

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

March 18, 2013

- 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 Tim Culver at 7:17 p.m. on March 18, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Prior to the meeting, the school Board was in a Closed Session to discuss negotiations.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Bruce Pappas, John Weisser and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS None.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on March 11, 2013.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 3 and 1 student leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 6 and 4 students leaving.
2. *Field Trip Approvals* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

MNSCU/HTC
Early Learning
Academy

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271, Early Learning Academy. The term of the agreement is from January 14, 2013 until January 14, 2018.

MN Human Services
Valley View Elementary
Early Childhood Addition

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for an Early Childhood Learning and Child Protection Facilities Program. The agreement states that Independent School District 271 is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$695,589 to be used with matching funds from the District in building an addition at Valley View Elementary to house early childhood programming.

Maureen Bartolotta 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.

VI. PART B

Sale of Bonds

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, the Resolution for the Sale of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B to Refund General Obligation School Building Bonds 2005A.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 271, State of Minnesota, as follows:

The School Board has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B, to refund certain maturities of the District's \$15,980,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2005A.

The sale of bonds will be conducted in accordance with the Bond Sale Guidelines attached.

Motion carried.

(Director Nelly Korman was absent from the meeting at the time of the vote.)

The primary reason for this refunding is to reduce our annual school debt service levy beginning in Pay 14.

Bond Sale Guidelines

- 1) Sale.** The District has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc. (Ehlers) in Roseville, Minnesota, as its independent financial advisor for the Bonds. Ehlers is authorized to solicit proposals in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9). If the issuance of the Bonds is approved, the School Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Official Statement to receive and consider proposals for the purchase of the Bonds.
- 2) Official Statement; Negotiation of Sale.** Ehlers is authorized to prepare and distribute an Official Statement and to open, read and tabulate the proposals for presentation to the Board.
- 3) Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program.**
 - (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Bond Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Bond Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Bond Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.
 - (b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now or hereafter established by the Departments of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

Polling Places for
Elections Not Held
on a Statewide Day

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes as its precincts and polling places for elections not held on the date of a statewide election to be those precincts and polling places established by the municipalities located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the school district. Motion carried.

(Director Nelly Korman was absent from the meeting at the time of the vote.)

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The School Board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

This resolution is necessary should the District at some point in the future hold an election or have a ballot question that is not on the same date as the statewide election. It is possible that this may not be utilized but it is necessary to have established this resolution should there be a future need for it per recommendation from the City of Bloomington and Hennepin County elections administrators. A list of current polling places is attached. The polling place list is updated by the City of Bloomington City Clerk's Office.

District Group Insurance
Vendors & Rates
2013-2014

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the vendors and rates for District group insurance for the 12-month period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, per the attached Memo #1 (on file).

1. PreferredOne – Third Party Administrator for Self-Insured Health Insurance
2. PreferredOne Insurance Company (PIC) – Reinsurance for Self-Funded Health Insurance
3. Fairview – Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
4. HealthEquity – Health Savings Accounts Provider
5. Delta Dental – Self-Funded Dental Insurance
6. ING – Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance
7. ING – Life Insurance
8. Corporate Health Systems, Inc. – Benefits Consultant
9. EyeMed Vision Care – Voluntary Vision Program
10. ING – Voluntary Accident/Wellness Program
11. UCare – Medicare Supplement

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Independent School District 271, per its organization meeting of January 14, 2013, authorizes the Superintendent, or his designee, to execute documents within the authorized budget as appropriate to the daily operations of the school district. This includes contracts (1) for which the School Board has previously approved rates and (2) which have been reviewed and approved by District Legal Counsel and the District Insurance Consultant.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Self Funded
Group Insurance Rates
2013-14 & 2014-15

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 sets the monthly premium rates recommended by the District insurance consultant for the District self-funded group insurance for the 12-month period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, and for the District self-funded group health insurance program for the 12-month period for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, per the attached Memo #2 (on file).

1. For 2013-14, increase health insurance premiums by 6%, which is 5.1% lower than medical trend. For 2014-15, increase health insurance premiums by an additional 6%.
2. Increase the out-of-pocket maximum for out-of-network only and minimum deductible amounts to the limits allowed by IRS regulations.
3. Increase dental insurance premiums by 3%, which is 2.37% lower than dental trend.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Contribution to District Group Insurance 2013-14 & 2014-15

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 sets District contributions to District group insurance for all employees for the 12-month period from July 1, 2013 to June 2014, and to District group health insurance for all employees for the 12-month period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, per the attached Memo #3 (on file).

1. Health Insurance:*

	2013-14 Full-time	2013-14 Part-time	2014-15 Full-time	2014-15 Part-time
Employee-Only	\$ 688.00	\$482.00	\$ 729.00	\$510.00
Employee+One	\$1,011.00	\$708.00	\$1,072.00	\$750.00
Family	\$1,107.00	\$775.00	\$1,173.00	\$821.00

**2013-14 District contributions for employees whose labor groups have unsettled 2011-13 contracts will remain at current levels.*

2. Health Savings Accounts:
 - Full-time: 50% of deductible, as set by the IRS
 - Part-time: 50% of the full-time contribution
3. Dental Insurance:
 - Full-time: fully-paid premium for employee-only comprehensive
 - Part-time: fully-paid premium for employee-only preventative
4. Long-Term Disability:
 - Full-time only: fully paid premium
5. Life Insurance:
 - Full-time and part-time: fully paid premium

The above amounts have been included previously in the District's budget projection model.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom congratulated the Kennedy High School Girls Basketball Team for placing second in the AAAA Division, and he highlighted Oak Grove Middle School's production of *Once Upon A Mattress*. Mark Hibbs and Maureen Bartolotta are the Board's representatives to the Labor Management Committee. The work of that group today was noted by the actions taken at tonight's meeting regarding insurance.

Mark Hibbs and Arlene Bush attended the Community Financial Advisory Committee meeting today. Arlene Bush reported on the MLA Board Meeting. Nelly Korman reported on a meeting of the District Diversity Advisory Council, including family engagement and early childhood work being done with our Somali community.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that Administration requests a change in the Board schedule in order to accommodate timelines for activities related to alternative facilities projects. Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to adjust the Board's schedule to establish a meeting (7 p.m.) followed by a study session on April 29 and change April 22 to a study session (7 p.m.) only. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration requests a Closed Session to be established on April 8, at 6 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations discussion. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta and seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

The lease for the Metropolitan Learning Alliance (MLA) expires June 30, 2013. An MLA Board meeting is scheduled for April 4 to discuss options—accept the offer to extend the lease for six months (July 1 through December 31) and be moved to a location to be determined or let the lease expire and close the operation. Arlene Bush is the School Board's representative to the MLA Board and she is the Chair of the MLA Board. The MLA Board will meet on April 18 to decide on options/next steps related to the expiring lease. Superintendent Fujitake requested that in preparation for these upcoming meetings, that the School Board provides input as to the direction the Bloomington School District should take regarding the MLA.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. A study session followed the meeting.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk