

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

February 22, 2016

- 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 February 22, 2016, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Tom Bennett, Dick Bergstrom and Ric Oliva.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs, Dave Heistad, Andy Kubas, Jennifer McIntyre, and John Weisser.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to establish a closed session to follow the meeting for the purpose of negotiations discussion. So moved by Ric Oliva and seconded by Dawn Steigauf. 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 **Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting “The Lion King”** March 3-5 with a performance for senior citizens on March 2. Co-directors Bryan Blessing and Shawn Stelton invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production. Also in attendance were Kevin Doheny, parent volunteer who created the masks for the production, and piano accompanist Judy Cooper.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on February 8, 2016.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Employments, Change of Status. Independent Personnel: Retirement, Resignations. Classified Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Terminations, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status. Resignation Agreement.
2. *Field Trip Approvals* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Finance*

Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$6,151.55.

Finance Reports

b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of January 2016.

Receipts/ &

Disbursements

c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of January 2016.

Ric Oliva moved, Dick Bergstrom, to approve Part A Items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B

SLEDS

Progress Report

Dr. Dave Heistad, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment gave a progress report to the School Board on the three phases of investigation using State Longitudinal Education Data Systems (SLEDS). One of Administration's goals for 2015-2016 was to expand the use of SLEDS and establish a return on investment framework.

Dr. Heistad's report addressed three phases:

- I. Following Bloomington graduates to inform PGP goals
 - Validated the "rainbow" cut scores for MAP and ACT (2008, 2009 data)
 - Determined the strong influence of student grades in prediction of college entrance and completing
 - Comparing outcomes for comparable high schools to Jefferson and Kennedy for total school and subgroups
- II. Cross-validating and expanding findings with new cohorts
 - Refreshed data with MARSS numbers and ability to match Bloomington student with similar students statewide
- III. Creating vision for innovation and improvement research
 - Innovation zone legislation based on value-added and Return on Investment (ROI). Reduced assessment, flexible funding, flexible pathways
 - Evaluation of Bloomington College and Career Academy using ROI
 - Capturing "beat the odds" instruction (e.g. flipped instruction)

Dr. Raymond Robertson and Nicholas Maryns are the researchers working on the Return on Investment analysis.

Bid Award

H.S. Outdoor

Track Rehabilitation

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the New Look Contracting, Rogers, MN bid for the high school outdoor track rehabilitation and authorizes administration to enter into a contract with the above vendor to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our State and School Board approved Alternative Facilities Plan. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Policy 510

Dick Bergstrom moved, Ric Oliva seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 510, Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to establish regulations regarding school-sponsored activities, District-recognized booster clubs or organizations, and non-school-sponsored independent providers. On February 4, 2016, the School Board Policy Committee reviewed draft revisions to Policy 510 prepared and presented by Administration. An agreed upon edit was made by the Board Policy Committee and is reflected in the revised policy presented for School Board approval. The accompanying regulation for this policy has been reviewed and edited by District Administration with input from the high school Athletic Directors and the District's Executive Director of Community Relations.

Policy 515

Jim Sorum moved, Ric Oliva seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 515, Protection and Privacy of Student Records. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 515 is to provide guidance for the District in regards to the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of pupil records and the protection of the privacy rights of students as provided in federal law and state statutes. This policy is mandatory according to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). On February 4, 2016, the School Board Policy Committee reviewed draft revisions to Policy 515 prepared and presented by Administration. The District's policy (and accompanying regulation) follows the MSBA model modified for Bloomington, including standard District terms. One additional revision to the policy was made by the Board Policy Committee. That revision is reflected in the revised policy recommended for School Board approval.

Policy 417

Nelly Korman moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 417, Chemical Use and Abuse. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 417 is to assist the District in its goal to prevent chemical use and abuse by providing procedures for education and intervention. This policy is mandatory according to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). On February 4, 2016, the School Board Policy Committee reviewed draft revisions to Policy 417 prepared and presented by Administration. The District's policy follows the MSBA model with minor edits using standard District terms. No additional revisions were made by the Board Policy Committee. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Policy 418

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 418, Drug Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 418 is to maintain a safe and healthful environment for staff and students by prohibiting the use of alcohol, toxic substances and controlled substances without a physician prescription. It will be a violation of this Policy for any student, teacher, administrator, other school district personnel or member of the public to use alcohol, toxic substances or controlled substances in any school location and the district will enforce this policy, discipline or take appropriate action against violator of this policy. This policy is mandatory according to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). On February 4, 2016, the School Board Policy Committee reviewed draft revisions to Policy 418 prepared and presented by Administration. The District's policy follows the MSBA model with minor edits using standard District terms. No additional revisions were made by the Board Policy Committee. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Policy 521

Dawn Steigauf moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 521, Student Disability Nondiscrimination. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 521 is to protect students with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, requires the school district to identify and evaluate students who need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that learners may receive a free appropriate public education. Independent School District 271 will protect students from disability discrimination of disabled students identified by Section 504. This policy is mandatory according to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA). On February 4, 2016, the School Board Policy Committee reviewed draft revisions to Policy 521 prepared and presented by Administration. The District's policy follows the MSBA model with minor edits using standard District terms. No additional revisions were made by the Board Policy Committee. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Engagement Letter
Greene Espel, PLLP

Dick Bergstrom moved, Ric Oliva seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Engagement Letter with Greene Espel, PLLP for legal services regarding landfill litigation and authorizes Superintendent Les Fujitake to sign the Engagement Letter. Motion carried unanimously.

The District received notification of a lawsuit alleging damages from environmental contamination. The District is one of 15 defendants named, including the State of Minnesota the MPCA, cities of Bloomington, Richfield and Burnsville as well as the Burnsville school district. The cities of Bloomington, Richfield and Burnsville have agreed to share a legal counsel that specializes in environmental law. The cities also have agreed to allow us to join them in joint representation in this matter. This would mean that we would potentially reduce our legal fees by 75%. District Counsel recommends that we join the cities by signing the Engagement Letter.

- Closed Session Report
- The School Board, Superintendent and members of Cabinet, along with District legal counsel, met in Closed Session on Monday, February 8, for the purpose of discussing negotiation parameters. No School Board action was taken or required.
- VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
- School Board members reported on meetings and activities they attended including attendance and/or participation in the following: Board Policy Committee, Bloomington/Richfield Early Childhood Parent Advisory Committee, Bloomington United for Youth Recognition Awards at Civic Plaza, custodian/transportation negotiations, Future Leaders Conference, Oak Grove Middle School boat races for student class project, Intermediate District 917 Board meeting, LMC meeting, MSBA officer training-Vice Chair, Bloomington Richfield Community Education Services Advisory Council, District Diversity Advisory Committee, Hillcrest Early Learners Academy teacher Ann Hanson recognized as the WCCO Excellent Educator of the week, Hillcrest gamelon performance coming up this week, Washburn PTA meeting and Read-A-Thon, Washburn PRIDE Rally, Washburn in 7th year of PBIS, invitation extended to attend the BFT Fundraiser on Saturday that supports scholarships for high school seniors, Minnesota Masonic Home Health Sciences article highlighting the Bloomington Career and College Academy, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee activities supporting students and families of people serving in the military or returning from duty, curriculum process and standards work project, meeting with teachers of color and work on an Education Minnesota project.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- Superintendent Fujitake reported on District activities. The Legislative Committee of the School Board will host a forum with Bloomington legislators on Thursday, February 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center in the Arlene Bush Board Room. All of our legislators will be in attendance. The public is invited to attend. Superintendent Fujitake met with newly elected Representative Chad Anderson.
- The joint meeting of the School Board and City Council scheduled for February 29 is being rescheduled to March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center in the Arlene Bush Board Room. A motion to establish the new date was made by Ric Oliva, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.
- There is a School Board Retreat on Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at the Bloomington Chamber office.
- IX. OTHER
- None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
- There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. A study session followed the meeting and a closed session for negotiations followed the study session.

Nelly Korman, Clerk