

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

October 26, 2015

- 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 Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on October 26, 2015, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Ric Oliva, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Tom Bennett, Treasurer; Dick Bergstrom, Jim Sorum and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, Tamra Sieve and John Weisser.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Ric Oliva moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to cancel the study session that was scheduled upon the conclusion of the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Ric Oliva moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC The School Board recognized the achievement of Elizabeth Coleman, a **National Merit Commended Scholar** from Kennedy High School. Principal Andy Beaton highlighted the program and accomplishments of Elizabeth Coleman.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Pathways Advisory Committee Members 2015-2016
2. *Field Trip Approval*
3. *Finance*
- Donations
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on October 12, 2015.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Retirement, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Resignation. Classified Personnel: Leave of Absence, Termination, Retirements, Resignation, Employments, Changes of Status. Resignation Agreement.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointments of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) citizen members roster for the 2015-2016 school year as attached (on file).
- RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).
- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$15,350.00.

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| Finance Reports | b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of September 2015. |
| Receipts/ &
Disbursements | c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of September 2015. |

Dick Bergstrom moved, Ric Oliva 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

Providing for Sale
of General Obligation
School Building
Refunding Bonds
Series 2015A

Dick Bergstrom moved, Ric Oliva seconded, the following resolution: RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 271, State of Minnesota, as follows: The School Board has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A, to refund certain maturities of the District's \$34,320,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2006C. The sale of bonds will be conducted in accordance with the Bond Sale Guidelines.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015A; AND COVENANTING AND OBLIGATING THE DISTRICT TO BE BOUND BY AND TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF MINNEOSTA STATUTES, SECTION 126C.55 TO GUARANTEE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THESE BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 271, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. **Bond Authorization.** The School Board has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$34,320,000 General Obligation School building Refunding Bonds, Series 2015A.
2. **Sale.** The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. (Ehlers) in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent municipal 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.
3. **Official Statement; Negotiation of Sale.** Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.
4. **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 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 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 Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision 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 and hereafter established by the Department of Management and Budget 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.

Upon vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Dawn Steigauf, Jim Sorum, Nelly Korman, Maureen Bartolotta, Ric Oliva, Tom Bennett and Dick Bergstrom, whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The primary reason for this refunding is to reduce our annual school debt service levy beginning in Pay 17.

BOND SALE GUIDELINES

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Income Contract
NWHSU

Ric Oliva moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Income Contract with Northwestern Health Sciences University to provide instruction to Bloomington Career and College Academy students during the 2015-2016 academic year. Motion carried unanimously.

Northwestern Health Sciences University (College) will provide instruction to Bloomington Career and College Academy (BCCA) students during the 2015-2016 academic year. College will provide courses and access to learning resources, award college credit to students upon successful completion of courses and provide grades/transcripts to the District at the end of each trimester. College will provide appropriately equipped instruction and lab facilities for agreed upon courses at agreed upon times. College will select faculty with appropriate academic credentials to teach the courses. College will notify the district of those students who fail to meet minimum eligibility for college, provide notification of students' attendance and any conduct issues.

The District will provide textbooks and other required course materials, assume all travel cost and arrangements, recommend and authorize enrollment/course selection for eligible high school students at the college. In addition, the District will attend to notifications from faculty on student attendance and conduct issues and communicate this to students and parents. The District will be billed at the rate of \$2,900 per credit for course instruction, and \$1,000 administrative fee per course.

MSHSL Foundation
Funds Application

Nelly Korman moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the application to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation for grant funds to be used to pay athletic and activity fees for students who qualify. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and activities. The MSHSL Foundation offers grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students.

Recognizing the value of students' participation in extracurricular activities, the District is applying for funds from the Foundation for various uses, including supplemental funding for students who qualify for free and reduced lunches and, thus, have fees waived. This resolution is submitted annually for School Board approval.

Extending
Probationary
Period for a
Teacher

Jim Sorum moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Employment Agreement between the District and probationary teacher Melissa Krouth, extending her probationary period. Motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Krouth currently is a non-renewed teacher by the District. Said teacher completed her probationary period on June 4, 2015, was non-renewed due to enrollment, and acquired a Temporary Contract beginning October 7, 2015 and ending June 6, 2016. Said teacher has voluntarily agreed to waive her continuing contract rights in order to fulfill a Temporary Assignment for the duration of the 2015-16 school year. Krouth also agrees that employment of said Temporary Assignment does not constitute notice of recall from nonrenewal status. The purpose of the agreement is to allow said teacher to fulfill the Temporary Assignment for the 2015-16 school year, thereby waiving her right to the acquisition of continuing contract rights for that period. Under this agreement said teacher has voluntarily agreed she will not achieve a continuing contract for the 2015-16 school year. In the absence of recall by July 1, 2016, Krouth also agreed she does not have continuing contract rights for the 2016-17 school year.

Enrollment Report
2015

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, presented to the School Board the 2015 Enrollment Report, which is a snapshot of District information as of October 1. The snapshot is designed to describe K-12 enrollment demographics at a single point in time. Enrollment changes on a daily basis. The data on the District student data site is updated nightly to reflect current student demographics. The Dynamic Data Site—Information on Demand—allows anyone with web access summary information by school or grade in regards to enrollment, ethnic diversity, free/reduced meals, test scores and parent survey results.

Student enrollment for the 2015 October 1 snapshot is 10,022 (an increase of 10 students from last year). Ethnic diversity district wide is 48% and free and reduced meal eligibility is 40%. Historical trends in enrollment are included in the report to help illustrate the story of changing enrollment over the past ten years. Over the last ten years, enrollment has gone from 10,334 students to 10,022; a loss of 312 students. Student diversity has increased 14%. Free/reduced meal eligibility has increased 11%. Enrollment impacts many aspects of the District. The data in the report is intended to assist District decision makers in creating and maintaining an exceptional system for all learners in the community.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on meetings and activities they attended. Dick Bergstrom visited Poplar Bridge to see the STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) program in a fourth grade classroom, Normandale Hills for the mock marriage of letters Q and U, lunch at Kennedy High School, served dinner to staff on conference night at Oak Grove Middle School; attended the Fall Festival sponsored by Early Childhood Family Center Parent Advisory Council, and the BFT candidate forum at which several of Mr. Storlein's students attended. Mr. Bergstrom and Mr. Sorum attended an MSBA Superintendent Evaluation seminar. Tom Bennett reported on the recent Calendar Committee meeting—three calendar options were reviewed and now a recommended calendar will be shared with the Superintendent and Cabinet, and the Labor Management Committee. A calendar recommendation will be presented to the School Board for action on November 23. Mr. Bennett reminded the community to vote on Election Day, November 3. Ric Oliva reported on the recent meeting and highlighted the work of the Board Policy Committee at which eight policies were reviewed. Policies will be presented to the Board for action on November 9. School Board members met tonight with high school representatives of its Youth Advisory Committee meeting. Students shared how they are engaged and involved with improving school climate and community service projects. Mr. Oliva served lunch at Ridgeview and attended a PTSA meeting where he learned about gaga ball that is played during recess. Nelly Korman attended a meeting of the Pathways Advisory Committee at which a curriculum update was given that included the Career and College Academy, Personal Growth Plans, and the HUB. She attended forums for School Board candidates sponsored by the BFT and the Somali Parent Network. Jim Sorum highlighted the Board Policy Committee work. Mr. Sorum is the Chair of the Board's subcommittee on Superintendent Evaluation, which will meet in November. Mr. Sorum served lunch at Indian Mounds. Dawn Steigauf served lunch at Hillcrest and attended school rallies at Hillcrest and Washburn and a Hillcrest PTSA meeting. Washburn sponsored a National Unity Day with a focus on "stand up against bullying." Ms. Steigauf attended the Washburn carnival and a meeting of the Richfield Bloomington Community Education Services Advisory Council. Presentations were given on the Learning Exchange and Richfield Ready. Ms. Steigauf attended a teacher negotiations session. Maureen Bartolotta served lunch at Jefferson. She invited attendance at the Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) annual meeting being held on October 27 at Civic Plaza. BUY is seeking additional youth members.

The MSBA Pre-Delegate Assembly will be held in November to develop the MSBA legislation platform for the 2016 legislative session. Maureen Bartolotta, Dawn Steigauf and Tom Bennett have been selected as delegate assembly representatives for MSBA Region 11.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Fujitake highlighted the Lights On After School event on November 6 from 6-8 p.m. at Washburn Elementary School. Lights on After School is a national recognition to raise awareness of after school programs for students. The November 6 event is the 12th annual event sponsored by the District's Kids' SAFARI program. Recently, Superintendent Fujitake addressed the Bloomington Retired Educators Association providing an update on the school district, which he is invited to do annually. This is an organization of retired teachers and principals who continue to be engaged regarding news, events and activities of the school district. Mr. Fujitake has been invited to be the speaker at a Friendship Village forum in November.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk