

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Independent School District 279 School Board
Maple Grove, MN
February 25, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Teresa Lunt called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Board members Teresa Lunt, Dean Henke, Linda Etim, Tammie Epley, Jim Burgett, Jacki Girtz, and Superintendent Dr. Kate Maguire.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Linda Etim.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to accept the printed agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	<p>The following individuals addressed the Board during Audience Opportunity to Address the School Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community member Mike Ostaffe shared his point of view on districtwide grade reconfiguration and the impact on taxpayers, students and teachers across the district. ▪ Becky Hespen, Special Education Educational Support Professional (ESP) and president of EM-O ESP's, spoke on the recent ratification of the ESP contract. ▪ Libby Brock and Ginger Luoma Anderson, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) teachers, represented ECSE on behalf of the staff, students and families of ECSE. Libby and Ginger each presented an overview of ECSE programs and services. ▪ Steve Boulka, Elizabeth Cashman, Steve Borgstrom, Candace Johnson, Jennifer Hinker and Paul Wardell, teachers of Osseo Area Schools, each spoke on behalf of teacher contract negotiations.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Kate Maguire shared that a regular part of her 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 lifetime of learning.</i></p> <p>Cabinet members provided information on student and community accomplishments of confidence, courage and competence in the areas</p>

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of Achieving Dreams, Contributing to Community, Lifelong Learning and Mission-Driven Employees.

Brian Siverson-Hall, Executive Director of Community Engagement, shared highlights of the 14th Annual District 279 Foundation "A Night Out Gala" held on February 13th; over 250 guests attended the *Olympic* themed event. Staff at district school sites created and donated *Olympic* themed baskets for the silent auction and several sponsors donated items. The purpose of the event is to raise dollars for District 279 classroom grant initiatives. This year's event raised over \$23,000 dollars that will provide additional innovative learning opportunities for District 279 students.

Superintendent Kate Maguire acknowledged School Board Recognition Week February 17-21st; recognizing the important work of our School Board members. Maguire stated the key work of school boards is to improve student achievement and increase community engagement to promote education. The school board sets the vision for the school district, determines strategies to accomplish goals and ensures accountability while monitoring progress on goals. Superintendent Maguire shared that creating the conditions under which more than 20,000 preK – adult learners achieve rigorous performance standards is no small task. Board members spend countless hours preparing for and participating in regular meetings, work sessions and professional development while devoting time to study education issues and laws, and listening to the interests of parents, staff and community. On behalf of District 279 staff, Superintendent Kate Maguire thanked our School Board members for their public service.

Superintendent Maguire recognized two Maple Grove Junior High school teachers as semifinalists for the 2014 MN Teacher of the Year award; Mike Endres, 8th grade Earth Science teacher and Charles Nelson, 9th grade American History teacher. The field of 33 semifinalists will be narrowed to 10 in March, with the MN Teacher of the Year to be announced on May 4, 2014.

Superintendent Maguire reported that for the 24th consecutive year, District 279 has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). Maguire stated this award represents a significant achievement and reflects our commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting. High performance in financial reporting is critical and ensures School Board members can trust they are receiving accurate financial information on which to base decisions.

Superintendent Maguire shared information on the legislative coffee held February 3 at Park Center Senior High in which nine representatives and senators attended, along with several members of the School Board, students and staff. The purpose is to build

<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p>	<p>relationships with area legislators, share district legislative priorities while hearing legislators' perspectives on priorities in the coming session. Kelli Parpart, Park Center Senior High Principal, along with staff and students created a video highlighting improvements in graduation rates at Park Center and emphasizing the effective use of resources to accomplish those gains.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>1/31/14 Emergency Meeting Director Tammie Epley reported on a special emergency meeting of the School Board held on January 31. The purpose of the meeting was to consider changes to the school calendar necessitated by the five school day closures due to extreme cold in January.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the instructional and financial implications of the closures and determined that two additional days would be added to the 2013-2014 school calendar. The Board approved Friday, March 7, and Friday, April 18 to be regular school days.</p> <p>Epley stated the School Board recognizes changes to the school year calendar create challenges for staff, students, and families. The Board appreciates the extra effort that teachers will need to do to complete mark reporting and to participate in rescheduled professional development as a result of this change. Epley reported that at this time the Board is not considering adding additional days to the calendar as a result of an additional weather related school cancellation on Friday, February 21st.</p> <p>2/6/14 Work Session Director Jim Burgett reported on the February 6, 2014 School Board work session in which the topic was the fiscal year 2015 budget. The work session included a review of the Long-Range Financial Planning Framework and the updated budget planning timeline. The Board was informed that budget adjustments being proposed were aligned with strategic planning priorities of the district.</p> <p>Board members reviewed the completed analysis of budget adjustment proposals that were completed by the Long-Range Financial Planning Advisory Team; this team included community FISCAL team members and district stakeholders. The Board carefully considered the proposed adjustments and provided direction to administration to prepare the adjustments for approval at the February 25th board meeting.</p> <p>2/10/14 Work Session Board Chair Teresa Lunt reported on the February 10 work session. The Board received a briefing on the status of work to transition to all-day kindergarten programming at all elementary schools for the 2014-15 school year and discussed districtwide grade reconfiguration. An update on the status of transition planning for all-day kindergarten at all elementary schools was given to the Board. The report included information about logistics and curricular programming.</p>

<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>The second topic discussed at the work session was districtwide grade configuration. Currently, schools serve students in grade spans of K-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The examination of space districtwide as a result of the move to all-day kindergarten, has given an opportunity to consider moving to different grade spans in each building that would be PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12.</p> <p>The Board reviewed feedback from three community informational meetings that occurred in January along with feedback from two staff informational sessions. School Board members discussed the significant benefits and challenges of making such a change and options for financing building additions. The Board then provided direction to continue planning for a new grade configuration, including adding necessary space to all three comprehensive high schools. Lunt stated it is important to note that the Board has not yet taken any formal action regarding grade configuration. In the next month, staff will design a more detailed plan and timeline for implementing grade configuration and present it for Board consideration and formal action.</p> <p>Other Board Reports</p> <p>Board Chair Teresa Lunt shared that in February she was able to attend the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) national conference where Superintendent Dr. Kate Maguire was recognized as the 2014 Minnesota Superintendent of the Year. Superintendents are selected for this honor based on their leadership for learning, communication skills, professionalism, and community involvement, of which Dr. Maguire exemplifies all of these qualities. Teresa Lunt commented she was able to attend educational sessions on district management, governing executive leadership and on student achievement and accountability. Board Chair Teresa Lunt expressed gratefulness for the opportunity to support Dr. Maguire and learn more to support our work in moving the district mission forward.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: Park Center Senior High Moving the Mission Forward</p>	<p>Three Park Center Senior High (PCSH) students, along with Kelli Parpart, PCSH Principal, shared general information about PCSH, along with specifics on the increasing graduation rates and the closing of the opportunity gap. The increase in graduation rates for black students at PCSH has increased over 22% in the past 5 years. Data that indicates PCSH is closing the opportunity gap between white students and students of color. PCSH students and staff produced then presented a video to legislators on February 3rd which portrays how state compensatory along with achievement and integration funds are being used at PCSH to deliver significant gains in graduation rates. This video demonstrates how both funding sources allow PCSH to provide specialized programming to students in order to accomplish these gains. The video was shown at tonight's meeting.</p>

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to approve items in the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Minutes of the regular meeting of January 28, 2014 B. Minutes of the emergency meeting of January 31, 2014 C. Financial reports for the month ended January 31, 2014 D. Electronic wire transfers for the month of January 2014 E. Payment of bills for the month of January 2014 F. Personnel G. Fundraisers H. Field Trips I. Acceptance of the 2013-2014 21st Century Grant Amended in the amount of \$387,837 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$387,837 J. Acceptance of the 2013-2014 College Career Ready Grant in the amount of \$45,000 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 K. Acceptance of the 2013-2014 Statewide Health Improvement Program - 3 Grant in the amount of \$42,100 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$42,100 L. Acceptance of the 2013-2014 Title III Grant in the amount of \$423,209 and authorize an expenditure and budget appropriation in the amount of \$423,209 M. Easement to City of Brooklyn Park at Zanewood Community School N. Dane Lease Agreement O. Fourth Amendment to Lease by and between Timberland Partners IX, LLP and Independent School District 279 <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>FISCAL YEAR 2014 MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</p>	<p>Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to approve the Fiscal Year 2014 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>FISCAL YEAR 2015 GENERAL OPERATING / TRANSPORTATION BUDGET</p>	<p>Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 General Operating / Transportation Budget.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL, AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 279 SCHOOL BOARD AND THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS, JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2014</p>	<p>Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, for the recommendation of approval on the terms and conditions of employment between the Independent School District 279 School Board and the Educational Support Professionals, July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

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<p>GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT</p>	<p>Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Dean Henke, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$66,686.26.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A negotiations strategies meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Educational Service Center (ESC) in room N-10. This meeting will be closed to the public. 2. A school board work session will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Forum room at the ESC. This meeting will be open to the public and the topics will be Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Capital Budget and Districtwide Grade Configuration. 3. A regular school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Board room at the ESC. This meeting will be open to the public.
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>At 7:56 PM, motion by Tammie Epley seconded by Dean Henke to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
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