

School Board Highlights

June 27, 2011

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Difronzo at 7:25 p.m.
Board Members Present	Mickey Difronzo, Paul Mandell, Keri Myran, Cindy Nordstrom, Phil Prokopowicz, Lynette Stensgard and Bridget Sutton
Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved.
Superintendent's Report Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inver Grove Heights Middle School nurse, Vicki Fisher, presented the health services report. The district's health and safety coordinator, David Slomkowski, presented the health and safety report.
Superintendent's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsweek magazine recognized Simley High School as one of the best high schools in America for a fourth straight year. This is an amazing accomplishment. Newsweek's criteria became much more challenging this year and only 500 schools in the nation cracked the list. Simley jumped from finishing 800 last year, to 478 this year. Newsweek determined rankings based off of six key components: graduation, college matriculation rate, AP tests taken per graduate, average SAT/ACT scores, average AP/IB/AICE scores, and AP courses offered. Only nine high schools in Minnesota are included on the list. Simley is one of three schools from Dakota County and one of two from the Classic Suburban conference to be named a top school. The Washington Post ranked Simley the 15th high school in the state of Minnesota and the 959th in the nation in its High School Challenge. The rankings are calculated by taking the number of AP, IB or other college-level tests a school gives and dividing that by the total number of graduating seniors. Simley High School's graduation ceremony was on Friday, June 10. Scholarship award winners were recognized and the Spartan Choir sang. Co-valedictorians were Renée Labat and Madison Dockter. The salutatorian was Danielle Haala. Other members of the top 10 included: Lindsay Ann Hilderbrand, Matthew Kuntz, Rebecca Levi, Sarah Nath, Kristina Pilot, Joseph Rief and Sadie Saindon. Jillian Wilhelmson's button design was selected to be featured on this year's Inver Grove Heights Days button. Jillian was a fourth-grader in Ms. Landis' class at Pine Bend last year. Members of the Inver Grove Heights Days Committee surprised Jillian with a savings bond and threw her and her class a pizza party. Fourth- and fifth-graders in a Project Lead the Way summer camp recently participated in a human air traffic control simulation. Students visited the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport's control tower two days prior to the simulation. On simulation day, students took turns playing the role of a dispatcher and airplanes. The flight tower dispatcher used aviation radio protocol to safely land the young planes in parking lots around Inver Grove Heights. The student who could do this in the fastest time was declared the winner. Dr. Wells thanked Ben Peine, Kim Westra and Erin Boltik for managing the Human Air Traffic Control program. Dr. Wells distributed the Pancakes and Poetry books that district students created this year.
Business Manager's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rimstad distributed the monthly financial standing report. Mr. Rimstad distributed the district's first report of the 2010-2011 school year's enrollment. The final enrollment will be determined by MDE, most likely, in February of 2012.

**Business Manager's Report
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- If a state government shutdown occurs, inspectors will not be able to approve some work that is being done on the construction projects at Simley and Hilltop until a shutdown ends. Any delay in the construction process could possibly delay the start of school.

Committee Reports

Finance

- Wells Fargo presented the quarterly OPEB trust review
- Received the preliminary funds budget for 2011-2012
- Presented budget assumptions, and revenues and expenditures
- Reviewed the staff development proposal
- Discussed carry over funds for Curriculum and Instruction
- The shared billing for the Director of Food Services was provided to South St. Paul
- Discussed a renewal of the expiring school district referendum

Personnel

- Received an update on negotiations
- Discussed PEIP insurance
- Reviewed unemployment insurance
- Discussed staff development
- Dr. Wells will oversee the Youth Programs hiring
- Received an updated on the status of Salem Hills principal hiring

Membership Reports

AMSD

- AMSD and Parents United continue to monitor the legislative session

EMID

- Continued the contract of Interim Superintendent Dr. Robicheau through December 30, 2011
- EMID will host a meeting on July 20 with DMC (strategic planning group), EMID Board members and district superintendents

Consent Agenda

Approved the Consent Agenda

- A. Approved the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Monday, May 23, 2011.
- B. Approved the June 27, 2011, bills payable.
- C. Approved the weekly bills payable for May 4, 2011; May 11, 2011; May 18, 2011; and May 25, 2011.
- D. Personnel
 1. Certified Resignation/Retirement
 - a. Accepted the resignation of Tom Kirchner, Community Education Driver's Education teacher, effective June 9, 2011.
 2. Classified Resignation/Retirement
 - a. Accepted the resignation of Katie Cordes, Community Education Preschool paraprofessional, effective June 7, 2011.
 3. General/Medical Leave
 - a. Approved the parental leave of absence for Allyson Lawrence, Salem Hills Elementary School teacher, effective October 10, 2011 through November 23, 2011.
 - b. Approved the intermittent family medical leave of absence for Sara Falls, Inver Grove Heights Middle School teacher, effective May 16, 2011 through May 15, 2012.
 4. Certified Appointment
 - a. Approved the appointment of Allison Eickenberry, Community Education Driver's Education teacher, effective June 13, 2011.
 - b. Approved the appointment of Tina Willette, 1.0 FTE Salem Hills Elementary School Associate Principal, effective July 1, 2011.
 5. Classified Appointment
 - a. Approved the appointment of Patty Gubash, Salem Hills Elementary Cook Manager, effective May 26, 2011.
 - b. Approved the appointment of Jennifer Lyddy, District Office Assistant Workstation Technician, effective June 2, 2011.

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- c. Approved the appointment of Melanie Sydow, Hilltop Elementary School Cook, effective June 6, 2011.
- E. Approved the appointment of the Elementary Summer Academy 2011 staff members.
- F. Approved the appointment of the Inver Grove Heights Middle School 2011 summer school staff members.
- G. Approved the appointment of the Simley High School 2011 summer school staff members.
- H. Approved the appointment of the 2011 Extended School Year summer staff members.
- I. Approved the appointment of the summer 2011 Custodian substitutes and student helpers.
- J. Approved the appointment of the Kids' Choice summer 2011 staff members.
- K. Approved the appointment of the Community Education 2011 summer youth center staff.
- L. Approved the Community Education 2011 summer adult enrichment classes and instructors.
- M. Approved the appointment of extra-curricular activity coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.
- N. Acknowledgement under Policy 427 – Employment and Supervision of Relatives:
 - 1. Alexandra Arnesen, Summer Academy paraprofessional, related to Martha Davis, Inver Grove Heights Middle School paraprofessional in the CID program.
 - 2. Alec Strop, Salem Hills Elementary School summer 2011 Custodian student helper, related to Kevin McNamara, Director of Buildings and Grounds.
 - 3. Sara Tuvey, Summer Academy Grade 4 Special Education teacher, related to Deb Dallmann, Hilltop Elementary School Grade 5 teacher.
- O. Approved the independent contract for Maggie Evans, Elementary Family Service Worker, effective August 29, 2011, through June 7, 2012.
- P. Approved the independent contract for Christine Kroeze, Elementary Family Service Worker, effective August 29, 2011, through June 7, 2012.
- Q. Approved the independent contract for Abbie Losinski, Cultural Liaison, effective August 29, 2011 through June 8, 2012.
- R. Approved the contractual incentive performance for Dr. Deirdre Wells, Superintendent.

Business

- A. Accepted the donation totaling \$500 from State Farm Companies Foundation to Simley Letterperson's Club for improvement of Simley High School activities.
- B. Accepted the donation totaling \$491.60 from Wells Fargo Foundation to Simley Letterperson's Club for the following activities programs: \$134.61 for girls soccer, \$269.22 for the music department, \$80.77 to the Simley Letterperson's Club, and \$7.00 to the Simley Letterperson's Club for girls swimming and diving.
- C. Accepted the donation totaling \$500 from Lifetouch, Inc. to Simley Letterperson's Club for improvement of Simley High School activities.
- D. Accepted the donation totaling \$3,100 from the Inver Grove Heights Softball Association to Simley High School for an additional coaching stipend.
- E. Accepted the donation totaling \$1,000 from Lynmark Consulting, Inc. to Simley Letterperson's Club for improvement of Simley High School activities.
- F. Accepted the donation totaling \$250 from Gerald and Colleen Thomas to Pine Bend Elementary School for health and wellness initiatives.
- G. Accepted the donation of obsolete Grade 6 Connected Mathematics Textbooks (valued at \$1,400) to the charitable organization, Books for Africa.
- H. Accepted the Perkins mini-grant totaling \$10,642.93 to Simley High School to benefit the Career Center, Industrial Technology Program, Work Experience Program, Inver Grove Heights Middle School IMC, and enrolled students.
- I. Approved the Second Reading for Revision of Policy 606 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials, Policy 701.2 – Fund Balance, the 2011-2012 IGH Middle School Student Handbook, the 2011-2012 IGH Middle School Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, the 2011-2012 IGH Middle School Faculty Handbook, the 2011-2012 Elementary Student/Parent Handbook, and Kids' Choice 2011-2012 Handbook.
- J. Approved the Second Reading for Deletion of Policy 606.2 – Notification about Controversial Issues and Policy 606.2A – Request for Use of Outside Speaker.
- K. Approved the proposed preliminary District 199 all funds budget for 2011-2012.
- L. Approved the Minnesota Department of Education required Health and Safety attachment 10.
- M. Approved the Purchase of Service Agreement between Independent School District 197, Independent School District 199 and Special School District 6 for special program

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transportation service. District 199 will be paid for providing these routes, and all three districts will benefit from the partnership.

- N. Approved the Resolution establishing dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for school board members. The period for filing candidacy for office begins on August 2, 2011 and closes at 5 p.m. on August 16, 2011. There is a \$2 filing fee that must be submitted to the Board clerk. The general election is Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Check the district website for more information on the election process.
- O. Approved the Resolution of District 199 to grant Dakota County a temporary construction easement for the Mississippi River Regional Trail (MRRT). A portion of the trail will be located on the east side of Pine Bend Elementary School. The trail will create a public benefit.
- P. Approved the Resolution authorizing the district to enter into a line of credit agreement with a financial institution.

Board Communication

- Vice Chair Mandell attended the Tri-District meeting and Simley's graduation.
- Chair Difronzo commended Jillian Wilhelmson on her fantastic Inver Grove Heights Days button design. He attended graduation and worked at the senior all-night party. Chair Difronzo thanked the superintendents in Inver Grove Heights, South St. Paul and West St. Paul for their collaboration efforts throughout the year, which produces ideas that save each district money.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.