

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

December 10, 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 December 10, 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, and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
Friend **PEARSON EDUCATION “Always Learning”**—The mission of Pearson Education is to improve teaching and life-long learning. Pearson helps students, families, educators and professionals use assessment, information, research and innovation to promote learning and personal development, advance academic achievement, improve instructional productivity, and transform educational communities. As a global leader in education and education technology, Pearson reaches and engages today’s digital natives with effective and personalized learning, as well as dedicated professional development for their teachers. This commitment is demonstrated in their investment in innovative print and digital education materials for preK through professional learning, student information systems and learning management systems, teacher development, career certification programs, and testing and assessment products that set the standard for the industry. Pearson's comprehensive offerings help in forming targeted instruction and intervention so that success is within reach of every student at every level of education. Over the last nine years, Pearson has been an active partner with Jefferson High School for and helping our students through the Daymakers Rotary STRIVE (Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education) program. John Bergstrom, Vice President of Human Resources, along with STRIVE mentor Bethany Rein, shared highlights of their work with the Bloomington Public Schools. Vickie Stoffel and Chris John also are STRIVE mentors at Jefferson.

Melissa Halvorson
Wiklund

On behalf of the Board, Vice Chair Mark Hibbs expressed appreciation to Melissa Halvorson Wiklund for her three years of service on the School Board. She has been elected to represent Bloomington District 50 as she joins the Minnesota Senate in January 2013.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on November 26, 2012.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Employments.
Classified Personnel: Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013:
Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 5 and 7 students are leaving.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the appointment of Heather Starks to the Community Services Advisory Council.

Personnel Items

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

Community Services
Advisory Committee

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*
HSSC/LCTS

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts LCTS grants totaling \$178,775 from the Hennepin South Services Collaborative (HSSC) to fund 4 school district projects during the 2013 calendar year.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

MOAC Mall Holdings/
South Metro ABE

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal lease between MOAC Mall Holdings LLC and Independent School District 271. The lease commences on the first day of December 2012 and ends on the 30th day of November 2013.

5. *Finance*
Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$12,050.00.

Continuing Authority

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the continuation of Board appointments and authorizations to begin January 1, 2013, and continue until the Board's organizational meeting January 14, 2013. This shall include: Chairperson and other Board officers, Deputy Clerk, designation of depositories for district funds, investment of surplus funds, representation of the Board at bid openings, use of facsimile signatures for financial transactions and personnel contracts, and appointment of Board representation to other governing boards and associations.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver 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
Final Levy
Certification
2012 Pay 2013

Mark Hibbs moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the property tax levy for the final 2012 payable 2013 levy of \$47,947,134. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of any changes to levy amounts by the Minnesota Department of Education, it is the intent of the School Board of Independent School District 271 to levy the appropriate amount as allowed by law.

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services presented information regarding the current school year budget showing sources of revenue and expenditures by program and the proposed property tax levy. The 2012 Pay 2013 levy represents a \$4,504,978 increase from the 2011 Pay 2012 levy (a 10.4% increase). The increase includes alternative facilities in the amount of \$14,417,715.

Chair Melissa Halvorson Wiklund opened the meeting for public comment regarding the proposed property tax levy. Addressing the School Board were Tom Hulting, Maureen Scallen Failor representing the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, and Peter Freund. Comments pertained to the percent of levy increase, in particular, the cost for deferred maintenance for facilities and planning for those costs, and the impact of the increase to business owners in the Bloomington community.

Upon conclusion of the public comments, there was discussion by Board members. On roll call vote, Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs, Arlene Bush, Nelly Korman and Melissa Halvorson Wiklund voted aye. Dick Bergstrom and Maureen Bartolotta voted nay. Motion carried 5-2.

PROPOSED 2012 PAYABLE 2013 LEVIES

Referendum	\$20,470,589
Referendum Other	710,337
Other	14,417,175
Community Services	1,611,326
Debt Services	<u>10,737,708</u>
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$47,947,134</u>

Approval of this action by the Board completes the levy process, which included:

- Submission of levy data and calculations of formulas that produced the proposed levy certification document in September 2012.
- Mailing by the county auditor of Truth-in-Taxation statements in November 2012.
- Presentation of Fiscal 2012-2013 Budget and Pay 2013 Levy.

DAHS
Space Lease

Mark Hibbs moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves entering into a two-year Lease Agreement, with an option to renew for two additional years, between Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) and Independent School District 271. Motion carried unanimously.

This agreement leases space from MNSCU for our District’s planned Dimensions Academy High School program at Normandale Community College.

The major terms of the first two years of this agreement are:

	First Year 2013-2014	Second Year 2014-2015
Type of Space	Classroom, lab, and common area	Classroom, lab, and common area
Hours space rented per week	7.5	17.0
Annual Cost	\$9,844	\$22,313

Funds to pay for this cost will come from our District’s lease levy. Our District’s attorney and insurance agent have reviewed the attached agreement.

DAHS
Instructional
Services

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves entering into a two-year Inter-Agency Instructional Services Agreement, with an option to renew for two additional years, between Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) and Independent School District 271. Motion carried unanimously.

This agreement contracts for instructional services from MNSCU needed for our District’s planned Dimensions Academy High School program at Normandale Community College—two periods per day for Math and Science. The major terms of the first two years of this agreement are:

	First Year 2013-2014	Second Year 2014-2015
Contracted Services	Professors’ time, technology support, book rental, awarding of credits earned, orientation services for staff, and marketing support	Professors’ time, technology support, book rental, awarding of credits earned, orientation services for staff, and marketing support
Annual Cost	\$53,000	\$117,467

Our District’s attorney and insurance agent have reviewed the attached agreement.

Principals
MOU

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Independent School District 271—Bloomington, Minnesota, and the Bloomington Principals’ Association. Motion carried unanimously.

For the current school year, principals will receive most of their professional development in-house from the District, preventing most principals from using their professional growth fund. By this MOU, the District and the BPA agree to modify the Contract to convert \$1,000.00 of their professional growth fund to salary for each principal for the 2012-2013 school year only. The MOU is cost neutral to the District. Bruce Pappas, Executive Director of Human Resources, fielded questions regarding the MOU. Director Hibbs indicated that he is philosophically opposed but would support the resolution.

Process/Timeline
Board Vacancy

Mark Hibbs moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the timeline and process for filling the upcoming vacancy on the School Board as set forth in the attached documents (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

The timeline and process for filling the Board seat of Melissa Halvorson Wiklund was developed by the Superintendent Evaluation Committee—Mark Hibbs (Chair), Dick Bergstrom and Tim Culver. Board members discussed the process and the extent of participation of the Chair. Directors Bartolotta and Bush again indicated support for filling the seat with a former Board member who is willing to serve. District Counsel indicated that Melissa Halvorson Wiklund can participate in the process; however she cannot vote on her replacement. She will need to submit her resignation, in writing, as she will be sworn into the Senate on January 8, 2013.

Applications are due to the Office of the Superintendent by 4 p.m. on December 28th. A special meeting will be called on January 5, 7 or 8 to conduct interviews. A special meeting will be called on January 8 to select an appointee. The appointment will be made at the January 14th organizational meeting of the School Board.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Tim Culver reported on AMSD activities. The AMSD legislative platform has been developed for 2013; there will be a legislative information program on January 11 at AMSD. Maureen Bartolotta attended the MSBA Delegate Assembly. Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman indicating they are looking forward to their second year as a Board member. Nelly Korman reported on the District Diversity Committee meeting at which building accomplishments were shared. Arlene Bush highlighted the upcoming MSBA conference in January.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated the need to establish a study session of the Board to address organizational matters for 2013. Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to establish the organizational study session for January 7, 2013, at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Two Bloomington teachers will be honored as exceptional teachers at the 2012 TIES Conference. Holly Skadsem, a 5th grade teacher at Normandale Hills Elementary, and Todd Walsh, a health/physical education teacher at Oak Grove Middle School, will be recognized for their innovative work with technology in the classroom.

IX. OTHER

Director Mark Hibbs outlined special meetings to be established relating to filling the Board vacancy. Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to establish special meetings on Saturday, January 5, 8:00 a.m. to noon for interviews and Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. to select an appointee. Motion carried unanimously. Official action of the appointment will take place at the organizational meeting of the Board on January 14, 2013.

Director Hibbs requested that each Board member submit to him three names of applicants to be interviewed. Names are due by 4 p.m. on January 2. Applicants named by three or more Board members will be interviewed.

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 9:10 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk