

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

July 28, 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 July 28, 2008 in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th 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, Nancy Allen--Mastro, Pat Geraghty, Tom Holton, Rick Kaufman, Bruce Pappas and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tim Culver moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC
- The School Board recognized and presented a Certificate of Achievement to the members of the **Jefferson Boys Baseball Team** for placing second in the State Tournament. Team members are: Jonathan Au, Jeremy Batten, Mike Brummer, Connor Cline, Will Flor, Ryan Griffin, Paul Hallgren, Nolan Johnson, Jack Kruger, Matt Kruger, Luke Larson, Mike Mendel, Joseph Millpointer, Jason Moen, Aaron Ruff, Andrew Rynda, A.J. Siiro and Matt Voldness. The Head Coach is Jim Gess. Assistant Coaches are Jon Anderson, Bob Miller, Mike Minsaas. Managers are Josh Doherty and Victor Wang.
- The **Synchronized Swimming Team** placed third in the State Tournament in Long Trio. Team members are: Courtney Iden, Allison Linde and Angela Vaureuil. Head Coach is Alissa Moberg and the Assistant Coach is Maggie Loram.
- Ross Schulz of Kennedy High School placed third in **Shot Put at the State Track and Field Meet**. Aaron Pinski is the head coach.
- Kennedy SkillsUSA** students captured awards at the National Championships held in Kansas City, Missouri June 23-28. Debbie Belfry, Career Development Coordinator and SkillsUSA Advisor Kevin Chederquist introduced award winners.
- The Quiz Bowl Team placed fourth in the competition. Team members are: Chris Aubitz, Cat Choy, Richard George, Tyler Larson and Pad Morgan.

Placing 7th in Preschool Teaching Assistant was Hanna Daniel and Michael Engelhorn placed 10th in Computer Maintenance Technology. The following students also competed at Nationals: Mark Boettcher, Kelsey Cook, Lexie Dubose-Briski, Amanda Ly, Mahlet Makonnen, Oscar Menjivar, Phanny Phay and Allison Scherer.

Along with Kevin Chederquist, SkillsUSA advisors are Scott Etzel, Natasha Capek and Mike Holman.

Principals Steve Hill and Ron Simmons were in attendance to highlight the many accomplishments of their students.

Introductions of new leaders in the District included Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro, Assistant Superintendent; Kristin Krenz, Assistant Principal at Kennedy High School; Kate Emmons, Special Education Supervisor; and Kim Agate, Finance Manager.

Bloomington resident Clyde Undine addressed the School Board on the lack of physical fitness of many graduates and growing awareness of personal responsibility among some graduates. As a solution, he recommends additional physical training for junior and senior high school students and additional training in personal responsibility of their lives and respect of others and the value of good citizenship.

Director Jim Sorum took issue with the recent article in the Sun Current, which he claimed had inaccurate and misleading statements about the school district athletic fields, the Bloomington stadium, and the options being considered. He stated that the proposed plan was not for football stadiums, but that the athletic fields in question are existing practice football fields at each high school. He stated that the proposed recommendation is to remodel and upgrade fields with synthetic turf and add bleachers for seating and make them stadium-like so fans could enjoy soccer and lacrosse games at the local high school (a lesser aspect of the article was that there are no homecoming activities for soccer and lacrosse). The athletic fields could be used for all athletic practices and for City and BAA events. Further, he stated that the Bloomington Stadium practice field issue has been under study for five years and that administration has taken a proactive approach to resolve lease problems and potential stadium options and that the proposal was discussed at the Board Workshop last week. He stated that the reason for the public clarification is that when this matter is brought to the School Board for action, the public will know exactly what they are getting for the money.

Director Tim Culver responded expressing his disagreement with the statements of Director Sorum.

Harvey Rockwood, Sun Current reporter, apologized to the School Board for an incomplete and inaccurate story.

Director Walter waived his previously requested and approved right to speak to the Sun Newspaper story given Mr. Rockwood's admission of error. He did issue an apology to the public for Director Culver's remarks and proceeded to state his confidence and support in both his fellow school board members and this school district.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on June 23, 2008.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Leave of Absence Rescission, Employments, Changes of Status.
Independent Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Change of Status.
Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non Resident Student Agreements:
 - 2007-2008 Students Entering Bloomington = 1
 - 2007-2008 Students Leaving Bloomington = 2
 - 2008-2009 Students Entering Bloomington = 10
 - 2008-2009 Students Leaving Bloomington = 1

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

Institute for Athletic
Medicine

UCare

Center for Learning
Solutions/Minnesota
Reading Corps

Hennepin County/
Family Education

Health Force
Minnesota

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the two-year agreement between the Institute for Athletic Medicine (IAM) and the Bloomington School District for the services of certified athletic trainers for Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools for the 2008-2009 and the 2009-2010 school years.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a contract agreement with UCare Minnesota to provide continuing group health insurance coverage for eligible retirees, called *Group UCare for Seniors*, for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the agreement between The Center for Learning Solutions (CLS) and Independent School District No. 271 in support of the Minnesota Reading Corps. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. The financial terms of this agreement is a total amount of \$8,837 paid to Independent School District No. 271 by CLS for services of a Master Coach.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the agreement between Hennepin County and Independent School District No. 271 for the Community POWER Environmental Education in the amount of \$3000 to be received by Family Education as reimbursement for expenses. The term of this agreement is August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2009.
- e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Grant Contract/Grant Agreement between HealthForce Minnesota and Independent School District No. 271 for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and further, authorizes Debbie Belfry, Career Development Coordinator, to sign the agreement.

3. *Finance*

Student Teacher
Reimbursement

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts reimbursement in the amount of \$5,380.00 for the supervision of student teachers.

Tuition Rates
2008-2009

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes non-resident tuition rates to be charged for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

Kindergarten	1 pupil	.612	pupil unit	\$5,969
Grades 1-3	1 pupil	1.115	pupil unit	10,875
Grades 4-6	1 pupil	1.060	pupil unit	10,339
Secondary	1 pupil	1.300	pupil unit	12,680

Receipts/Disbursements

c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Peterson 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

Annual Health &
Safety Review
(MDE Attachment 99)

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Attachment 99 for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Oxborough, from the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA), reported that the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) manages the Health and Safety funding for Minnesota public schools. In order to receive the funding, MDE requires school districts to submit an annual Health and Safety Report.

For the 2008-2009 school year, the focus topics are limited to safety committees, laboratory safety and chemical hygiene plan, lockout/tagout, confined spaces and Employee Right-to-Know. Specific performance criteria are described and the District must verify that it will meet the criteria or provide its own. The completion and verification of this annual report qualifies the District for Health & Safety funding. Mr. Oxborough reviewed the process for identification of buildings for inspections. Each school is reviewed within a five-year period.

Personalized
Learning Plans
Update

Dr. Jim Angermeyr, Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, updated the School Board on the development of Personalized Learning Plans. Specific outcomes include develop an education profile for all K-12 students, develop components of a personalized learning plan, assure effective implementation of personalized learning plans throughout the District and evaluate the personalized learning plan implementation.

Dr. Angermeyr talked provided an overview about aspects of the personalized learning plan such as definition, technology, ownership and intervention. A student profile is an electronic database containing all historical information. It is a summary of student performance across many domains, an indicator of a student's current status—a "snapshot" at a point in time, specific measures within each domain to determine status and a method of communicating performance efficiently at many levels from the individual student to the entire school. The Profile targets divide students into up to four groups on each measure—exceeds, meets, below and well below targets designated by icons. Domains and Measures for the pilot site include attendance, behavior, grades and test scores.

Dr. Angermeyr reviewed feedback from teachers and challenges of the implementation of the pilot at Jefferson. Plans for 2008-2009 for Jefferson include school-wide use, more measures available, real live Personal Learning Plans, consistent and ongoing ownership, tracking and follow-through and having the system not be burdensome to teachers. Bloomington plans for 2008-2009 include that the TIES Profile will be available in middle and high schools, local SDS profile will be available in all elementary schools, Jefferson will pilot and complete evaluation of the Plan, implement the Plan in all secondary schools no later than September 2009 and implement in all schools by September 2010.

District 287
Memo of
Understanding

Arlene Bush moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 renews its membership in Intermediate School District 287 and hereby authorizes its Board Chair and Clerk to sign the new Memorandum of Agreement on its behalf. Motion carried unanimously.

The Bloomington School District has been a member of Intermediate District 287 since its inception in 1968; and The Bloomington School District wants to renew its commitment to cooperate with other member districts in the context of current law and practice and continue to receive services through the Intermediate District; and The Board of Intermediate District 287 has drafted a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA); and The Bloomington School District and its students have benefited from their membership in Intermediate District 287 through the quality of the services and programs and cost-effectiveness of the cooperation with other member districts; and Intermediate District 287 is committed to its mission of being the premier provider of innovative specialized services to ensure that the Bloomington School District can meet the unique learning needs of its students; and The Bloomington School District wants to continue to receive high quality services tailored to the needs of its students through Intermediate District 287.

Director Walter indicated his desire to serve on the District 287 Board beginning in January and will be submitting his resume to the School Board Chair.

Bid Award/
Asphalt Pavement
Rehabilitation

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Minnesota Roadways Company, Shakopee, Minnesota bid of \$87,075 to provide asphalt repairs at Poplar Bridge Elementary and Kennedy High School. And, authorizes Administration to enter into a contract with Minnesota Roadways Company to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our State approved Alternative Facilities Plan. The parking lots being repaired were identified in our five-year assessment needs plan and the majority of work will involve crack filling and seal coating the surfaces to extend the pavement life. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. The bid specifications were reviewed by the District's legal counsel and insurance agent.

Bid Award/
LCD Projectors

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 awards a bid for One Hundred Fifty (150) LCD Projectors at a per unit price of \$ 605 to Tierney Brothers, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; and authorizes Administration to issue a purchase order to Tierney Brothers, Inc. to facilitate these purchases. Motion carried unanimously.

The specifications for this bid were written to provide for the purchase of one hundred fifty (150) LCD projectors. The bid specifications were sent to five (5) companies specializing in these products. The bid from Tierney Brothers was the only bid received. These projectors are part of the Technology Replacement Plan and are funded by the Technology Referendum. Recommended by John Parker and Sue Burke. The bid specifications were reviewed by our school district attorney and insurance agent.

Bid Award/
Wireless Computer
Network

Jim Sorum moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Northland Systems, Inc., Plymouth, Minnesota bid of \$271,715.00 to provide a Wireless Computer Network; and authorize Administration to issue a purchase order to Northland Systems, Inc. to facilitate this purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

This wireless network will support the use of laptops, increase "anytime, anywhere" access to technology, promote new ways of teaching and learning, and better prepare students for our high-tech society. This new system at Oak Grove, Valley View and Olson Middle Schools will replace an older system that only had spot coverage throughout the building. This upgrade is part of the technology plan to support the laptop pilot at the middle schools. It will provide wireless connectivity to all portions of the building with higher density around classroom areas. Based on the laptop pilot's results, the technology plan has the school district implementing the same systems in the high schools within the next few years. This technology consists of lightweight access points securely managed by redundant management controllers. The system has a three-year warranty and there is no annual maintenance fee. Funding is from the Technology Referendum. The bid specifications were reviewed by our school district attorney and insurance agent.

Establishment of
Public Hearing/
Property Tax Levy

Tim Culver moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 shall meet in Room 610 at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the school district's 2008 payable 2009, property tax levy. This date does not conflict with the applicable County hearing dates. In the event the School Board is unable to complete its deliberations on this matter at the hearing on the original date specified, the hearing shall be continued and the Board shall meet in Room 610 at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. to continue the hearing. This date does not conflict with the applicable County hearing dates. Motion carried unanimously.

State law establishes the rules for Truth-in-Taxation (TNT) hearings. The State identifies a specific window of dates in which these hearings are to be held and the School District cannot be in conflict with dates selected by the County or the City. The law also specifies when the hearing dates need to be approved by School Boards. This action brings the District into compliance with state law.

Policy 603

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the second reading of Policy 603 Planning, Evaluation, Reporting (P.E.R.). Motion carried unanimously.

The development of Policy and Regulation 603 Planning, Evaluation, Reporting (P.E.R.), was led by Tim Anderson, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Jim Angermeyr, Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, with input from the P.E.R. Committee, K-12 Principals, and the Department of Academic Services. This proposed policy and regulation replaces Policy and Regulation 1800, which was last revised in 1992. The proposed policy is based on MSBA model policy and more accurately reflects current P.E.R. practice in the District. Legal counsel has reviewed the proposed policy and regulation.

Policy 524

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the second reading of Policy 524 Acceptable Use and Safety Policy of the District Network System. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy and Regulation 524, Acceptable Use and Safety Policy of the District Network System, is to guide the educational use of the Internet and network within the District, along with the safety of all its users. Currently, Internet Guidelines are included as appendices to Bloomington Public Schools Regulation 606, Instructional Materials Selection. However, having a standalone policy/regulation lends more importance to this mandatory policy. Regulation 606 will be revised to reflect the deletion of the Internet Guidelines.

The policy follows the format of the MSBA Model Policy 524. Revisions and changes to the model reflect the District's goals and address new technologies. Input was received from the District's Technology Committee and District administration. Regulation 524 includes guidelines that are specific to the use of the District network for education and electronic communication, along with the safety measures that are in place to protect our users. Legal counsel has reviewed the proposed policy and regulation.

Policy 410

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the second reading of Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave. Motion carried unanimously.

This is a state-mandated policy and is based on suggested MSBA policy. Language has been deleted where references to the laws are sufficient. It defines the "eligibility year," as required by law. Posting the policy is not needed, as information regarding the laws is posted at the worksites. The policy has been reviewed by Kingsley Holman.

Policy 521

Tim Culver moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 adopts Policy 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to protect disabled students from discrimination on the basis of disability and to provide for the identification and the evaluation of students who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education. This policy has been reviewed and approved by Kingsley Holman.

Policy 522

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the first reading of Policy 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual orientation pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. This policy has been reviewed and approved by Kingsley Holman.

Policy Deletions

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the deletion of the following policies.

- 4153 Vacation
- 608 Education of Students with Disabilities
- 807 Security of Buildings and Grounds, Key Control

Motion carried unanimously.

As part of an ongoing review process, the aforementioned policies, and any accompanying regulations, have been reviewed and determined to be obsolete or have been incorporated within other policies. While new or revised policies have two readings, deletions need only one School Board action. Regulations are deleted by Administration and the School Board is so notified. If there is a regulation accompanying the policy being deleted, the regulation also will be deleted, as there are no stand-alone regulations. District Counsel has reviewed the policies recommended for deletion and concurs with the action recommended by Administration. These policy deletions were reviewed and discussed with the School Board at its workshop on July 21st.

Regulations Deleted

The following regulations have been reviewed and determined to be obsolete. There are no policies for these regulations. The regulations will be deleted.

- 4143b Extra Pay for Extra Work
- 4143c Certified Personnel Time Report (Timesheet Form)
- 6161.5 Disposal or Transfer of Fixed Assets and Instructional Materials

These regulation deletions were reviewed and discussed with the School Board at its workshop on July 21st.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chuck Walter reported on that the Board's Legislative Committee met with the Superintendent and the Executive Director of Community Relations. The Committee will present its legislative platform at the August 18th Workshop. Maureen Peterson reported that the Community Financial Advisory Committee met today. Discussion items included budget, facilities plan and athletic fields. Tim Culver reported on District 287 Board activities. The organizational meeting of the Board was held. Mr. Culver is the Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted District activities. Summer Programs are going smoothly. He had an opportunity to visit a number of the summer classes at Oak Grove Middle School and Valley View Middle School, *Cultural Connections and Reading for Life. The Summer Musical— "High School Musical"* performances were last Thursday, Friday and this past weekend. The production included approximately 60 students in the cast and crew. Performances were very well attended.

IX. OTHER None.

X. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk