

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota**

**March 23, 2009**

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 271, was called to order by Chair Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on March 23, 2009, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Jim Sorum, Vice Chair; Maureen Peterson, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Chuck Walter.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Pat Geraghty, Rod Zivkovich, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present Kingsley Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC The School Board acknowledged and presented a Certificate of Achievement to the following students and staff.
- 2009 State Gymnastics Tournament**
- Natalia Merrifield, a sophomore at Jefferson, is the 2009 State Vaulting Champion with a 9.90 score. She also placed in the following categories: second place on Beam, sixth place on Bars and fifth place in All-Around. Leslie Wright is the Gymnastics Coach and the Assistant Coach is Paul Wright.
- Paul Wright was named the Section 2AA Assistant Gymnastics Coach of the Year.
- Principal Steve Hill offered congratulations on these accomplishments.
- 2009 State Wrestling Tournament**
- This is the first time in 23 years that the wrestling team has gone to state. The Bloomington Wrestling Team is comprised of students from Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools.
- Individual honors at the 2009 Wrestling Tournament go to Robby Fisher, a senior at Kennedy, who placed first in the 135 lb division. Dylan Ness, a junior at Kennedy, placed third in the 140 lb division.

The Bloomington Kennedy/Jefferson Wrestling Team placed third in team competition. Members of the team are: Justin Bartels, Tim Crocket, Edwin De Leon, Ulises Diaz, Wes Dodd, Hugo Felix, Robby Fisher, Ben Herbold, Andrew Hermann, Davad Holman, Tyler Lembeck, Jordan Lovestrand, Dawson Lovestrand, Kevin McBride, Dylan Ness, Alex Peck, Jarod Rau, Jake Sanders and Josh Vaughan.

The team is coached by Chuck Vavrosky. Assistant Coaches are Brad Pike, Brad Fisher, Josh Phelps and Jeff Shannon.

Chuck Vavrosky was named 2009 Section 2AAA Coach of the Year.

Kennedy High School Dean of Students Kevin Chederquist offered congratulations to the team.

The new art display in the community room is by students at Indian Mound Elementary and Valley View Elementary. Art specialists are Terry Cooper and Alexandra Neukom, respectively.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on March 9, 2009.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Employments.  
Independent Personnel: Retirement.  
Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2008-2009: Students entering Bloomington total 3 and 4 students leaving.  
Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2009-2010: Students entering Bloomington total 3 and 8 student leaving.

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

CALT Agreement  
Minneapolis

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 enters into an amended agreement with Minneapolis Public Schools to use the Bloomington Computerized Achievement Level Tests (CALT) in the Minneapolis Public Schools for the term of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

3. *Finance*

Gifts & Donations

Finance Reports

Receipts/Disbursements

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$11,924.98.
- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month ended February 28, 2009.
- c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush 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  
Award of  
Sale of Bonds  
Series 2009A

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached resolution (on file) awarding the sale, determining the form and details, authorizing the execution, delivery and registration and providing for the payment of General Obligation Taxable Other Post-Employment (OPEB) Bonds, Series 2009A. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.  
Motion carried 7-0.

This resolution awards the sale of General Obligation Taxable OPEB Bonds authorized at the February 23, 2009 meeting of the School Board. The purpose of the bond sale is to fund the District's actuarial determined liabilities to pay post-employment benefits to its employees or officers after their termination of service under Statement No. 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB").

Gary Olsen, Ehlers and Associates, Inc. (the District's financial consultant), presented the bid tabulation and recommendation for the sale as follows:

On March 23, 2009, five (5) proposals for the purchase of approximately \$12,585,000 General Obligation Taxable OPEB Bonds, Series 2009A of the District had been received prior to 10 o'clock a.m., Central Time, pursuant to the Terms of Proposal contained in the Official Statement, that the proposals had been opened, read and tabulated; and that the best proposal of each proposal maker was determined to be Piper Jaffray & Co.

Standard & Poor's investment services established two bond ratings—AAA—credit enhanced rating and AA+ —underlying rating. The true interest cost rate was 5.2174%. The true interest cost rate of 5.2174% is significantly less than the rate of 5.75% used in estimates presented to the Board in January. In addition, because of both the lower interest rates and the discount taken by the underwriter, the size of the bond issue was able to be reduced. As a result the total of all payments on the bonds will be \$1,316,000 less than estimated in January.

Mr. Olsen informed the School Board that Standard and Poor's recognized our District with a bond rating of AA+. Bloomington Public Schools is the only school district in the State of Minnesota (and about only 50 school districts in the nation) with this high rating. This exceptional rating is a reflection of our outstanding community support and our valuing of responsible fiscal management.

OPEB Trust

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 (Bloomington), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF REVOCABLE OPEB TRUST;

AUTHORITY. It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the District to create a revocable trust for certain post-employment benefits (OPEB), which may include benefits to its eligible employees and former employees which may include, without limitation, plans providing medical, dental, vision, life and long-term care insurance and other similar benefits other than pension benefits (the OPEB Plans) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.6175 (the OPEB Trust).

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF TRUST AGREEMENT;

APPOINTMENT OF TRUST ADMINISTRATOR. The Independent School District No. 271 (Bloomington), Minnesota OPEB Trust Agreement, in substantially the form presented to this Board and attached to this Resolution (the Trust Agreement), is approved. The Chairperson and School District Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Trust Agreement on behalf of the District.

Associated Bank, National Association is appointed to serve as trust administrator for the OPEB Trust under the Trust Agreement (the Trust Administrator), and is authorized to take such actions as are necessary to carry out the duties of the Trust Administrator in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement.

SECTION 3. PROVISIONS OF OPEB PLANS TO GOVERN.

The terms of the OPEB Plans shall govern the payment and disbursement of the funds held in the OPEB Trust. Payments shall be made from the OPEB Trust only to provide benefits provided in the OPEB Plans in accordance with the terms of the OPEB Plans.

SECTION 4. FURTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.

The officers, employees and agents of the District are authorized and directed to do any and all things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution authorizes the creation of revocable OPEB trust to accept the OPEB bond proceeds which were authorized at the February 23, 2009 School Board meeting. The bond sale is scheduled for approval on March 23, 2009 and the proceeds will be available in April 2009. The District is currently using MN Trust for the majority of our short and long-term investments.

Integration/  
Educational Equity  
Plan 2009-2010

Tim Culver moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Integration/Educational Equity Plan to be implemented in the fall of 2009 and extending to the 2012 school year, contingent on receiving funding in the amount of \$1,576,594.00 from the Minnesota Department of Education. In the event of a decrease in funding, the contents of the plan and corresponding budget will be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro provided an overview of the process in developing The Integration/Educational Equity Plan 2009-2012. The Bloomington Public School District has been identified as a racially isolated school district. The District was unable to partner with another school district. The Minnesota Department of Education allowed the district to create an intra-district plan.

In the fall of 2008, a subcommittee of the Community Collaboration Council was formed to create an integration plan to address racial isolation in the district. Additionally, a budget was developed to support the plan. The Integration/Educational Equity Plan 2009-2012 is the culmination of the subcommittee's work. The plan and budget will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education and, if approved, will be implemented beginning in the fall of 2009.

Regulation 620.1

For information, the School Board received the Revised Regulation 620.1, Procedure for Grade Weighting, which will be updated by removing the section (F.) stating that to be eligible for grade weighting, a student must register and complete an AP, CIS and/or PLTW course within the Bloomington Public Schools. Tracking of this information would require costs for additional clerical staff.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arlene Bush attended meetings of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, the Education Foundation of Bloomington and the Metropolitan Learning Alliance. Maureen Bartolotta reported on Bloomington United for Youth activities. The group is looking for new leadership as Mary Allen will be stepping down from that role.

The Board's Youth Advisory Council meeting for April 20<sup>th</sup> will be canceled. Youth Advisory Council students are working with the PTSA Council on a food drive for VEAP the week of May 4-8. In-school promoting begins Monday, April 13, after spring break.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted District activities. There is a School Board Workshop on Monday, March 30, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center.

Budgeting for Success public engagement meetings with the School Board are scheduled for

April 13 – Oak Grove Middle School	6:00-7:30 p.m.
April 14 – Valley View Middle School	6:00-7:30 p.m.

U. S. Congressman Erik Paulsen will be visiting Normandale Hills on Friday, March 27. In his one-hour visit he plans to read to a class and tour the building with Principal Andy Vollmuth.

Superintendent Les Fujitake met with Hennepin County Commissioner Mike Opat to explore opportunities for collaboration.

IX. OTHER                               None.

X. ADJOURNMENT                    There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Maureen Peterson, Clerk