

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota**

May 22, 2017

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the School Board of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Ric Oliva at 7:00 p.m. on May 22, 2017, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Ric Oliva, Chair; Tom Bennett, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, and Dick Bergstrom.
- Member Present Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas, John Weisser and Dave Heistad.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to amend the agenda by moving the Advisory Team Update from item #11 to item #2 in Part B. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Ryan Meyering is the 2017 recipient of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers Gary Siemers Exemplary Educator Award. Since 1994, the award recognizes a professional educator for their contributions to education by exemplifying professional qualities set forth by Gary Siemers --a love and dedication to teaching; a respect for students and a commitment to helping them learn; a demonstrated understanding of the relationship between unionism and professionalism; a positive attitude that turns obstacles into challenges; and a willingness to be honest, forthright, and involved in the pursuit of quality and continuous learning. Wendy Marczak, President of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers, highlighted the contributions Ryan Meyering has made to the education profession. Mr. Meyering is a Math teacher at Jefferson High School.
- 2017 Gary Siemers Exemplary Educator Award
- Student Reps to the School Board School Board Chair Ric Oliva recognized Allie Andersen and Ethan Skophammer as the inaugural student representatives to the School Board. Allie will graduate this year from Jefferson High School. Ethan plans to continue as the student representative to the School Board from Kennedy High School.
- Ethan Skophamer and Allie Andersen provided updates on recent and upcoming school activities as the school year comes to a close. Highlights included Diversity/Peace Day/Peace Run, Prom, AP testing, Recent awards, Box City Vigil, Rhythm in Gold performance, band concert and Kennedy beat Jefferson in Lacrosse. The last day for seniors is June 2. (Graduation for Kennedy is June 6 and graduation for Jefferson is June 7).

Public

Government Classes—Jefferson students from Ms. Johnson’s, Mr. Carlson’s and Mr. Trusinsky’s classes attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of the 12th grade government classes, which is to observe a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, court proceeding, etc.

Jane Stoa, Kevin Doheny and Emily Morse (student) addressed the School Board regarding use of school facilities and parking issues related to school sponsored events versus use by outside renters. Ms. Stoa shared that she is working with district administration regarding her concerns. Mr. Dohney offered suggestions for updating policy and procedures to reflect a student first priority and limit use to outside groups when student activities are taking place. He offered to be part of the solution by volunteering to be on advisory committee to look at rates, etc. Tom Pelava wanted to address the School Board regarding the situation with his kindergarten student. Chair Oliva limited comments made by Mr. Pelava and extended an invitation to meet.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on May 8, 2017.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Resignations, Employments.

Personnel Items

Independent Personnel: Resignation. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

2. *Field Trips Approval*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

HTC/BCCA

Cosmetology

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College to provide cosmetology instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy during the 2017-2018 school year.

Community Technology Empowerment Project (CTEP)

- b. RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves an agreement between Community Technology Empowerment Project (CTEP), an AmeriCorps program of Saint Paul Neighborhood Network and Independent School District 271 with respect to assigning one CTEP AmeriCorps Member to perform services during the 2017-2018 school year.

Hennepin County Human Services Public Health

- c. RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Hennepin County through its Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD), and Independent School District 271 to provide space at the South Suburban Human Services Center to conduct early childhood screening.

4. *Finance*

Donations

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations as indicated in the background in the amount of \$8,731.50.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B

Board Student
Advisory Council
Update

Allie Andersen, Ethan Skophammer, Ian Klein and Josie Roers are members of the Board Student Advisory Council for 2016-2017. The students presented a recap of the year. Five meetings were held from October to May with approximately 15 students from Jefferson and Kennedy combined attending the meetings. Topics discussed included class sizes, parking pass prices, school climate, district food drive and flex learning. The students provided an overview of each of the topics. Future plans include continuing with student representatives to the School Board—one from each high school. Ethan Skophammer will continue for Kennedy and a sophomore from Jefferson is to be determined. BSAC meetings would be scheduled every two months and at least ten students combined should be in attendance; at least five from each of the two high schools. Topics to discuss further include flex learning spaces, school climate and any new issues/ideas chosen.

Advisory Team
Update

Wendy Marczak and the BFT members of the Advisory Team—Shari Alm, Ryan Meyering, Anne Robertson—updated the School Board on Work of the team to date. The team has held six meetings in seven weeks and another one is scheduled. Meetings are held at different schools. The feeling is that the team is working collaboratively with good Discussions, open dialogue and building trust. Teacher workload is a topic for a future meeting. Good momentum for continuing next school year.

Bid Award
Roof Replacement/
VVMS

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Thomas Finn Company, St. Paul, MN bid of \$378,500 to re-roof Valley View Middle School and approves the contract to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

The project is identified in our State and School Board approved Alternative Facilities Plan. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. Work will be done during the summer.

Rejection of Bids
Secondary
Improvements

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 rejects bids received for secondary improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Kraus-Anderson (KA) Construction Company has reviewed the bids that were received on May 4, 2017, for secondary improvements. At this time, it is KA's recommendation that the bids received be rejected. KA would like to begin soliciting quotes upon Board approval.

Rejection of Bids
KHS Cafeteria
Mechanical
Improvements

Nelly Korman moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 rejects bids received for cafeteria mechanical improvements at Kennedy High School. Motion carried unanimously.

Kraus-Anderson (KA) Construction Company has reviewed the bids that were received on May 9, 2017, for the Kennedy High School cafeteria improvements. At this time, it is KA's recommendation that the bids received be rejected. KA would like to begin soliciting quotes upon Board approval.

Social Studies K-12

Nelly Korman moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the prioritized Social Studies standards for grades K-12 effective with the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Over the past year, the K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Review Team has examined and reprioritized the District's K-12 Social Studies standards, the foundation of the District's Social Studies curriculum. These prioritized standards aligned to the state standards and have been reviewed and are supported the by the District's Pathways Advisory Committee and the District Diversity Advisory Committee and are recommended for approval by the District's K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Review Team and K-12 principals. Rachel Gens (Lead Curriculum and Instruction Specialist), Marcie Coval (Curriculum and Instruction Specialist) and Deb Kaiser (fifth grade teacher at Westwood) shared that this is a Phase 4: Mid-Cycle Curriculum Review, highlighted the mission statements for grades K-5 and 6-12, best practices and the standards prioritization process—identifying differences between Essential, Important, and Enhancing standards—and examples of elementary and secondary Social Studies courses. Next steps include a review of materials and common summative assessments aligned to the essential standards during the 2017-2018 school year.

World Language 6-12

Nelly Korman moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the prioritized World Language standards for grades 7-12 effective with the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Over the past year, the 7-12 World Language Curriculum Review Team has compiled and prioritized the District's 7-12 World Language standards, the foundation of the District's World Language curriculum. These prioritized standards have been reviewed and are supported the by the District's Pathways Advisory Committee and the District Diversity Advisory Committee and are recommended for approval by the District's 7-12 World Language Curriculum Review Team and 6-12 principals. Jane Lescarbeau (Curriculum and Instruction Specialist), Kate Brooke-Byer (High School Spanish Teacher) and David Johnson (High School Latin Teacher) shared that this is a Phase 1: Initial Curriculum Review Cycle, highlighted the vision statement, middle and high school world language courses, the standards prioritization process—identifying differences between Essential, Important, and Enhancing standards secondary World Language courses. Next steps include finalizing standards-aligned materials and create common proficiency scales for the essential standards during the 2017-2018 school year.

NTL Update

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, and Katrina Mezera, Digital Learning and Data Manager, updated the School on Next Technologies for Learning (NTL)—Digital Content, Anytime, Anywhere Learning and Personalized Data—Personalized learning to support students along their pathway to college or career readiness. The three-year cycle for providing 1:1 devices for students is complete: 2014-2015 middle schools, 2015-2016 high schools and Community Education Campus, and 2016-2017 elementary (grades 3-12) and early childhood (PreK-2) and 75.5 of students in grades 3-12 report using digital content in three or more classes per day on average. Flexible Learning Cohort using technology to support student-centered learning. Teams work collaboratively to create and curate standards-aligned digital content to provide student control over the variables of time, place, path and pace. Station rotation is where students move between stations in the classroom or Building. Flipped instruction is where content is consumed outside of the school day; classroom time is used for activities and assistance. Flex instruction (self-paced mastery) leads with online learning and adds physical supports and connections as needed. The Education Foundation of Bloomington (EFB) partnership helped to provide furnishings for flexible learning spaces that were installed this month. The EFB partnership expansion this spring will help with more flexible learning spaces implemented in the fall. Poplar Bridge, Jefferson and Kennedy spaces open first day of the 2017-2018 school year. Next up will be middle schools and five more elementary buildings.

Cooperative Sponsorship Girls' Hockey

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a cooperative sponsorship for the Jefferson and Kennedy and Girls' Hockey program effective with the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) allows two or more member schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of an activity and/or sport when student participation numbers at schools are not sufficient to field a team. Jefferson and Kennedy high schools have agreed to cooperative sponsorship of the Girls' Hockey program for the 2016-2017 school year. Jefferson, with the greater number of Girls' Hockey participants, will serve as the host school, and the team will compete as the Jefferson Jaguars. Under MSHSL bylaws, we are petitioning bylaw 403.00 so that we can compete in regular and post season as one team. This is a renewal of a cooperative agreement for Girls' Hockey. The schools currently have cooperative agreements for Alpine Ski, Competitive Cheerleading, Dance, Gymnastics, Girls' Golf, Girls' Hockey, Nordic Ski, and Wrestling. Girls' Hockey and Dance need annual renewal. With the approval of the Board, the cooperative sponsorship application will be submitted to the MSHSL for approval. Approval of the agreement must be granted prior to the start of the Girls' Hockey season, which is October 30, 2017.

Cooperative Sponsorship Dance

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School of Independent School District 271 approves a cooperative sponsorship for the Kennedy and Jefferson Dance program effective with the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) allows two or more member schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of an activity and/or sport when student participation numbers at schools are not sufficient to field a team. Kennedy and Jefferson high schools have agreed to cooperative sponsorship of the Dance program for the 2016-2017 school year. Kennedy, with the greater number of Dance participants, will serve as the host school, and the team will compete as the Kennedy Eagles. Under MSHSL bylaws, we are petitioning bylaw 403.00 so that we can compete in regular and post season as one team. This is a renewal of a cooperative agreement for Dance. The schools currently have cooperative agreements for Alpine Ski, Competitive Cheerleading, Gymnastics, Girls' Golf, Girls' Hockey, Nordic Ski and Wrestling. Dance and Girls' Hockey need annual renewal. With the approval of the Board, the cooperative sponsorship application will be submitted to the MSHSL for approval. Approval of the agreement must be granted prior to the start of the Dance season, which is October 23, 2017.

Policy Review

The Board Policy Committee met on May 11, 2017 to review revised and/or new policies recommended by Administration. As a result, six policies are being brought to the full School Board for action.

Revised 533

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 533, Wellness. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 533 is to set forth methods to promote student wellness and promote students' health, well-being and ability to learn by encouraging healthy eating and physical activity. The wellness policy revision was developed in collaboration with parents and community members. The policy follows MSBA model and meets the requirement of this mandatory policy. There is no regulation accompanying this policy.

Revised 542

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 542, Legal Name. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to set requirements for the legal name of a child enrolled in our District. There is no regulation accompanying this policy.

New 616

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Policy 616, School District System Accountability. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 616 is to focus public education strategies on a process that promotes high academic achievement for all students and ensures community participation in decisions regarding the implementation of the Minnesota Standards. This policy is the MSBA model and meets the requirement of this mandatory policy. The accompanying regulation was reviewed and is presented for information.

Current 603

Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 deletes current Policy 603, Pathways Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Statute requires school districts to have a comprehensive long-term strategic plan that addresses the review of curriculum, instruction, student achievement and assessment. The current policy has been incorporated into the regulation of new Policy 616, School District System Accountability.

New 603

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 603, Curriculum Development. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 603 is to provide direction for continuous review and improvement of the District's curriculum. The policy presented is MSBA model policy and meets the requirements of this mandatory policy. There is no accompanying regulation.

Revised 513.1

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 513.1, Granting of Credits. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 513.1 is to provide regulations that assure consistent District practice of the granting of credits and standards and to provide the philosophical basis for developing those regulations. This is not a mandatory policy. The accompanying regulation was reviewed and is presented for information.

Board Goals
2017-2018

Jim Sorum moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves its Goals for the 2017-2018 School year. Motion carried unanimously.

At its March 15 retreat, the Board discussed and agreed upon goals for the next school year as follows.

Governance

- Assure the continuation of the Operating Referendum.
- Review and update the Strategic Plan, if needed.

Operational Oversight

- Evaluate 2017-2018 Milestone Vision Metrics and 3 Component plans to be evaluated.
- Review and update enrollment projections (last demographer report December 2014).

Policy

- Review and update 20 policies, if needed.

Superintendent Relations

- Work with Superintendent to assure the continuation of the Operating Referendum.

Community Engagement

- Work with community partners to assure the continuation of the Operating Referendum.
- Update the Community Engagement Plan.

Superintendent
Goals 2017-2018

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Superintendent Goals for the 2017-2018 School year. Motion carried unanimously.

At the March 15 retreat, the Board discussed goals for the 2017-2018 school year. As part of that process, the Board discussed Superintendent goals to align his work with that of the Board's to accomplish the Board Goals.

Serve the Board by helping them to achieve their goals.

- Assure the continuation of the Operating Referendum.
- Projects:
 - Propose Strategic Plan updates, if needed.
 - Update enrollment projection

Bring to life the Strategic Plan Vision

- Achieve Milestone Vision Metrics.
- Update 3 Component plan and achieve plan targets.

Lead Operations

- Update plans for our Career and College milestone.
- Update plans for Pre-school and Kindergarten Ready milestones.

Community Engagement

- Expand and strengthen relationships needed for the Career and College milestone.
- Explore using Advisory Team concept with other units.

Regulations

- Update Regulations to align with Policy updates.
- Draft new Regulations needed for new Policies.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Jim Sorum reported that the School Board would be receiving a form for completing the 2016-2017 Superintendent evaluation. Tom Bennett indicated that with tonight's actions, 24 policies have been reviewed this year—meeting a goal of the Board. Another meeting of the Board Policy Committee is scheduled for June 1. He highlighted the Normandale Hills 5K Girls on the Run event. Dick Bergstrom expressed appreciation to food service staff and highlighted the Box City Vigil event held on May 19th and sponsored by Bloomington United for Youth. Dick Bergstrom and Jim Sorum participated in mock interviews as part of the Chamber's future leaders program. Maureen Bartolotta attended the AVID event at Valley View Middle School and the Centennial Celebration. Ric Oliva expressed appreciation to the Education Foundation of Bloomington for hosting the Centennial Celebration recognizing 100 years of Bloomington Public Schools.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake reported that there it looks like the Legislature may be headed to a special session to finish work on ten major bills. The official end date for the 2017 legislative session is May 22.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk