

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

October 8, 2012

- 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 Melissa Halvorson Wiklund at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2012, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Rick Kaufman, and Bruce Pappas.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Friend The Bloomington Historical Society was established in July of 1964. Since that time it has operated a History Museum in the historic 1892 Town Hall located at the intersection of Penn Avenue and Old Shakopee Road. Vonda Kelly, President, and Larry Granger, Vice President, shared highlights of the collaborations with the school district and the city—History curriculum, Schools to the Museum and Museum to the Schools programs, service-oriented learning opportunities, International Kids Club, River Rendezvous, Heritage Days, and alumni activities.
- Lights On After School Proclamation Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the attached proclamation (on file) declaring the week of October 8, 2012, as “Lights On After School” week, the 13th annual celebration of after school programs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Russ Purdy, Youth and Family Coordinator at Hillcrest Community School, accepted the proclamation. There will be a celebration on October 12th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Elementary School. The Bloomington Crime Prevention Association will help to fund the event. Mr. Purdy also noted that this year, Kids’ SAFARI will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Girls Nation Program Jefferson High School senior Megan Jacobson was selected to participate in Girls Nation, a program of the American Legion Auxiliary, that sends girls to Washington, D.C to learn about civic involvement and government. Prior to going to Washington D.C., she was selected as one of two girls from Minnesota to represent the state as “senators.” During the program, participants presented mock legislation, acted as senators during sessions and were given the opportunity to act as other members of the federal government, including Supreme Court Justices.

MN DAPE Award Teacher Mary Jo Norine is the recipient of the 2012 Allen Burton Minnesota Developmental Adapted Physical Education Leadership Award. The award honors the outstanding efforts and contributions given to students with disabilities in the area of developmental adapted physical education by a teacher of elementary, secondary or higher education. Ms. Norine was recognized for her passion in working with students, with and without disabilities, coaching the South Suburban Adapted Athletics sports program and co-directing the MSHSL Adapted Floor Hockey Tournament.

NSPRA Awards Jaclyn Swords, Community Relations Specialist, is a recipient of the National School Public Relations Association's *35 Under 35 Award*, which recognizes the top 35 school public relations professionals in the country under the age of 35. This is a new award to recognize the emerging professionals who have demonstrated excellence in school communications.

The District's Community Relations Office also received two awards from the National School Public Relations Association's 2012 Publications and Electronic Media Contest. One award was *Excellence for Marketing*, received for the Early Learners Academy brochure. Another award was an *Honorable Mention* for the Technology Infographic.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on September 24, 2012.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington total 15 and 24 students leaving.

2. *Field Trip Approval*

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

3. *Grants*
Nine Mile Creek
Watershed District

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the acceptance of a cost share grant agreement for \$9,573.26 from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to support water resource protection.

Nine Mile Creek
Watershed District
Poplar Bridge

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the acceptance of a cost share grant agreement for \$17,797.63 from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to support water resource protection and providing education at Poplar Bridge Elementary School.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Headway Mental Health
Services

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with Headway Emotional Health Services to provide mental health services to enrolled students with emotional behavioral disorders. This contract is for the period of August 15, 2012 through June 15, 2013.

Headway Facilities
& Ancillary Support

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a contract for Headway's use of District facilities, ancillary support and collaboration services. This contract is for the period of August 15, 2012 through June 15, 2013.

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
Office of Educational
Equity Update

Dinna Wade-Ardley, Director of the Office of Educational Equity, along with staff members, students and parents, reported to the School Board on Integration Plans—the end of year review for year 2011-2012 of the three-year plan (2009-2012) and an update on the 2012-2015 Integration Plan. Integration Revenue Program information and demographic information about the District was shared. Additional highlights of the report included a look at a ten-year enrollment trend and ethnic diversity in the District, key integration issues addressed, goals and objectives, school climate, student achievement, parent advisory committees, language assistance line implementation, bullying prevention projects and diversity of students in gifted student programs. The Integration Plan for the current school year will be fully funded. Levy revenue (\$450,000) will be available for use in 2013-2014, but without a change in the law, the integration funding will sun set June 30, 2014. Planning has begun for the sun setting of this revenue.

MSHSL Foundation
Funds

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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 extra curricular 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.

Keystone Settlement

Mark Hibbs moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the settlement agreement with Keystone Community Services Inc. for Care and Treatment Tuition in the amount of \$123,129.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Keystone is an Intensive Day Treatment program that provides educational services to the District's students who were court ordered into this type of program. This settlement is a result of the District's Administration challenging Keystone's amount of tuition charged for financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11. The original invoices totaled \$189,971, which included Keystone's tuition of \$175,899 and a service fee of \$14,072 (8%) from Intermediate District 287.

In financial year 2009-10, ISD 271 notified Keystone that outstanding invoices would not be paid without supporting documentation for these services. The District engaged the MDE in the process in an attempt to resolve the issue, but the MDE was unable to obtain information from Keystone. On January 31, 2012, Keystone served papers on the District stating that legal action would be taken against the District for the entire amount invoiced. During the last ten months, the District's legal counsel has been negotiating with Keystone regarding a settlement. Based on these negotiations, the District's legal counsel was able to reduce the original tuition invoices by 30%. The Intermediate District 287 amount, also reduced by 30%, will be paid separately. This settlement resolves all outstanding issues with these invoices.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maureen Bartolotta is the Board representative to the District Curriculum Advisory Committee (DCAC). The first meeting for this school year was held on October 1. The curriculum cycle was reviewed; Erin Boltik, Director of Gifted and Talented Programs, was introduced and the committee had an interactive session on ADSIS-- Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services. The next DCAC meeting is December 1.

Mark Hibbs reported on the special (voluntary) meeting of the Labor Management Committee (LMC), which focused on how to move the District forward with the vision of supporting the physical and emotional well being of staff members. A regular meeting of LMC is scheduled for next week.

Tim Culver reported on the Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) meeting of October 5, which included a regional hearing on the Education Funding Working Group report. Superintendent Les Fujitake serves as a member of that task force, which is working to create stability and predictability for school funding.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake reported on Senator Al Franken's visit to Kennedy High School on October 2, which focused on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in preparing students for 21st Century jobs and Career Technical Education programs. Project Lead the Way programs and SkillsUSA were highlighted during his visit. Students and staff showcased a robot built by the school's award winning FIRST Robotics team, and he visited the Chopper motorcycle building class.

The Transportation Department will be purchasing two propane-powered buses, which will be tested for efficiency, reliability and maintenance costs before additional buses are purchased. Bloomington Public Schools is most likely the first school district in the state to purchase propane-powered buses.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk