move program is attracting approximately 50 students who come to school early twice

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each week to have fun and exercise. With grant support from the District 279 Foundation, the popular Dance Dance Revolution activity will be incorporated into the program.

With grant support from the District 279 Foundation, 40 Park Center students attended the Mixed Blood Theatre's bilingual performance of La casa de los espíritus / House of the Spirits. The play incorporated elements that are relevant to the students' International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme courses, such as Spanish, history, and English. The students had great comprehension of the Spanish dialogue, and many students agreed that they "didn't even notice the switch between Spanish and English" throughout the performance. It was an unexpected treat to see Ricardo Vázquez, a Park Center graduate, play three different roles in the performance.

Superintendent Maguire reported that 400 parents attended Kindergarten Information Nights held at Cedar Island and Fair Oaks Elementary Schools. Parents learned about full and half day kindergarten options in our district. There was a 33% increase in participation from last year.

On Friday, December 3, the superintendent and cabinet members convened a meeting of our system leaders – directors, principals, assistant principals and the 5 site coordinators. December 3 was a mark reporting day so students were not in school. We take advantage of these days to convene this group four times each year to influence systems thinking about our highest priority work.

Superintendent Maguire stated that this is the third year that the leaders have focused on learning about what it means to be a culturally responsive school system. In between our large group meetings, the leaders engage in small group study to apply their learning to impact practice in our schools.

Our board has identified the need for leaders to be culturally responsive as a high priority goal again this year and so, all leaders in our organization, including board members, are engaged in professional development in this area.

Lastly, the superintendent shared that she recently visited the Adult Education Center (AEC) and spent some time with the Adult Basic Education Program visiting an English Language Learner (ELL) class.

She shared what ISD 279 Adult Basic Education does to help adult learners

- Improve basic skills (reading, writing, math), English Language Learning, computer literacy

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| <p>SUPT. REPORT</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for the GED test or college • Gain job skills <p>Who are the learners?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must be 16+ years of age and not enrolled in secondary school. • Average age is 25-45 years (oldest student is 84; youngest is 17) • Most live in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Maple Grove. • Most are working and attending school. • Many are parents of K-12 students in ISD 279. <p>ABE programs support adult learners through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved academic and workplace skills to get a job, get a better job or keep a job. • Improved economic self-sufficiency and stability; Limited literacy skills cost businesses and taxpayers dollars in lost wages, profits and productivity. • Impacting children’s successes in school – Parents with more education read more to their children, help more with homework, and communicate more effectively with teachers, helping build better K-12 outcomes. • Gaining self-esteem, personal confidence and sense of personal and civic responsibility • Participating more fully as community members |
| <p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p> | <p>Director Myszkowski gave a brief summary of tonight’s School Board Work Session. The meeting consisted of the long and short range facilities plan and the Northwest Family Services Center agreement. Work on this facility is scheduled to begin in March 2011.</p> <p>Chairperson Nelson announced that Tim Wilson, ISD 279 – Osseo Area Schools Chief Technology Officer, was named the MN Technology Leader of the Year at the TIES conference.</p> <p>Chairperson Nelson reported that he and Superintendent Maguire attended the annual TIES superintendent’s conference; they learned how to use some new technology.</p> <p>Director Epley reported that she and Director Green also attended the TIES conference and heard some phenomenal speakers.</p> <p>Director Cottingham reported that she and Barb Olson, School/Community Relations Director, attended a school finance elections workshop.</p> <p>Director Green reported that she was a delegate for MSBA where 29 resolutions were brought forward and 12 of them passed.</p> |

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Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottingham, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of November 23, 2010

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 23, 2010

Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of December 1, 2010

Verified Accounts Payable dated December 7, 2010

Personnel

Fundraisers

One Month Lease at Timberland Partners

Application to Register Title for the Northwest Family Services Center Project

Legislative Platform

Contract for Services – A+ Tutoring

This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and A+ Tutoring Services, Ltd. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of eighteen (18) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$68.09 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)

Contract for Services – Kids Reading for Success

This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and Kids Reading for Success. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of twenty (20) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$60 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)

Contract for Services – ATS Project Success

This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and ATS

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Project Success. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of twenty-four and a half (24.5) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$50 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)

Contract for Services – College Tutors

This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and College Tutors. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of twenty-one (21) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$58 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)

Contract for Services – Eager to Learn Tutoring

This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and Eager to Learn Tutoring Program. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of twenty-four (24) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$50 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)

Contract for Services – RAMP UP! ISD 287

This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and RAMP UP! ISD 287. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of eighteen (18) one and a half hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$45 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)

Contract for Services – Sylvan Learning – MN

This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and Sylvan

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| <p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> | <p>Learning-MN. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of thirty (30) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$40.85 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)</p> <p><u>Contract for Services – Tutor Co</u> This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and TutorCo. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of seventeen (17) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$73.50 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)</p> <p><u>Contract for Services – Club Z! Tutoring Services</u> This is a contract between Independent School District 279 and Club Z! Tutoring Services. The consultant will provide supplemental educational services (SES) to students in compliance with applicable law, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and all regulations and guidance issued in the contract. The consultant will conduct a maximum of eighteen (18) one hour tutoring sessions with students between November 9, 2010 and February 4, 2011; and February 14, 2011 and April 27, 2011. The consultant will be paid at a rate of \$65 per hour of service rendered, not to exceed \$1,225.60 per student per school year. (Title I Funds)</p> <p><u>Student Trips</u> The motion carried unanimously.</p> |
| <p>GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT</p> | <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$32,602.28.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> |
| <p>2010 PAYABLE 2011 LEVY LIMITATION CERTIFICATION</p> | <p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve the 2010 payable 2011 Levy Limitation Certification.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p> |

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. School Board Work Session, Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 6:00 PM, Forum Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.2. Board Retirement Reception, Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 7:30 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.3. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 8:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public. |
| ADJOURNMENT | <p>At 9:57 PM, motion by Cottington, seconded by Myszkowski, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> |
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