

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Independent School District 279 School Board  
Maple Grove, MN  
March 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER	A regular meeting of the Independent School District 279 School Board was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in the Board Room at the Educational Service Center. Chairperson Teresa Lunt called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Dean Henke.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to accept the printed agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
PRESENTATION: MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS	In recognition of Music In Our Schools Month, Christine Weatherman, Staff Development Assessment Specialist, arranged for a performance of Beethoven's "String Quartet #4" by the Maple Grove Senior High string quartet. Following the performance, Christine Weatherman shared interesting <i>Music by the Numbers</i> facts and figures about the outstanding music program in Osseo Area Schools.
PRESENTATION: MAPLE GROVE SENIOR HIGH 2014 HONORABLE MENTION MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF CHARACTER	Sara Vernig, Maple Grove Senior High (MGSH) principal, shared that MGSH was named the 2014 Honorable Mention MN School of Character, recognizing the character education program, <i>The Crimson Way</i> . Only two MN schools were recognized through the program this year, with MGSH being the only public school honored. Students Aldrin Clement and Bridget Jacobs shared their perspectives regarding the <i>Crimson Way's</i> impact on students.
AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD	No one addressed the Board during audience opportunity to address the School Board.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	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</i>

<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p>	<p><i>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 of achieving dreams, contributing to community, life-long learning and mission-driven employees.</p> <p>Superintendent Maguire reported on MN legislative activity, sharing details on several legislative proposals that will impact Osseo Area Schools. Maguire and board chair, Teresa Lunt, have provided testimony at the capitol on several bills relating to education.</p>
<p>SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS</p>	<p>3/4/14 Work Session Report</p> <p>Director Tammie Epley reported on the March 4, 2014 school board work session. The two topics at this work session were Districtwide Grade Configuration and the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Capital Budget. The board was provided background and context for the grade configuration discussion. The board received estimated student numbers at elementary, middle and high school levels; racial and socioeconomic demographics of each school; and the Met Council report on racially concentrated areas of poverty within the district.</p> <p>The board then discussed repurposing individual rooms and additions to all three high schools that will be necessary to move 9th grade students to high school, without changing current boundaries. A preliminary construction timeline and proposed financing structure were reviewed. The board then discussed the operational and programmatic grade reconfiguration timeline and work plan.</p> <p>After consideration of the information presented, the school board gave direction to prepare a resolution for action to change the grade configuration to a PreK / K through grade 5, grade 6 to 8 and grade 9 to 12 grade span at the March 18, 2014 board meeting.</p> <p>The board then discussed the second work session topic, the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Capital Budget. Assistant Superintendent, Kim Riesgraf, provided context and shared that this is the first time the Long Range Financial Planning Framework has been implemented in this budget area. Information presented to the school board included capital finances and forecast, capital budget timeline and the capital budget Program Efficiency Abandonment and Redirection summary. The board discussed the recommendation and provided direction to move the recommendation forward for approval at the March 18, 2014 board meeting.</p> <p>Other Reports</p> <p>Director Dean Henke shared that several school board members along with Superintendent Kate Maguire attended the Adult Basic</p>

SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS	Education GED Graduation ceremony at Park Center Senior High on March 17 <sup>th</sup> . Henke shared there were several moving stories from the graduates on their accomplishment.
CONSENT AGENDA	<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"> <li>A. Minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2014</li> <li>B. Minutes of the negotiations strategies meeting of February 25, 2014</li> <li>C. Minutes of the negotiations strategies meeting of March 4, 2014</li> <li>D. Financial reports for the month ended February 28, 2014</li> <li>E. Electronic wire transfers for the month of February 2014</li> <li>F. Payment of bills for the month of February 2014</li> <li>G. Personnel</li> <li>H. Field Trips</li> <li>I. Arena Agreement by and between ISD 279 and Osseo-Maple Grove Hockey Association for use of Osseo Ice Arena Facility</li> <li>J. Bid Award for boiler equipment replacement at Palmer Lake and Birch Grove Elementary Schools to Trane Co.</li> </ul> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
RECOMMENDATION TO CONFIGURE DISTRICTWIDE GRADE SPANS AS PreK / K-5, 6-8, 9-12 BEGINNING 2015-2016; BUILD ADDITIONS AND REPURPOSE SPACE AT PCSH, OSH AND MGSB SCHOOLS	<p>Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to approve the recommendation to configure districtwide grade spans as PreK / K-5, 6-8, 9-12 beginning the 2015-2016 school year; build additions and repurpose space at Park Center Senior High, Osseo Senior High, and Maple Grove Senior High Schools.</p> <p>The motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote. Director Dean Henke voted no.</p>
FISCAL YEAR 2015 OPERATING CAPITAL BUDGET; Kim Riesgraf	Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to approve the fiscal year 2015 operating capital budget. The motion carried unanimously.
FINAL READING OF POLICY 403 – DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES	Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Dean Henke, to approve the final reading of policy 403 – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School Employees. The motion carried unanimously.
GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT	Motion by Teresa Lunt, seconded by Tammie Epley, to approve the Gifts to the District totaling \$ 68,149.10. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A negotiations strategies meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Educational Service Center (ESC) in room N-10. This meeting will be closed to the public.</li><li>2. A school board work session will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Forum room at the ESC. This meeting will be open to the public and the topic will be: Teacher Evaluation.</li><li>3. The school board policy committee will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 8:00 PM in room W-42 at the ESC. This meeting will be open to the public.</li></ol>
ADJOURNMENT	At 7:32 PM, motion by Tammie Epley seconded by Dean Henke to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
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