

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

**May 23, 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 May 23, 2016, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Tom Bennett, Dick Bergstrom and Ric Oliva.
- Member Absent Dawn Steigauf, Vice Chair.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Tamra Sieve, Rick Kaufman and John Weisser.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to revise the agenda by removing Part B items 4-7 (Technology and Information NTL Progress Report, Safety Plan Progress Report, Policy Review and Administrative Update on Negotiations) and changing X. Adjournment to Recess). Motion carried unanimously.
- Chair Bartolotta indicated that teacher contract negotiating teams are still in session; the School Board will recess its meeting to be available should action of School Board be needed.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC
- Continental Math Competition Two third grade students from the Dimensions Academy (DA) Elements program had high scores in the Continental Math competition: Ahmed Asad and Roosevelt Osano are in Kari Govig's class at Oak Grove Elementary School. Continental Math is a national word problem solving competition. The word problems are quite difficult. Barb Dullaghan is the Gifted and Talented program coordinator for elementary schools and she also highlighted the students' accomplishments.
- Stock Market Game Barb Dullaghan highlighted two Oak Grove Elementary students, Robert Traylor and Sebastian Tangelson, in John Simon's fifth grade DA class, for placing second out of more than 200 teams in the regional Stock Market Game through Best Prep. The Stock Market Game is an online simulation of the global capital markets that helps teach students about economics, investing and personal finance. Students are expected to evaluate their virtual portfolios, trade stocks and conduct research on stocks and mutual funds throughout the year. At the end of the game, the team's portfolio was worth over \$110,000.

2016 Gary Siemers Exemplary Educator Award

Molly Geislinger is the 2016 recipient of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers Gary Siemers Exemplary Educator Award. Since 1994, the award recognizes a professional educator for their contributions to education by exemplifying professional qualities set forth by Gary Siemers--a love and dedication to teaching; a respect for students and a commitment to helping them learn; a demonstrated understanding of the relationship between unionism and professionalism; a positive attitude that turns obstacles into challenges; and a willingness to be honest, forthright, and involved in the pursuit of quality and continuous learning. Wendy Marczak, President of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers, highlighted the contributions Molly Geislinger has made to the education profession.

Proclamation BPS Centennial Year 2016-2017

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) setting forth the 2016-2017 school year as the observance of the Centennial Year of the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Public

Four citizens addressed the School Board regarding teacher contract negotiations. Comments related to commitment and dedication of teachers, suggestions related to instructional programming and the impact of our schools on the community, personal experiences in Bloomington Public Schools and support for the teachers—Nancy Schaaf, Andy Thul, Abdirahim Dirie (President of the Somali Parent Network), and Julie Morse.

Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to establish a closed session tonight for the purpose of negotiations discussion. So moved by Tom Bennett and seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on May 9, 2016, and the Emergency Meeting on May 16, 2016.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Change of Status.  
Administrative Personnel: Employments.  
Independent Personnel: Retirement.  
Classified Personnel: Terminations, Retirements, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Items

2. *Field Trip Approval*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

Headway Mental Health Services

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with Headway Emotional Health Services to provide mental health services to enrolled students with emotional behavioral disorders. This contract is for the period of June 27, 2016, through August 5, 2016.

Headway District Facilities & Ancillary Support

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a contract for Headway's use of District facilities, ancillary support and collaboration services. This contract is for the period June 27, 2016, through August 5, 2016.

HTC/BCCA  
Cosmetology

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College, to provide cosmetology instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy during the 2016-2017 school year.

4. *Finance*  
Donations

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$11,935.73.

Finance Reports

- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of April 2016.

Receipts/ &  
Disbursements

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

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to approve Part A Items In accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board.

VI. PART B

Naviance Agreement

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Naviance. Motion carried unanimously.

Naviance is a collection of college and career readiness tools that will be integrated into Personal Growth Plans (PGP) for Bloomington students. It includes resources and activities for career exploration, academic planning, as well as career and college readiness. Naviance will be a part of the PGP implementation at Kennedy High School, Jefferson High School and the Community Ed Under 21 program in 2016-2017. It also will be a tool for career exploration in middle schools and for staff in courses that focus on career and college preparedness such as BCCA, AVID, CTE and FACS among others.

Identity Automation  
Agreement

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Identity Automation. Motion carried unanimously.

Identity Automation is user management and access software that enables Technology and Information Services staff to create new accounts for users (students, staff, parents), maintain passwords, and manage user rights to data systems. Currently, we use a custom developed solution with automated and manual syncing processes for these tasks. Additional functionality of Identity Automation will allow for a more streamlined user experience with fewer logins to multiple systems such as the Hub, Google apps, online publisher materials and class resources.

CMERDC  
Agreement for  
Moodle Hosting

Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Central Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council for Moodle hosting service. Motion carried unanimously.

Moodle is a learning management system and core tool for organizing digital content and online instruction. Bloomington teachers have been using Moodle since 2009 with increasing usage each year. Central Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council offers Moodle hosting as a service. They have expertise in a distributed hosting model that adds capacity for future growth and responsiveness during high load periods such as final exams.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities including attendance and/or participation in the following: Bloomington/Richfield Early Childhood Parent Advisory Committee, Ridgeview Elementary School grade five concert, PTA meetings, Mock Trials with Chamber Future Leaders, Jefferson Coffee House run by SUN students, Diversity Day at Olson Middle School, Rhythm in Gold concert, Box City Vigil sponsored by Bloomington United for Youth (BUY). Maureen Bartolotta highlighted the recent Northern Lights Award from the Minnesota Association of Government Communications recipient; Ryan Hall, who is the BEC TV staff member who records School Board meetings.

The School Board's Superintendent Evaluation Committee will be meeting in early June to start the annual performance review of Superintendent Fujitake. Jim Sorum moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to establish a Closed Session at 6 pm on Monday, June 13, 2016, for the annual performance review of the Superintendent for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. RECESS

The School Board meeting was recessed to a Closed Session at 8 p.m. Upon conclusion of the Closed Session it was adjourned. The recessed School Board meeting reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 pm.

Nelly Korman, Clerk