

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

July 22, 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 7:10 p.m. on July 22, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, and Maureen Bartolotta.
- Member Absent Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, and Bruce Pappas.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- Chair Culver stated that prior to the regular meeting, the School Board met in closed session for the purpose of the annual superintendent evaluation. The closed session was recessed and will resume upon conclusion of the regular meeting of the School Board.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Mark Hibbs moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
Summer Musical The Community Services Department provides the opportunity for students to perform in a musical or play production. This year's summer musical is *Singin in the Rain*. Russ Purdy, musical director, indicated that 75 middle and high school students will participate in the production—actors, musicians, stage crew, lighting crew, etc. Cast members performed a selection from the production. Performances will be held July 31 through August 3 at Kennedy High School. A special performance for seniors is being held the morning of July 31.
- V. PART A
1. Board Business Minutes
Personnel Items
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on June 24, 2013.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Employment Corrections, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Resignation, Employment, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014:
Ten (10) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and three (3) student leaving.

District Association
Memberships
2013-2014

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the following association memberships for the 2013-2014 school year: Minnesota School Boards Association, \$12,961.00; Association of Metropolitan School Districts, \$12,193.00; and Minnesota High School League, no cost.

The Board of Education of Independent School District 271, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletic and fine arts events (referred to in MN Statutes, Section 128C.01) to the Minnesota State High School League, renews the membership of John F. Kennedy Senior High School and Thomas Jefferson Senior High School in the Minnesota State High School League and authorizes participation in the approved interschool activities sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same are published in the latest edition of the League's *Official Handbook*, on file at the office of the School District or as it appears on the League's website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities and that the administration and responsibility for determining student eligibility and for the supervision of such activities are assigned to the official representative identified by the School Board.

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. *Grants
Success for the Future*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Success for the Future grant in the amount of \$138,904.86 from the Minnesota Department of Education to be used for the Indian Education Program. The grant is for two years--\$69,452.43 for 2013-2014 and \$69,452.43 for 2014-2015.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Bloomington Ice
Garden

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 for the use of the Bloomington Ice Garden for the 2013-2014 hockey season for Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School.

Metro South ABE
Senior to Senior ESL

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves an agreement with the City of Bloomington to provide support and education to local foreign-born senior citizens. The term of this agreement is July 22, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

5. *Finance*

Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$20,791.70.

Receipts/

Disbursements

b. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried 6-0.

Tim Culver moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, that the School Board amend the Part B agenda removing item 6, Report of Closed Session for Superintendent Evaluation 2012-2013. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. PART B

Annual H&S

Policy 407 Review

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Policy 407 Environmental Health and Safety Standards and its regulation to qualify for annual health and safety funding. Motion carried 6-0.

The 2011 Legislature modified M.S.123B.57, Subd. 2 requiring districts to annually submit School Board meeting minutes reflecting a Board approved health and safety policy and budget to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) in order to qualify for funding. The budget was approved by the School Board June 24, 2013. Approval of Policy 407 and its Regulation (on file) now is needed. The Policy and Regulation were approved by the School Board and the MDE last year; it has not changed.

District 917

Health & Safety

Program Budget

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) health and safety program budget of Intermediate District 917 and authorizes the inclusion of a proportionate share of Intermediate School District's health and safety projects in the District's application for health and safety revenue. Motion carried 6-0.

The School Board of Intermediate School District 917 has approved a health and safety program budget for its facilities for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$22,496.00. Member districts may include their proportionate share of the costs of the intermediate school district program in their health and safety revenue application, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education. Bloomington's portion for 2013-2014 is \$5,273.00.

Converting

Referendum

Authority

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached resolution converting \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority from Voter approved to Board approved for five years starting with Pay 2014 Levy. This conversion will be reflected on the District's Levy Certificate. Motion carried 6-0.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 126C.17, subsection 9a, allows a school district to convert up to \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority from voter approved to board approved by board action. Based on our estimated enrollment of 10,000, this will equal approximately \$3 million of Board authorized referendum. July 1, 2013 is the earliest that a district can pass a board resolution converting up to \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum revenue from voter approved to board approved. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) will begin implementing the legislation immediately to provide school districts with timely information needed to determine property tax levies payable in 2014. This conversion provides school districts additional local control regarding referendum funding. The Board may authorize this levy for up to five years and may subsequently reauthorize that authority in increments of up to five years. Director Abeln clarified for the public that by approving this Board action, authority for up to \$300 per adjusted pupil unit is being shifted from the voters to the Board. Mr. Zivkovich stated that this is not new money.

Establishing
School Board
Election 2013

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves:

1. November 5, 2013 as the date for a School District General Election.
2. There will not be a School District Primary Election.
3. The terms and conditions for these elections (on file).

Motion carried 6-0.

The terms of four Board members are expiring in 2013; therefore, an election to fill the expiring seats is needed. This resolution is part of process to hold such an election. The School Board previously rescinded its resolution to conduct a primary election for School Board elections, thereby establishing a no primary status, which is in effect until revoked by subsequent School Board action. Director Abeln inquired as to the timeline and budget for conducting a primary for the School Board election.

Filings will be accepted at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (until 5:00 p.m. on August 13th). Filings open on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 and close on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The filing fee is \$2.00.

Policy 506.1

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of new Policy 506.1 Bullying Prevention. Motion carried 6-0.

Eric Melbye, Executive Director of Student Services, has provided the leadership for the bullying prevention policy, which has been developed with input from District staff, parents, community members and Julie Hertzog, Executive Director of PACER Center's National Bullying Prevention Center and Co-Chair of Governor Dayton's Bullying Prevention Task Force in 2012.

Our current bullying prevention language is embedded within our student discipline policy (Policy 506). This new policy is intended to give the important subject of Bullying Prevention its own stand-alone policy. Bruce Pappas, Executive Director of Human Resources, also is a resource as this policy is related to other District policies. Changes to this second reading include regulation language that clarifies potential discipline for bystanders who witness acts of bullying (Regulation I. part G), information regarding how this policy relates to policy 413: Harassment and Violence (Regulation I. part H), and a language change regarding distribution of the policy (Regulation VI.).

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom reported that Bloomington United for Youth will meet on July 23 at 3 p.m. Tim Culver reported on AMSD Executive Committee activities, which included finalizing the evaluation of the Director. He indicated that AMSD recognizes people as leaders for issues in the state, generally those recognized are legislators—Friends of Education—a list of recipients has been developed..

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake and the Board Chair have discussed and recommend canceling the regularly scheduled meeting on August 12 and establishing August 19 as a Board meeting at 7 p.m. followed by a study session. So moved by Tim Culver, seconded by Maureen Bartolotta. Motion carried 6-0.

On July 16, the District was honored to host a visit by U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan. The Superintendent's four take-aways from the event are: (1) President Obama, Governor Dayton and the State Legislature have made investing in early childhood programming a top priority, (2) U. S. Secretary of Education Duncan and Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Cassellius share our belief that a child's pathway to graduation and on to college and career readiness starts before Kindergarten, (3) Bloomington Public Schools had an opportunity to showcase the District's innovative early childhood program—examples of what is going on not only in our school district but throughout Minnesota, and (4) the Town Hall Meeting at Kennedy High School was well attended by members of the Bloomington community.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The closed session resumed upon the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk