

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

January 28, 2013

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Tim Culver at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Bruce Pappas, Dave Heistad and Rick Kaufman .
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS On behalf of the school nurses, Susie Duncan and Jennifer Hayes addressed the School Board regarding negotiations and the increasing responsibilities of their work. They indicated that negotiations have been going on for 19 months (12 sessions) and encouraged a contract settlement worthy of their credentials and mutually satisfactory to both parties.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
- American Indian Parent Advisory Committee
- a. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the School Board on January 14, 2013.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Employments, Change of Status.
Classified Personnel: Termination, Rescission of Classed Personnel Termination, Retirements, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 9 and 23 students are leaving.
Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 13.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointments of the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) for the 2012-2013 school year (roster on file).

- Community Financial Advisory Committee e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointments of the Community Financial Advisory Committee members for 2012-2013.
- Community Ed Services Advisory Committee f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the appointment of Brent Larson to the Community Education Services Advisory Council.

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

3. *Grants/Grant Application*

- MSHSL Foundation Application a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the administration at Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation requesting financial support for Athletics and Activities Transportation costs.
- Field Trip Grant Target Stores b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a Field Trip Grant for \$700 from Target Stores. This grant was awarded to Community Services/Metro South Adult Basic Education.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

- Student Teaching UMD a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with the University of Minnesota-Duluth. This agreement will be in effect from December 13, 2012 to June 30, 2015.
- Student Teaching St. Catherine University b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Saint Catherine University. This agreement will be in effect from December 15, 2012 to June 30, 2015.
- Volunteer Connection St. Catherine University c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between Saint Catherine University and Independent School District 271, Volunteer Connection, E-12 Programs.

5. *Finance*

- Donations a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$42,611.06.
- Finance Reports b. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for November 2012 and December 2012.
- Receipts/ Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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

Intention to Issue
General Obligation
Bonds for Ten-Year
Facility Plan

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, a resolution stating the intention of the School Board to issue general obligation bonds to finance projects included in the District's approved ten-year facility plan; covenanting and obligating the District to be bound by and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126c.55 to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 271, State of Minnesota, as follows:

The Board hereby finds and declares that it is necessary and expedient for Independent School District No. 271 (the "District") to issue its fully registered general obligation alternative facilities bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.59, subdivision 3 and Chapter 475, as amended, to fund a portion of the costs of the following projects, as included in its ten-year facility plan approved by the Board and the Commissioner of Education, and related financing costs:

- miscellaneous deferred maintenance projects at various District facilities as included in the District's approved ten-year facility plan.

The Bonds would be issued in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$16,275,000. The issuance of the Bonds is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education.

The sale of bonds will be conducted in accordance with the Bond Sale Guidelines.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bond Sale Guidelines

- 1) Sale.** The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. (Ehlers) in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent financial advisor for the Bonds. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the School Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.
- 2) Official Statement; Tabulation of Proposals.** Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.

3) Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program.

- (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Bond Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Bond Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Bond Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.
- (b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the Departments of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

During the past year, the District has provided the Board with options to address the District's deferred maintenance needs. The Board approved, at their December 10, 2012 meeting, a \$15 million a year alternative facility plan to address stated needs. Administration, working with our financial consultant (Ehlers), determined the best way to fund these projects was through a combination of pay-as-you go levy and alternative facility bonds. The financing plan is to sell bonds every other year for ten years. This will help the District fund two years of projects without incurring issuance cost each year. The District and our financial advisor will review our review our option biannually.

School Calendar
2013-2014

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School 271 approves the calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Lennox reviewed the process for developing the school calendar. The calendar for the 2013-14 school year was developed through Meet and Confer. Three calendar options were presented to the sites for review. Based on the feedback, a hybrid option was developed and is being recommended by the Meet and Confer group. The Administrative Cabinet, Principals, and the Labor Management Committee reviewed the proposed calendar. The first day of school will be September 3 (day after Labor Day). The last day for students will be June 11. There are 172 student contact days. Maureen Bartolotta is the Board's representative to the Calendar Committee.

- VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
- Dick Bergstrom shared that Bloomington United for Youth meets this week. He highlighted the Kennedy High School one-act plays he attended. Arlene Bush attended a meeting of the Metropolitan Learning Alliance Board. She indicated that the future lease for the school's space is uncertain. Tim Culver highlighted the Minnesota School Boards conference held last week, of which six of our seven Board members attended; reported on the Community Education Services Advisory Committee meeting, which focused on community programs for youth and families; and attended the Association of Metropolitan School Districts meeting at which presentations were made regarding the Governor's budget as it applies to education in Minnesota. Mr. Culver is a member of the AMSD Executive Committee. Mr. Culver reviewed procedures for Board member expense reimbursement and presented a form to be submitted in advance of attending a workshop or conference for purposes of Board development.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- Superintendent Les Fujitake shared that Transportation Director Tom Oestreich is this year's Administrator of the Year as chosen by the Minnesota Association for Pupil Transportation. Members of the organization will present this prestigious award to Mr. Oestreich at the next School Board meeting.
- IX. OTHER
- None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
- There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.
- A study session followed the meeting.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk