

# School Board Highlights

May 23, 2011

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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, Lynette Stensgard and Bridget Sutton
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Agenda approved.
<b>Visitor Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amy Mueller, a parent on the Inver Grove Heights Destination ImagiNation Booster Club, discussed the club's success this season including qualifying four teams for Global Finals.</li> </ul>
<b>Superintendent's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suzie McKenzie, a Spanish-language teacher at Simley, presented information on the iPod Touch action-research project that has taken place in her Spanish 3 classroom.</li> <li>Lisa Grathen, Youth Programmer/Volunteer Coordinator, honored participants in the Volunteer Corps and awarded them with certificates.</li> <li>Kid's Choice staff and students described service-learning projects that they have worked on in the schools throughout the year.</li> <li>Dr. Bernadette Wood, Community Education director, covered the highlights of the Community Education program for the 2010-2011 school year.</li> <li>More than 40 students taught adults in the community how to use iPods, iPads, Skype, iMovie and more at the district's Student-Led Technology Conference on Saturday, May 21. More than 60 adults attended the event to gain knowledge about a variety of technological devices and programs. Many thanks to all who participated. It was a great way to highlight our students' talents.</li> <li>Avery Garon, a junior at Simley, recently was informed that he received a composite score of 36 on the ACT exam. According to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education's website, only 24 students in Minnesota received a perfect 36 in 2010. Avery says that the AP courses that he is enrolled in, along with honors chemistry, helped prepare him for the test.</li> <li>Representatives from Burpee Home Gardens were onsite at Salem Hills last week, helping third-graders from Mr. Melde's and Ms. Gustafson's classrooms plant vegetables in the community garden. Salem Hills is included in a \$2,500 grant that Burpee awarded to the City because of the garden partnership between the City, Salem Hills and the community. Students and community members began planting at Salem Hills Park last spring. The grant awarded the school with plants, a flip video camera, a rain barrel, compost bin and other supplies. Watch the channel 9 morning news during the eight o'clock hour tomorrow to see footage from last week's planting event at Salem Hills.</li> <li>More than 100 students received college scholarships at the BEST reception last Wednesday. Scholarship money totaled more than \$140,000. Many thanks to all donors and those who participated in the BEST Foundation's Cadillac Dinner, May Day 5K and other events.</li> <li>Bloomington Public Schools has received final approval to join Intermediate School District 917.</li> </ul>
<b>Business Manager's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The district has spent approximately 2% less this school year than it had at this point last year.</li> </ul>

## Committee Reports

### Finance

- Discussed all-day kindergarten positions
- Reviewed proposed ballot question language
- Reviewed school resource officer contract
- Reviewed 2010-2011 building age and square foot analysis system and determined that district is right-sized for enrollment
- Received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials
- Received school bus contract quotes for 2011-2012 and received a decrease of \$67,000 from SafeWay Bus Company
- Summer school budgets were presented
- Lynn Tenney, director of technology, presented an updated technology plan
- Reviewed extended-day kindergarten
- District 199 will be a shared partner in district 917 in reducing special education busing costs during the 2011-2012 school year
- Mr. Rimstad reminded the committee that retirees need to participate in a 403B plan on an all or none basis

### Personnel

- Discussed retirement incentives
- TIES conducted an audit in 2009-2010 on current HR finance systems. District will convert to MyLeave system
- Flu clinic scheduled for October
- Reviewed position descriptions
- Discussed staff development calendar and school calendar
- Administrators will participate in 2-year staff development process focusing on PLCs

## Membership Reports

### AMSD

- AMSD continues monitor the legislative session

### EMID

- Integration aid to schools has been proposed to be discontinued
- Parent meeting will be held at EMID site in the near future. Information will be on the web

## Consent Agenda

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

- Approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2011.
- Approve the May 23, 2011, bills payable.
- Approve the weekly bills payable for April 6, 2011; April 13, 2011; April 20, 2011; and April 27, 2011.
- Personnel
  - Certified Resignation/Retirement
  - Classified Resignation/Retirement
    - Accepted the resignation of Toni Church, Cahill Court cook helper, effective May 27, 2011.
    - Accepted the resignation of Lisa Grathen, Community Education Youth Programmer, effective June 21, 2011.
    - Accepted the retirement of Debra Johnson, Salem Hills Elementary cook manager, effective May 26, 2011.
    - Accepted the retirement of Shirley Yourczek, Kids' Choice paraprofessional, effective June 9, 2011.
    - Approved the resolution for terminating employment relationship effective April 28, 2011.
  - General/Medical Leave
    - Approved the family medical leave of absence for Julie Empey, Hilltop Elementary School teacher, effective September 6, 2011 through November 25, 2011.
    - Approved the family medical leave of absence for Jesse Vasquez, Hilltop Elementary School custodian, effective July 4, 2011 through July 22, 2011.
    - Approved the military leave of absence for Dan Vogel, Simley High School paraprofessional, effective May 27, 2011 through June 9, 2011.

**Consent Agenda (Cont'd)**

4. Certified Appointment
5. Classified Appointment
- E. Approved the Hilltop Elementary School student teacher/intern request.
- F. Approved the independent contract for Shirley Erickson, Director of Older Adult Programs Choir, effective March 28, 2011 through June 1, 2011.
- G. Approved the appointment of the extra-curricular activity coaches for the 2010-11 school year.
- H. To approve the Community Education 2011 Summer Youth Enrichment classes and instructors.

**Business**

- A. Accepted the donation totaling \$300.00 from LW's Bierstube, Inc. to Simley High School for Destination ImagiNation.
- B. Accepted the donation of 50 Spanish language books, valued at approximately \$250.00, from the 2011 Free Spanish Textbooks Giveaway Program of the Consulado de Mexico en Saint Paul (Consulate of Mexico in St. Paul) to Independent School District 199.
- C. Accepted the donation of a Kindle II, approximate value \$150.00, from Holli Taff to Inver Grove Heights Middle School.
- D. Accepted the donation totaling \$345.31 from Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program to Hilltop Elementary School.
- E. Approved the 2011 Summer Academy budget.
- F. Approved the Special Education - Summer of 2011 Extended School Year budget.
- G. Approved the Inver Grove Heights Middle School - 2011 summer school budget.
- H. Approved the Simley High School - 2011 summer school budget.
- I. Approved the Second Reading for Revision of Policy 506 – Student Discipline.
- J. Approved the 2011-12 resolution for membership in the Minnesota State High School League.
- K. Awarded the Pupil Transportation Services bid in the amount of \$771,523.20 for the 2011-12 through 2014-15 school years to Safeway Bus Company.

**Education**

- A. Reviewed the 2010-11 updated fundraising report (per board policy).
- B. Approved the Destination ImagiNation trip to Knoxville, Tennessee May 23, 2011 through May 30, 2011, to attend the Global Finals competition. The four qualifying teams are from Salem Hills Elementary, Hilltop Elementary, Inver Grove Heights Middle School, and Simley High School.

**Personnel**

- A. Approved the resolution relating to the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract of a probationary teacher.
- B. Approved the addition of up to 2.0 FTE elementary staff for the purpose of all-day kindergarten.

**Board Communication**

- Member Nordstrom attended the National Honor Society banquet and eighth-grade academic night. She also attended the staff recognition night, true team track meet and tennis meets. Walked in the May Day 5K. Attended the MS Arts Night.
- Member Sutton attended Grandparent's Day with one of her child's grandparents. She is wrapping up her first full year as an Atheneum parent.
- Member Stensgard was a special person in her niece's classroom. She made it to a track meet and basketball tournament in Iowa. Member Stensgard attended the Middle School band concert and art show, and she dropped in for the elementary retirement tea.
- Member Myran attended the Middle School choir concert during Fine Arts Night.
- Vice Chair Mandell attended the tridistrict's Joint Advisory Council meeting. A joint board meeting is coming up in June. He attended a Simley lacrosse game and ran in the May Day 5K. Vice Chair Mandell attended the 360 Communities open house.
- Chair Difronzo attended the May Day 5K, the eighth-grade academic awards and the staff recognition dinner. He thanked custodians for their time and efforts, especially during the busy month of May, and congratulated class of 2011.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.