

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota**

**October 8, 2007**

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 271, was called to order by Chair Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2007 in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Maureen Peterson, Vice Chair; Chuck Walter, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Mark Hibbs and Jim Sorum (7:20 p.m. arrival).
- Member Absent Tim Culver.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake and Bruce Pappas.
- Attorney Present David Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Peterson moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to approve the agenda, which includes a Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations discussion upon the conclusion of the regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the attached proclamation declaring the week of October 22, 2007, as "Lights on After School" Week, a national celebration of after school programs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Lights on After School Proclamation

***Lights On After School Week Proclamation***

- *WHEREAS, the Bloomington Board of Education stands firmly committed to quality before and after school programs because they:*
- *Provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences to help Bloomington children develop social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.*
- *Support working families by ensuring that children are safe and productive before and after the regular school day.*
- *Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults.*
- *Engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of Bloomington children.*

*WHEREAS, Kids' SAFARI has provided significant leadership in the area of well-being of Bloomington youth, grounded in the principle that quality before and after school programs are key to helping children become successful adults; and*

*WHEREAS, Lights On After School, a national celebration of before and after school programs held in October 2007, promotes the importance of quality before and after school programs in the lives of children, their families and communities.*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomington Board of Education declares the week of October 22, 2007, Lights On After School Week; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bloomington Board of Education enthusiastically endorses Lights on After School and is committed to innovative before and after school programs and activities that ensure that the lights stay on and the doors stay open before and after school.*

The proclamation was accepted by Wendy Webster, Youth Development/ Parent Involvement Instructional Lead. The "Lights On After School" event is a national celebration of after school programs that promote the critical importance of quality after school programs in the lives of youth, their families and their communities. In recognition of this celebration, Kids' SAFARI at Normandale Hills Elementary School will host a family night event on Thursday, October 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

AAA Bus Driver  
Hall of Fame

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, one of our Bloomington bus drivers was among those honored by AAA of Minneapolis. Dennis Holland was inducted into the *AAA Minneapolis School Bus Driver Hall of Fame*. Drivers were chosen for their reliability, building positive relationships with students, their driver safety record, positive feedback from teachers and parents, and their riders' awareness of safety rules. Dennis is in his 8<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Bloomington Public Schools.

Public Recognition

Joe Schmit, parent of three students in the school district, addressed the School Board and the public in support of the two referendum questions on the November 6 ballot—the operating levy and the technology levy. Mr. Schmit stated that if you asked someone to name five influential people in their lives, one or more of the names would be teachers. If the referendum fails, some teachers may be leaving and the District's ability to recruit teachers may be affected. He encouraged citizens to invest in kids and the community. The revenue generated by the referendum is not to keep up with the Jones' but to catch up to them. Our neighboring school districts spend more money per student. Currently, no money is earmarked for technology and we all know technology is changing rapidly. The election is not about kids. He believes we must prepare our students to succeed in a global economy. By voting yes and yes, it will set the stage for our young people to succeed.

V. PART A  
1. Board Business  
Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on September 24, 2007.

- Personnel Items
  - b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Change of Status. Non-Unit Personnel: Resignation. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- Non-Resident Agreements
  - c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2007-2008:
    - Students Entering Bloomington = 14
    - Students Leaving Bloomington = 9
- 2. *Finance*
  - Appointment of Election Judges
    - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 confirms the appointment of election judges for the School Board Directors election on November 6, 2007.
  - Receipts/Disbursements
    - b. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

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

*(Jim Sorum arrived 7:20 p.m.)*

VI. PART B  
Facility Use/  
Activity Centers  
Report 2006-2007

Doug Langefels, Manager of Building Reservations and Activity Centers, reported to the School Board on use of the District's facilities and the Activity Centers. Thousands of youth and adults use the school facilities during non-school hours and during the summer months. Users of school space are divided into six categories: Class 1 – schools, District programs, Community Education programs. Class 2 – Bloomington youth groups, Scouts, City elections. Class 3 – City of Bloomington. Class 4 – Faith-based organizations, Universities, Non-profits, Adults, Non-Bloomington groups. Class 5 – For Profit. Class 6 – Evergreen Church, MSHSL.

In 2006-2007, there were 249 groups using our facilities for a total of 24,667 hours. The high usage can be attributed to quality facilities and staff serving the customers. Facilities rental generated revenue of \$467,068. The revenue was increased over last year from three additional rental sources—a third church has been renting space since June 2005 (at Washburn Elementary), a University has become a new renter of space at Kennedy High School and three more dance schools are using space for recitals. Through facility use revenue enhancements, \$29,675 was directed to the District's 01 Fund. In addition, budgeted resources in the amount of \$7,977 was applied to secondary schools for auditorium lights, gel packs, etc.

The Activity Membership Report shows annual memberships were down slightly and the six-month memberships increased. Student memberships are down perhaps due to new programs--summer strength and conditioning classes. Current members registered in the fitness reimbursement program totals 194. In July of 2005, the Blue Cross Blue Shield fitness reimbursement program began. UCare followed in March 2006. Definity for Target and Medtronics began in March 2007.

There has been growth in the use of gym court rentals – 167 groups used a total of 13,471 hours. The increased court usage can be attributed, in part, due to the implementation of the off-peak rate for May through September. The off-peak court rate produced gross revenue of \$59,827 for 2006-2007. The off-peak rate was approved in April of 2004 and has been a successful endeavor.

Agreement/Use of Olson Elem/Middle, Jefferson Parking Lots

Maureen Peterson moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the agreement with the 2008 US Women's Open and ISD No. 271 to utilize parking lot space at Jefferson High School and the Olson Middle and Elementary campus. The agreement begins on Monday, June 23, 2008, and ends on Sunday, June 29, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2008 US Women's Open golf tournament will be conducted at Interlachen Country Club in Edina from Monday, June 23, to Sunday, June 29, 2008. The organizing committee for the tournament is seeking hard-surface parking lot space in Bloomington for its corporate sponsors. People parking in Bloomington will be shuttled to Interlachen via buses. Administration is recommending a fee of \$4,000.00 for the group to use approximately 1,000 hard-surface parking slots at Olson and Jefferson from 7 am to 7 pm. Parking will be reserved during this time for office staff at all three schools, DSS staff at Olson, Activity Center members, students attending the summer strength training program, and city-run youth and adult tennis programs. Parking will be restricted to hard surface with no parking allowed on soft-surface athletic fields. Kingsley Holman has reviewed the agreement.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Chair Maureen Bartolotta stated that in evaluating the first year of the Superintendent's performance, the School Board finds that Superintendent Fujitake satisfactorily met his goals. The Superintendent was responsive to the changing needs of the District by undertaking the strategic planning process as directed by the School Board. Superintendent Fujitake exceeded the Board's expectations by accomplishing this initiative that was not part of the original performance goals.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Sorum reported on the TIES Annual Meeting. The Bloomington School District is a charter member of TIES and continues to have a strong presence in the consortium. Jefferson High School was cited as a model for Personal Learning Plans.

Arlene Bush attended a meeting of the Education Foundation of Bloomington and the grandparents day breakfast at Olson Elementary. She invited School Board members to the Intermediate School District 287 tour to various program sites. There is a date in each of the months of October, November, December and January.

Maureen Bartolotta invited School Board members to the Bloomington United for Youth breakfast forum on October 25<sup>th</sup>, which will focus on the "The Power of Community."

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted District activities. On October 2, Hillcrest Community School and Oak Grove Elementary School were named Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. The award recognizes significant progress the schools have made under the No Child Left Behind Act. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education Chad Colby made the announcement and presented a certificate to the principals at Hillcrest Community School and Oak Grove Elementary School in special assemblies for students, staff, parents and community members. The schools will be formally recognized for their academic achievements at a Washington D.C. event next month.

There are 90,000 schools in the country. Among the schools across the country, 237 earned this special designation this year. There are 1500 schools in Minnesota. Hillcrest Community School and Oak Grove Elementary School were two of the eight Minnesota schools being recognized for this award. Bloomington is the only school district with two schools being honored.

Olson Elementary School Principal Tim Case will be retiring in December. Dr. Debra Fincham, Assistant Superintendent, will lead the principal selection process. She is meeting with staff and parents tomorrow. An interview committee will be formed and begin its work at the end of October.

Jefferson's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be October 10-14. Kennedy's production of Beauty and The Beast will be October 25-28.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk