

School Board Highlights

March 28, 2011

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Difronzo at 7 p.m.
Board Members Present	Mickey Difronzo, Paul Mandell, Keri Myran, Cindy Nordstrom, and Lynette Stensgard
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved.
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to all the band students who participated in the MSHSL Region 3AA Solo & Ensemble: 26 sites were rated "Superior"; 33 sites were rated "Excellent"; and 10 sites were rated "Good"! Congratulations to Justin Miller who was selected "Best of Site" from our judges! Thank you to all staff who allowed the use of their classrooms for this competition. • Madison Dockter was recently notified that she aced the Critical Reading portion of the SATs. She took the test late last year in order to be eligible to advance in the running for a National Merit Scholarship. At this point, Madison has qualified as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. She will find out in the coming months if she will be named a National Merit Scholarship Winner. The high school senior plans on attending Drake University in the fall, where she desires to major in journalism. Madison attended a scholarship competition at Drake University in February and she was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship that is renewable annually, as long as she maintains a certain GPA. Madison has prepared herself for journalism school by completing courses at Simley such as graphic design, desktop publishing, yearbook and a variety of AP courses. • The Minnesota School Public Relations Association recently awarded Johnny Germscheid, the district's communications coordinator, a Bruce Bauer New Professional scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship will be used to attend the National School Public Relations Association summer conference in San Antonio, TX this July. • Minnesota Math Corps has awarded the district a total of 3.0 FTE positions for the 2011-2012 school year. Minnesota Math Corps members provide fourth- through eighth-graders with math assistance in small-group settings. Hilltop Elementary School will receive a 1.0 position as well as a 0.5 FTE, Salem Hills Elementary School a 0.5 FTE and Inver Grove Heights Middle School a 1.0 FTE. The district will also benefit from services offered through the Minnesota Reading Corps. The Reading Corps will provide the district with four FTE literacy positions. Hilltop will receive a 2.0 FTE, Pine Bend Elementary School a 1.0 FTE, and Salem Hills a 1.0 FTE. Minnesota Reading Corps serves students in grades K-3 and provides them with additional literacy improvement opportunities. Minnesota Math Corps and Reading Corps members will participate in small group pullout to provide supplemental support to students that need to commit extra time and attention to reading and math. Both AmeriCorps programs will last for the entire 2011-2012 school year. • Flint Hills Resources, an engineering company in Inver Grove Heights, will feature Simley students in an upcoming commercial encouraging young girls to enter the engineering field. More details will be coming soon. The district is very thankful for Flint Hills' support and assistance to our students. • Salem Hills will benefit from a \$2,500 national grant that the City of Inver Grove Heights received from Burpee Home Gardens. It includes all the plants for planting with the 3rd graders, a flip video camera, and other supplies which will add to the entire garden from last year, including a rain barrel and compost bin. Burpee Home Gardens staff will be doing

a planting day with the students from Joe Melde and Lori Gustafson's classes on May 18 at 10 a.m.

- Simley's talent show was a great success. Some of the acts that performed included bands, singers, a hip-hop artist and skits from Synergy - an EMID group.
- Simley's Theatre Guild will be performing Cinderella, April 13 - 17. Visit the district website for details.

Membership Reports

AMSD

- AMSD recently hosted their day at the Capital. A panel talked about legislation in play and what might or might not happen.

EMID

- Plan to finalize a superintendent hiring in May

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- Approved the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Monday, March 14, 2011.
- Approved the March 28, 2011, bills payable.
- Personnel
 - Certified Resignation/Retirement
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 - General/Medical Leave
 - Approved the family medical leave of absence for Amy Schultz, Inver Grove Heights Middle School teacher, effective March 7, 2011 through March 14, 2011, March 18, 2011, and March 21, 2011.
 - Approved the revised unpaid medical leave of absence for Denise Swanson, Inver Grove Heights Middle School clerical, effective February 15, 2011 through March 25, 2011 (full-time) and March 28, 2011 through April 1, 2011 (half-time).
 - Certified Appointment
 - Approved the appointment of Andrea Burich, 1.0 FTE Pine Bend Elementary long-term substitute teacher, effective April 18, 2011 through June 10, 2011.
 - Approved the appointment of Simon Gustafson, 0.5 FTE elementary band long-term substitute teacher, effective March 21, 2011 through June 10, 2011.
 - Approved the appointment of Mitchell Johnson, 1.0 FTE Simley High School long-term substitute Science teacher, effective March 23, 2011 through May 18, 2011.
 - Approved the appointment of Markell Kaupaun, 1.0 FTE Inver Grove Heights Middle School long-term substitute English teacher, effective April 18, 2011 through June 10, 2011.
 - Approved the appointment of Stephanie Maybee, 0.5 FTE elementary music long-term substitute teacher, effective March 21, 2011 through June 10, 2011.
 - Classified Appointment
 - Approved the appointment of Hannah Craven, Hilltop Elementary School playground paraprofessional, effective March 14, 2011.
- Approved the appointment of the extra-curricular activity coaches for spring 2011.
- Approved the Community Education 2011 spring youth enrichment classes and instructors.

Business

- Accepted the donation totaling \$5,200 from the Simley Spartan Blue Line Club to Independent School District 199 for coaching stipends for two additional coaches for the boys' hockey program.
- Accepted the donation totaling \$4,425 from the Simley Wrestling Club to Simley High School for two coaching stipends for the 9th grade wrestling program.
- Accepted the donation of 209 Xcel LivingWise Energy Conservation kits (valued at \$60 each x 209 students = \$1,254) from Xcel Energy to Inver Grove Heights Middle School to be used in Ms. Cook's and Ms. Chappuis' grade six science classes.

Education

- Approved the Simley High School Student Council trip to Walker, Minnesota, on April 9, 2011 through April 11, 2011, to attend the Minnesota Association of Student Councils 2011 State Convention.

Board Communication

- Member Nordstrom spent her spring break in Berlin, Germany. She visited German classrooms and noted that education is facing similar issues in Germany as well. A pair of middle school students placed 3rd and 4th at nationals.
- Member Stensgard wished spring sports good luck.
- Vice Chair Mandell said that the Theatre Advisory Committee is working to get more booster support. Tri-district Advisory council met to discuss a new marketing plan. Parents United for Public Schools is having a summit at TIES on Monday, April 11.
- Chair Difronzo attended the BEST Foundation Dinner. Nearly \$10,000 was raised to provide college scholarships for Simley students. He visited Hilltop during the week of music informances.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.