

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

October 23, 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 October 23, 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, Dick Bergstrom and Dawn Steigauf. Student Board Representatives Ethan Skophammer and Jackson Domagala.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas, Jennifer McIntyre, and John Weisser.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC
- MESPA School of Excellence Normandale Hills Elementary School has earned a Minnesota School of Excellence designation by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association. The Minnesota School of Excellence Program is a school improvement process that assesses standards for quality elementary schools including leadership, vision, student learning, staff development, data and decision-making, and active communication. Dr. Andy Vollmuth, Principal of Normandale Hills Elementary School, provided an overview of the application process and extended an invitation to the celebration event on Tuesday, October 24. It was a two-year process of school teamwork and a testament to a dedicated staff.
- Lights On After School Proclamation Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the attached proclamation (on file) declaring the week of October 30, 2017, as "Lights On After School" week, the 18th annual celebration of after school programs. Motion carried unanimously.
- The event is a celebration of after school programs and promotes the critical importance of quality after school programs in the lives of youth, their families and their communities. Youth and Family Coordinator Kristie Christiansen accepted the proclamation and extended an invitation to a celebration on Friday, November 3, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Washburn Elementary School. Bloomington Police and Fire Department will be in attendance. Last year approximately 500 people attended the event that has been going on for 14 years and many different activities.

Student Representative Reports Ethan Skophammer reported Kennedy highlights and activities that included Corey Warner winning the regional golf tournament for his age bracket and will complete in national competition during the Masters pro golf tournament in Georgia, Beauty and Beast performances are this weekend, reminder to seniors that many colleges across Minnesota are waving application fees for the remainder of October, Board Student Advisory Council (high school representatives) met today and agreed to meet monthly, reminder to all those eligible to vote be sure to register to vote, if not already registered, and vote early as there are many opportunities to do so.

Jackson Domagala highlighted Jefferson activities that included a referendum literature drops in which 40 students and staff participated, student council will be engaged in activities to create awareness of the referendum and voting, the first blood drive for this year has been held, fall sports coming to a close—soccer teams are finished, football in section competition tomorrow, school will be releasing and sharing a video with students as a reminder of how to use the flex spaces, and school conferences are coming up.

Public Jefferson students from Mr. Storlien’s and Ms. Dahl-Wyland’s classes attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of our 12th grade government classes; observing a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, court proceedings. Also attending the meeting were Boy Scouts who attend Valley View Middle School and were fulfilling a requirement as part of earning a merit badge.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on October 9, 2017.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Resignation, Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Actions

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*

Washburn Center for Children

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between Washburn Center for Children and Independent School District 271 effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Fraser Child and Family Center

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the collaborative agreement with Fraser Child and Family Center to provide autism day treatment/mental health services to enrolled students in early childhood special education program identified needing support in the areas of autism. This collaborative agreement is for the period October 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018.

Personal/Professional Service/Hennepin County for CHOICE/ BCCA

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Personal/Professional Service Agreement with Hennepin County, on behalf of the Hennepin County Human Resources Department, to provide funds for service to CHOICE and Bloomington Career and College Academy.

HTC Classrooms d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of the Occupancy Agreements between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The Occupancy Agreements are effective from August 28, 2017 through December 14, 2017.

HTC Classrooms e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Customized Training Income Contract between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The contract is effective from October 30, 2017 through May 25, 2018.

4. Finance

Donations a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$20,891.76.

Finance Reports b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for September 2017.

Receipts/
Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for September 2017.

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

Bullying Prevention
Awareness Month
Update

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, updated the School Board on some of the activities schools are doing related to bullying prevention sharing a few examples in the three phases of prevention—*Proactive and Fundamental*: Many schools are PBIS sites, including Southwood and Pond Centers. *Maintenance*: Ridgeview does a kindness retreat; at Indian Mounds every Wednesday is a wear orange day. *Celebratory*: Oak Grove Elementary did an “orange out,” Westwood has conversations with students, Middle Schools had conversations with students and Oak Grove did a chalk project. Policy 514, Bullying Prohibition, is reviewed with students at the beginning of each school year as well as other times, such as after winter and/or spring break.

NTL Update

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, along with Digital Learning Specialists Holly Skadsem and Karen Qualey, updated the School Board on Next Technologies for [Personalizing] Learning. There are 160 teachers in the Flexible Learning Cohort. The update highlighted the following areas: *Flexible Learning*—Fifth grade flexible Math results show gains for students in flex classrooms were 30% higher than students in matched sample classrooms. A station rotation model has components of teacher-led instruction, collaborative activities, stations and computer based instruction. *Online Learning*—is an option for high school students. Courses and content will be developed and curated by Bloomington teachers in 2017-2018. Thirteen (13) courses will be ready for the 2018-2019 school year. John Weisser provides the leadership for Resource Management of the three component framework.

Flexible Spaces— The design of the learning environment plays a role in the transformation of instruction toward a student-centered learning experience. Points of impact are media centers and flex space. Construction has occurred at Jefferson, Kennedy and Ridgeview. Flex Space projects for 2017-2018 include furnishings for middle schools, Westwood, Ridgeview, and Hillcrest.

Policy Review

There was a meeting of the Board Policy committee—Tom Bennett (Chair), Ric Oliva and Jim Sorum—on October 16, 2017. As a result of the meeting, the following policies are presented for action by the full membership of the School Board.

Policy 529

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Revised Policy 529, Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to address the circumstances in which data should be provided to classroom teachers and other school staff members about students with a history of violent behavior to establish a procedure for notifying staff regarding the placement of students with a history of violent behavior. Updates were based on MSBA model policy and past policy in the District. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Current Policy 509

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves deletion of Policy 509, Enrollment of Resident and Nonresident Students. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy was to provide guidelines for enrollment of resident and nonresident students in accordance with the law and District policies. This policy is operational; the enrollment of nonresident students will be addressed in new policy 509.

New Policy 509

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 509, Enrollment of Nonresident Students. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the application and exclusion procedures used by the District to ensure compliance with the Enrollment Options Program established by Minnesota Statute 124D.03. The new policy follows the MSBA model. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Policy 510.6

Dawn Steigauf moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 510.6, Addition/ Elimination of Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the addition and elimination of activities.

Policy 519

Dick Bergstrom moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Revised Policy 519, Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedures for access to students by authorized individuals during the school day. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Policy 522

Nelly Korman moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 522, Student Sex Nondiscrimination. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to set provide equal opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual orientation pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. This is an MSBA mandatory policy. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Policy 623

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 623, Grants. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for District staff members who are writing grants for additional revenue and to ensure that programs and activities funded by grants are consistent with the direction of the District's mission and strategic plans.

Policy 630

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 630, International Student Exchange Program. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to set guidelines for high schools to apply in accepting foreign exchange students.

Policy 801

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 801, Student Equal Access to School Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to implement the Equal Access Act by granting equal access to elementary and secondary school facilities for students who wish to conduct a meeting for religious, political or philosophical purposes during non-instructional time. This is an MSBA mandatory policy.

Policy 202.1

Dawn Steigauf moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 202.1, School Board Student Representatives. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board values and recognizes the importance of the voice of students in the governing of the District and encourages student engagement as leaders in our school community. This is the second year student representatives have been part of the School Board. The purpose of new Policy 202.1, School Board Student Representatives, is to establish the role of School Board student representatives. A student from each high school will be an advisory, non-voting representative on the School Board. This new policy formalizes their role and the process for being part of the School Board. There is no accompanying regulation.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Dick Bergstrom attended parent/teacher conferences at Indian Mounds and Kennedy High School, a Kennedy High School PTA meeting at which Detective Heather Potter talked about Internet and cyber security, and a MSBA coffee and conversation forum. Dawn Steigauf attended meetings of the Insurance Committee, Early Learning Services Parent Advisory Committee and a Somali Parent Network forum for school board candidates. Bullying awareness on Wednesday and wear orange. Ric Oliva reported that Board Student Advisory Council Committee (Ric Oliva, Tom Bennett and Dick Bergstrom) met to discuss plans on how to proceed with planning and topics for this year; last year's format will continue. Middle School representatives will be meeting; discussion topics will be provided to them by the committee. High School representatives develop their own topics and agendas.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake shared that Administration request a Board retreat. Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to establish November 6 as a Board Retreat beginning at 6:00 pm at the Bloomington Chamber. Discussion items include vision and strategic directions. Motion carried unanimously.

In the last legislative session, the District helped draft and pass Innovation Zone legislation. Administration will be working with a grant writer to submit an application for an Innovation Zone Research Pilot Program. The application is due at the end of January.

The Advisory Team will hold its second meeting of the school year tomorrow at Indian Mounds.

X. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk