

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

**October 9, 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 7:02 p.m. on October 9, 2017, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> 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 and Eric Melbye.
- 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 The School Board recognized and presented a Certificate of Achievement to Jefferson and Kennedy National Merit Scholars. Principals Jaysen Anderson and Carol Kampa highlighted the program and the accomplishments of students achieving these designations.
- National Merit Scholars
- Seven students have been named Semifinalists in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program for 2018— Jefferson students David Floeder, Joshua Lueth, Kenny Peng and Samuel Vacura and Kennedy students Grady Cromer, Elias Sinner and George Thielen. Upon completing some additional requirements this year, these students will be in the running for one of the merit scholarship awards that will be offered next spring. More than 1.6 million high school juniors entered the 2018 National Merit Program by taking the preliminary PSAT/National Merit scholarship qualifying test, which serves as an initial screening of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.
- Commended students are recognized for exceptional academic promise demonstrated by performance on the qualifying test. Commended students represent two percent of students, nationally, who took the PSAT exam. Jefferson commended students are Umaimah Ahmed, Dana Bureac, Camille Jones, Adeline Vacura and Nathan Wandmacher. Kennedy commended students are Gunnar Anderson, Alana Harste, Julian Redish and Lia Thomson.

Friend

The School District is fortunate to have businesses, organizations, faith communities and individuals who partner with us to provide educational opportunities and support our learners and the Bloomington community. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes our “Friends” of education.

**Bloomington Federation of Teachers**

Superintendent Fujitake highlighted collaborative efforts and expressed appreciation to the Bloomington Federation of Teachers (BFT) for its support and work in the Bloomington Public Schools. Research shows successful school districts cannot prepare students for college and career alone. Community and strategic partners are engaged to help provide excellent educational opportunities for learners. Strong unions are vital to the success of any school district. The BFT is a strong union with 900 plus membership of educational professionals committed to having students achieve their best potential. The BFT has helped to recruit the brightest and best staff to help student achievement and collaborates in building educational programs for all students. The BFT is active politically to ensure our students benefit from favorable policy and legislative actions. Mr. Fujitake introduced Wendy Marczak, BFT President, accompanied by BFT members Carole Bennett, Vice President; Kelley Spiess, Teacher Evaluation Coordinator and Member Rights Advocate; and Lacey Dawson, Treasurer. Ms. Marczak shared a few examples of BFT efforts such as affecting public policy by advocating at federal, state and local levels and with other stakeholders; supporting teacher evaluation with the Q-Comp program, which brought revenue to the District for this program; sponsoring of fundraisers to help provide scholarships by donating funds to the Education Foundation of Bloomington; working with the PTSA Council on the district wide food drive; and supporting the upcoming referendum operating levy that will be on the November ballot. BFT stands up for doing what is best for students and is proud to be part of the Bloomington Public Schools and the Bloomington community.

Public

Jefferson students from Mr. Storlein’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 proceeding.

Student Representative Report

Ethan Skophammer highlighted upcoming activities at Kennedy that include the band concert, a PTSA forum with Detective Heather Potter who will talk about teenagers and social media and safeguards, fall preview choir concert, and conferences. Homecoming last week had the most participation from students in the last four years with more than 500 students attending the homecoming dance—great job by Kennedy Student Government.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on September 25, 2017.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Employments, Changes of Status, Long-Call Correction. Classified Personnel: Termination, 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*

HTC Classrooms RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of two 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.

4. *Finance*

- Appointment of Election Judges a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointment of election judges for the School Board Directors election on November 7, 2017.
- Approved Booster Clubs 2017-2018 b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) lists of Booster Clubs for Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools for the 2017-18 school year. This resolution is a requirement of Board Policy 510.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dawn Steigauf 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

Curriculum Review Update

Assistant Superintendent Eric Melbye introduced the curriculum review update and called upon curriculum specialists Rachel Gens, Elementary Lead, and Dr. Jenna Mitchler, Secondary Lead, to share information on the current review cycle for 2017-2018. There are five phases of curriculum review: *Phase 1: Initial Curriculum Review*—Research best practices, prioritize and unpack standards and review materials. *Phase 2: Assessments and Units of Study*—Create proficiency scales and assessments; create units of study/map standards to units. *Phase 3: Implementation*—Implement curriculum and collect data; analyze data and consider modifications. *Phase 4: Mid-Cycle Curriculum Review*—Review prioritized standards, materials, assessments and units of study; make adjustments as needed. *Phase 5: Implementation*—Implement curriculum and collect data; analyze data and consider modifications. For 2017-2018, Math for grades K-12 and World Language for grades 7-12 are in Phase 2; Social Studies for grades K-12 is in Phase 4; Health and Phy Ed for grades K-12 are in Phase 1.

Graduation 2018

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes graduation exercises for the 2017-2018 school year on the following dates: Jefferson High School, Monday, June 4, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. and Kennedy High School, Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Furthermore, the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes the location for the 2017-2018 graduation exercises as the Minneapolis Convention Center and approves the Minneapolis Convention Center Permits for Occupancy for the aforementioned dates. Motion carried unanimously.

The Assistant Superintendent and administrators at Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools recommended the aforementioned dates and venue for graduation exercises 2018.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Dick Bergstrom attended an Intermediate School District 917 Board meeting—policies in the 200 series were reviewed and three students shared their DECA experience; PTSA Council meeting, Kennedy High School National Honor Society induction ceremony, and a kindergarten classroom at Indian Mounds. He reminded the community about safety relating to transportation of our students and consider the STOP sign on buses as a red light. Dawn Steigauf attended the first meeting of the District Calendar Committee, homecoming games and dances at the two high schools, and visited Normandale Hills, Southwood Center and Valley View Middle School. Nelly Korman attended the first meeting of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) for this year. Student Board Representatives Ethan Skophammer, Jackson Domagala and another student from Kennedy High School attended the meeting and will be committee members this year. Agenda included a history of the committee, a report from Dr. Dave Heistad on MAP/MCA results and future topics and work of the committee. PAC will meet at least three to four times this year. Ric Oliva attended the Jefferson/Kennedy football game and an AMSD Executive Committee meeting; a topic was a data privacy issue concern relating to one-to-one digital devices and access to data.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake reported that the Advisory Team held its first meeting of the new school year on October 3 at Poplar Bridge Elementary School. The meeting schedule has been established and the team will rotate to a different school for each meeting. In addition to the Superintendent and the BFT President, the team consists of six members, three BFT members and three administrators. One of the next meeting topics will be school staff safety.

Superintendent Fujitake and Dr. Dave Heistad met with Congressman Erik Paulsen to discuss the flexibility of the U. S. Department of Education related to testing.

The Superintendent will be meeting with the new Executive Director of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Kim Hansen.

Last week the Superintendent met with the Bloomington Retired Educators Association (BREA) to provide a state of the District update. The group has a membership of approximately 50 people. BREA is interested in the upcoming levy referendum.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk