

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

**June 9, 2008**

- 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 June 9, 2008 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; Chuck Walter, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Maureen Peterson.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Debra Fincham, Pat Geraghty, Rod Zivkovich, 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 Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC
- School Bus Safety Roadeo Chuck Knudsen was recognized by the School Board for placing first in the 2008 Minnesota School Bus Safety Roadeo. Tom Oestreich, Director of Transportation, highlighted the components of the roadeo, which includes: a written test, a pre-trip bus inspection, curb stop, student load, railroad crossing, right turn, offset alley, serpentine, straight line, left turn, stop line, diminishing clearing and back up. Chuck Knudsen is a valuable asset to the Bloomington Public Schools. In July, Mr. Knudsen will be competing in national competition being held in Canada.
- Gary Siemers Exemplary Educator Award Lynn Aaze, Phy Ed teacher at Indian Mounds Elementary School, is the 19<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers 2008 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. Barb Parrish, Language Arts teacher at Kennedy High School and the 2007 award recipient, highlighted the contributions Lynn Aaze has made to the education profession. Lynn Aaze retired at the end of this school year having served the Bloomington Public schools for 36 years.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on May 27, 2008 and the Special Meeting of the School Board on June 4, 2008.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Rescission of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers. Administrative Personnel: Resignations. Classified Personnel: Terminations, Retirements, Resignations, Rescission of Resignation, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Employment.

Non-Resident

c. Non Resident Student Agreements:  
2007-2008 Students Entering Bloomington = 15  
2007-2008 Students Leaving Bloomington = 6  
2008-2009 Students Entering Bloomington = 37  
2008-2009 Students Leaving Bloomington = 1

2. *Grants*

SHAPE

a. RESOLVED, that that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts a \$16,177.12 grant that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the Minnesota Department of Education—Adult Basic Education Office award to Community Education/SHAPE.

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

LTD Insurance  
Renewal

a. RESOLVED, that that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 awards the contract to provide employee group Long Term Disability Insurance from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 to National Insurance Services (NIS) at a rate of \$.33 per \$100 of covered payroll for all employees.

Group Life Insurance  
Renewal

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts ING's proposal to provide fully insured employee group life insurance from Insurance from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 at the following rates: \$.095 Basic Life, per \$1,000 of coverage; \$.19 AD & D, per \$1,000 of coverage; \$.24 Dependent Life, per employee, per month.

4. *Finance*

Receipts/Disbursements

a. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush moved, Jim Sorum 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

Bid Award  
OGMS Auditorium  
Reroofing

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the John A. Dalsin & Son Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota bid of \$329,675 to re-roof the Oak Grove Middle School Auditorium; and authorizes Administration to enter into a contract with John A. Dalsin & Son, Inc. to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our State approved Alternative Facilities Plan and in our five-year roof assessment needs plan. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. The bid specifications were reviewed by our District attorney and insurance agent. The roof was last replaced in 1987. The re-roofing project will begin in late June and should be completed by mid August.

Bid Award  
Milk & Related  
Dairy Products

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Hastings Co-Operative Creamery Company, Hastings, Minnesota bid to provide milk and related dairy products to the District for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; and authorizes Administration to issue a purchase order to Hastings Co-Operative Creamery Company to facilitate these purchases.

This bid is for the District's estimated annual requirement of milk and related dairy products, which includes cottage cheese, sour cream and yogurt. Milk prices have climbed this year as a result of strong global demand, a reduced supply and increased energy, labor and retail marketing costs. Based on our yearly estimated product usage this award will result in an estimated yearly increase of \$8,700 when compared to our previous prices with Kemps LLC. The 2008-2009 Food Service budget has sufficient funds to cover this increase.

Director Hibbs raised the question as to whether or not fuel cost increases will be passed along to the District. Directors Sorum and Walter indicated that fuel surcharges were being passed along by a number of businesses and supported the need for the answer to the question before approval of the bid award.

Chuck Walter moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to table the motion pending receipt of information requested by the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Just prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Rod Zivkovich provided information requested by the School Board. Bids are based on federal government milk prices. As bid prices fluctuate during the year, the supplier can increase prices only to that amount, similar to a consumer price index. Fuel costs incurred by suppliers may increase prices, but the adjustment would be made only through an increase established by way of the federal government milk pricing.

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to bring back to the table the motion awarding the bid for milk and related dairy products. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush, seconded to approve the bid award resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer School  
2008 Update

Summer School administrators updated the School Board on program offerings and enrollments for 2008. Raymond Yu will be the Oak Grove Middle School principal, Kris Krenz will be the Valley View Middle School principal and Carol Kampa will be the Kennedy principal.

The grades 1-8 program at Oak Grove and Valley View Middle Schools will focus on Reading and Math courses and assist students with learning and engagement. Oak Grove Middle School has 550 students enrolled with 41 staff members serving the needs of students while Valley View Middle School will serve 360 students with 28 staff members. Summer School begins July 7 and will extend through August 1.

The high school program will serve students from Jefferson and Kennedy for the purpose of credit recovery. The program will be located at Kennedy. Prior to the issuance of fourth quarter grades, 475 students received invitations to attend. It is expected that 500 students will enroll for credit recovery. Thirty-three staff members will serve the program. Transportation and free breakfast is available to all students.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy focuses on transitioning from eighth grade to ninth grade--improving academic skills, exploring grade 9 curriculum and helps students gain an understanding of high school opportunities and resources. Counselors/Administrators recommend students for the program. Referrals have been received for 150 students to participate in the Academy. Program dates are July 8-24 and will be supported by 7-9 staff members.

MCAII/BST review sessions will be held for students to prepare for the August test dates. Reading and Math assessments are given before and after the test to measure student progress and effectiveness of the sessions. Summer school information is shared with the student's teacher(s) for the upcoming school year.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

Chuck Walter highlighted the upcoming Open House in honor of Lynne Scherer who is retiring after 40 years of service to the Bloomington Public Schools. The Open House is at Indian Mounds. Jim Sorum invited the School Board to attend the SHAPE graduation scheduled for June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Olson Middle School.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted District activities. There is a Board Workshop on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Agenda topics include: Grades Report, Special Education Evaluation, Policy Update, Budget Reviews for Community Education and the General Fund; Policy Updates and Board Legislative Committee Update.

IX. OTHER None.

X. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk