

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

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, December 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 John Nelson, Dean Henke, Laura Cottingham, Kim Green, Tammie Epley, Lin Myzskowski, and Superintendent Kate Maguire.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by John Nelson.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottingham, to accept the printed agenda.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
APPRECIATION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS	Superintendent Maguire recognized two outgoing board members and thanked for their dedication and service to District 279 students, staff, and community: Chairman John Nelson, retiring after 13½ years of service; and Director Lin Myzskowski, retiring after five years of service.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	The following individuals addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board: Community members David Looby, Russ Funk, Myrna Kragness, Byron Laher, and Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat.
SUPT. REPORT	<p>Superintendent Maguire started her report, with 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.</p> <p>The superintendent stated that her report was regarding the winter storm last weekend. She shared that we cancelled all of the activities scheduled at our sites and our own district activities on Saturday. Superintendent Maguire stated that members of our community may not know all the behind-the-scenes work that occurs during and after a storm in order to prepare our sites for 21,000 students the next school day. She shared some of that work.</p>

Before every winter weekend, and before any storm, we examine all the planned activities.

District 279 takes great pride in encouraging community groups to use school facilities. As a result, more than 1 million hours of public use are scheduled during after-school hours, evenings, and weekends over the course of the school year.

The superintendent shared that the Brooklyn Park Athletic Association (BPAA) had a basketball tournament involving 500 youth and their families scheduled throughout the weekend at four school sites. Sunday activities included 400 youth basketball participants of the Osseo Maple Grove Basketball Association (OMGBA) at four school sites. And four community churches with 500 people at four additional sites.

Because of the high demand for our facilities, the Community Education team prepares a “snow plowing report” on Thursday afternoons prior to every weekend throughout the potential snow season. The report is sent to the staff of the Maintenance and Grounds Department and the information includes a list of all scheduled school sites for the upcoming weekend, the times that each facility will be used, and the estimated number of participants in each building.

Our team reviewed activities, watched the weather reports, contacted neighboring districts, conferenced with our district activities coordinators to gauge weekend safety hazards for our students and community.

She shared that these are some of the things that we have to consider in the event of a storm:

**Safety**

- Fire exits must be cleared by custodial and grounds staff to insure safe emergency egress when students and community members arrive.

**Core business function capability**

- Teachers and staff must be able to safely conduct instruction
- Technical systems that support classroom instruction must be in place – food service, computers, etc
- Systems have to be able to support community use of facilities

**Scope of work**

- ISD 279 has approximately 5.3 M square feet of pavement.
- Depending on the snow volume and winds, the snow removal process takes approximately 5 hrs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our district has hundreds of roof top mechanical units that are vulnerable in heavy snows and wind. In the event of significant snow fall and wind, the custodial and maintenance staff work together to clear snow from roof top mechanical equipment, assess the operating condition and make necessary repairs.</li> <li>• Engineers must inspect each classroom ventilation unit and clear snow from the intake to insure proper operation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To effectively clear this space, we employ 3 snow removal contractors who work with our grounds crew.</li> <li>• There are 5 staff members on the grounds team who are responsible for moving piled snow out of the lots, plowing the curb line, de-icing, sanding, and removing banks at entrances.</li> <li>• The grounds crew operates 1 plow, 1 sander/plow, 3 tractors and a skid steer.</li> <li>• Our annual budget for contracted snow removal is \$220,000.</li> </ul> <p>Superintendent Maguire reported that the good planning for a storm event like the one we had paid off. Both maintenance/grounds staff and technology staff worked throughout the weekend to ensure an effective start up with community members on Sunday and with students on Monday.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Green reported on the work session that was held prior to this meeting. She shared that the focus of the meeting was the budget for the 2011-2012 school year. The Board gave feedback on the assumptions to be used in the planning budget for the long and short term. Approval of the budget is planned for the first board meeting in March.</p> <p>Director Myszkowski reported that she, Director Cottington, Director Epley, and principals Michael Thomas and Tony Hudson attended <i>Shining the Light – A Faith Gathering for Minnesota’s Future</i> put on by Isaiah. Isaiah is a group of 90 congregations from around the state who have committed themselves to each other in order to create a shared vision that prioritizes social, racial and economic justice.</p> <p>Director Epley reported that she attended Brooklyn Park’s Civic Ambassador training.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2010</u></p> <p><u>Financial Reports for the Month of November 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 November 2010</u></p> <p><u>Payment of bills, including Payroll, made through the office for the month of November 2010</u></p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 21st Century Grant in the amount of \$447,811 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$447,811</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment Grant in the amount of \$699,171 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$699,171</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Alternative Attendance Grant in the amount of \$28,000 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$28,000</u></p> <p><u>Acceptance of the 2010-2011 Intra-District Desegregation Grant in the amount of \$2,744,897 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$2,744,897</u></p> <p><u>Resolution Ratifying Execution of Ground Lease Agreements Between ISD 279, Osseo Area Schools and Clearwire US LLC</u></p> <p><u>Facilities' Improvement Plan and Budget</u></p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTHWEST FAMILY SERVICES CENTER</p>	<p>Motion by Myszkowski, seconded by Green, to approve the resolution approving participation in and the development of the Northwest Family Services Center.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>SECOND AND FINAL READING OF POLICY 209 – BOARD STANDARDS</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green, the second and final reading of Policy 209 – Board Standards.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CULTURAL</p>	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Cottington, to approve the terms and</p>

LIAISONS AND STUDENT LEARNING ADVOCATES , JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2012	<p>conditions of employment cultural liaisons and Student Learning Advocates, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENTFOR LAUNDRY WORKES AND WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS, JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2012	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Green, to approve the terms and conditions of employment for Laundry Workers and Water Safety Instructors, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ISD279 AND OSSEO PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZING A PRINCIPALS PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE PAY SYSTEM – PILOT PROGRAM, JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Epley, to approve the memorandum of understanding between ISD 279 and Osseo Principals Association authorizing principals professional pay system – PILOT PROGRAM, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.</p> <p>The motion carried on a 5-1 vote with Director Henke voting no.</p>
GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT	<p>Motion by Nelson, seconded by Henke, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$13,581.69.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
PRESENTATION: ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS – 5 YEAR	<p>Dr. Kim Riesgraf, assistant superintendent of administration provided information relating to Enrollment Trends and Projections. The purpose of her presentation was to provide a broad perspective on district enrollment trends and the enrollment projections for the next five years. Her presentation had two basic themes: enrollment remains stable; and parents continue to exercise choice for their children’s education by choosing charter and other public school districts.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School Board Organizational Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00 PM, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> <li>2. Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2011, immediately following the Organizational Meeting, Board Room, Educational Service Center. Open to the Public.</li> </ol>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>At 9:42 PM, motion by Nelson, seconded by Myszkowski, to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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