

# School Board Highlights

November 28, 2011

Hilltop Elementary School IMC

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<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order by Chair Difronzo at 7 p.m.
<b>Board Members Present</b>	Mickey Difronzo, Paul Mandell, Keri Myran, Cindy Nordstrom, Phil Prokopowicz & Lynette Stensgard
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Agenda approved.
<b>Superintendent's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Wells introduced Hilltop' Elementary School's principal, Tom Barker, who handed things over to Sarah Zaiser. Ms. Zaiser gave the board an overview of PBIS at Hilltop and an update on of exciting events that have occurred at Hilltop this school year.</li> <li>• A celebration recognizing the district's Atheneum program for its selection as a national Blue Ribbon school will take place this Thursday, December 1. Snacks and refreshments will be served in Salem Hills Elementary School's main gymnasium between 3:30 and 5 p.m. All district students, staff and community members are invited to attend as we celebrate this outstanding achievement.</li> <li>• Trimester one wraps up this Thursday. There will be no school this Friday, December 2.</li> <li>• The district will host its next volunteer training session at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 in the district office board room. Please visit the district website for more information.</li> <li>• Salem Hills third-graders recently Skyped with authors from around the nation to gain a better understanding of the necessary components to tell a good story.</li> <li>• Polar Explorer Will Steger visited Pine Bend Elementary School to share stories from his arctic expeditions with third-graders who had been learning about the environment.</li> <li>• District 199 fifth- and sixth-graders recently competed in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl. Fifth-graders at Pine Bend Elementary School placed fourth in the state; Atheneum finished in fifth; Salem Hills took 7th place; and Hilltop placed 10th. Sixth-graders from Inver Grove Heights Middle School finished 9th in their respective class. The Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl consists of 100 multiple choice questions that challenge students to collectively select answers in speedy fashion. Congratulations to all of the teams representing Inver Grove Heights Community Schools.</li> <li>• Many thanks to the Lion's Club for donating one Webster's Dictionary to every third-grader at Hilltop Elementary School. Students are able to bring the dictionaries home to work on expanding their vocabulary.</li> <li>• Five teachers from ISD 199 will be presenting at the TIES technology conference in early December. These teachers will share their expertise with colleagues and explain how they are using innovative strategies to provide a more engaging learning experience for students. Presenters from ISD 199 include: Sara Getting, Lori Gustafson, Joe Melde, Ben Peine and Karin Swainey. The district is delighted to have each of these individuals representing Inver Grove Heights Community Schools at the conference.</li> <li>• As seen on today's agenda, Tom Barker will be retiring next August after 25 years of service to the school district. He has been principal at South Grove Elementary School, Pine Bend Elementary School and, most recently, Hilltop Elementary School.</li> </ul>
<b>Business Manager's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The district's Truth-in-Taxation hearing will be on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.</li> <li>• Mr. Rimstad updated the board on the Homestead Credit Shift.</li> </ul>

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- The group will begin holding table discussions during the morning session prior to meetings.

## EMID

- EMID is moving into the second phase of its strategic plan.

## Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approved the minutes of the School Board Meeting held on November 14, 2011.
- B. Approved the weekly bills payable for October 5, 2011, October 12, 2011, October 19, 2011, and October 26, 2011.
- C. Approved the bills payable as of November 28, 2011.
- D. Personnel
  1. Certified Resignation/Retirement
    - a. Accepted the retirement of Thomas Barker, Hilltop Elementary School Principal, effective August 1, 2012.
  2. General/Medical Leave
    - a. Approved the revised family medical leave for Kathy Schoeberl, Hilltop Elementary School Teacher, effective October 24, 2011 through December 9, 2011.
    - b. Approved the intermittent family medical leave for Tammy Gingerich, Inver Grove Heights Middle School Teacher, effective December 9, 2011 through January 13, 2012.
    - c. Approved the intermittent family medical leave for Michael Gingerich, Simley High School Teacher, effective December 9, 2011 through January 13, 2012.
    - d. Approved the family medical leave for Theresa Bechay, Pine Bend Elementary School Teacher, effective October 31, 2011 through November 30, 2011.
    - e. Approved the revised family medical leave for Jean Herbst, Hilltop Elementary School Teacher, effective October 25, 2011 through January 29, 2012.
  3. Classified Appointment
    - a. Approved the appointment of Shellie Boyer, Simley High School Paraprofessional, effective November 21, 2011.
    - b. Approved the appointment of Brenda Holdorph, Hilltop Elementary School Cook Helper, effective November 14, 2011.
    - c. Approved the appointment of Pamela L. Hough, Cahill Court Cook Helper, effective November 28, 2011.
    - d. Approved the appointment of Le Ann Onken, Pine Bend Elementary School Long-Term Substitute Administrative Assistant, effective November 28, 2011 through December 22, 2011.
    - e. Approved the appointment of Kristen Schmitt, Cahill Court Cook Helper, effective November 28, 2011.
    - f. Approved the appointment of Extra-Curricular Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.
    - g. Approved the appointment of Community Education Youth Enrichment Instructors for the 2011-2012 school year.
    - h. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for ABC Educational Enterprises, Inc. dba ClubZ! Home Tutoring Services, effective November 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
    - i. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for ATS Project Success effective November 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
    - j. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for College Tutors effective November 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
    - k. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for the Woodbury Sylvan Learning Center, effective November 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
    - l. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for Tutor Company, effective November 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
    - m. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for A+ Tutoring Services Ltd, effective November 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
    - n. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for Independent School District 917, effective November 28, 2011 through June 30,

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- o. Approved the master contract for Supplemental Educational Services for 24 Hours Tutoring Inc, effective November 28, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

**Business**

- A. Accepted the donation of 145 Paperback Dictionaries from the Inver Grove Heights Lions Club to the 3rd graders at Hilltop Elementary School.
- B. Approved the Second Reading for Revision of Policy 202.2 – Replacement of District 917 School Board Representative, Policy 203.1 School Board Procedures – Rules of Order, Policy 203.2 – Order of Regular School Board Meeting, Policy 203.6 – Consent Agendas, Policy 203.7 – Cablecasting Inver Grove Heights School Board Meetings, Policy 210 – Conflict of Interest – School Board Members, Policy 211 – Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Members, Employee or Student, Policy 212 – School Board Member Development, and Policy 209 – Code of Ethics.
- C. Reviewed the First Reading for Revision of Policy 701.2 – Fund Balance and Policy 410 – Family and Medical Leave.

**Education**

- A. Approved the Inver Grove Heights Middle School 7th Grade supplemental field trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center located in Finland, Minnesota from June 4, 2012 through June 6, 2012.
- B. Approved the Simley High School Boys Varsity Wrestling Team extended field trip to compete in the Cheesehead Tournament located in Kaukauna, Wisconsin from January 5, 2012 through January 7, 2012.
- C. Approved the Simley High School Boys Varsity Wrestling Team extended field trip to compete in the Minnesota Christmas Tournament located in Rochester, Minnesota from December 16, 2011 through December 17, 2011.

**Personnel**

- A. Approved the addition of a 1.0 FTE Elementary Associate Principal position at Hilltop Elementary School, effective January 3, 2012.

**Board Communication**

- Member Nordstrom thanked the BEST Foundation for putting on the Fun-draiser dinner and silent auction. She congratulated Atheneum for being named a Blue Ribbon school.
- Member Stensgaard is looking forward to winter sports and also congratulated Atheneum.
- Vice Chair Mandell attended the Fun-draiser dinner.
- Chair Difronzo thanked all who were involved in the BEST Foundation's Fun-draiser Dinner.
- Dr. Wells stated that the Consortium of School Networking (CoSN) selected ISD 199 to meet with other districts to discuss innovative technology practices that are occurring in education across the country. ISD 199 will share information about the Student-led Technology Conference and Action-Research projects in the district.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.