

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

**July 9, 2007**

- 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 9, 2007 in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Maureen Peterson, Vice Chair; Chuck Walter, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Jim Sorum.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Debra Fincham, Pat Geraghty, Bruce Pappas and Rod Zivkovich.
- 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 The School Board was introduced to Raymond Yu, the new Principal of Oak Grove Elementary School. Most recently, he worked in the St. Paul Public Schools as the Associate Director of Health and Wellness. Prior to that, Mr. Yu was the Principal of the Paul & Sheila Wellstone School in St. Paul. He also has eight years of teaching experience in urban, suburban public and private schools. This summer he will be completing his doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota.
- V. PART A  
1. *Board Business*  
Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Agreements
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on June 25, 2007.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement/Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status, Rescission of Non-Renewal. Non-Unit Personnel: Resignation, Non-Renewal. Classified Personnel: Resignations/Termination.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2006-2007:  
Students leaving Bloomington per list on file = 2  
Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2007-2008:  
Students entering Bloomington per list on file = 21  
Students leaving Bloomington per list on file = 5

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

- Mdewakanton Sioux Community a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the \$1000 donation from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to be used for the Reading For Life summer program, and further, authorizes Hiedi Hecker, Indian Education Program Coordinator, to sign the Donation Recipient Agreement.
- Project Lead The Way Software Lease b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Project Lead The Way Software Lease Agreement for 2007-08 school year and further, authorizes Debbie Belfry, Career Development Coordinator, to sign the agreement.

3. *Finance*

- Tuition Rates 2007-2008 a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes non-resident tuition rates to be charged for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:
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|--------------|---------|-------|------------|---------|
| Kindergarten | 1 pupil | .612  | pupil unit | \$5,270 |
| Grades 1-3   | 1 pupil | 1.115 | pupil unit | 9,601   |
| Grades 4-6   | 1 pupil | 1.060 | pupil unit | 9,127   |
| Secondary    | 1 pupil | 1.300 | pupil unit | 11,194  |
- Student Teacher Reimbursement b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts reimbursement in the amount of \$2,845.00 for the supervision of student teachers.
- Receipts/Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Maureen Peterson moved, Chuck Walter 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  
FIPSE Grant  
Update

School Board members were updated on collaborations between the Bloomington Public Schools and Normandale Community College, including a grant proposal recently submitted to the Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education. The update was presented by representatives from Normandale Community College: Julie Guelich, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, and Ed Donahue, Director of Teacher Education, along with Debbie Belfry, District Career Development Coordinator. Report highlights included an overview of current collaborations and the grant proposal that has been submitted.

*Current Collaborations—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)*

- Nanotechnology Initiatives
  - Visits to Normandale Community College
  - Scholarships with PolarFab/Kennedy High School/Normandale Community College

- Carl D. Perkins Federal Grant
  - Members of the West Suburban Perkins Consortium
  - Must create a new consortium
  - Must have a joint plan
- Minnesota Center for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence
  - Purchased Project Lead The Way kits for Valley View Middle School
- Project Lead The Way
  - Provide teacher liaison with Valley View Middle School/Normandale Community College
  - Articulation of Project Lead The Way courses planned

*Current Collaborations— Teacher Education*

- America Reads
- America Counts
- Observations in Bloomington classrooms
- Teachers of Tomorrow
- ESL Programs
- Student teachers from Minnesota State University, Mankato

*Current Collaborations— Other*

- Prepare Bloomington partner since 1993
- Dental Health Screenings
- Advisory Committees
  - Project Lead The Way
  - Hospitality
  - Business

*Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Grant Proposal--No Duplication, No Gaps: Maximizing an Investment in Student Success*

The proposed project will identify gaps in services among the partner educational institutions and employ a united strategy to meet existing needs, especially in the areas of STEM. Project partners are Normandale Community College, Bloomington Public School District--Valley View Elementary, Valley View Middle, Kennedy High and South Hennepin Adult Programs in Education (SHAPE)--and Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Budget constraints and the heterogeneity of today's classrooms compel us to redefine our institutional relationships. The project's activities center on a culturally challenged student population in the Valley View schools (1,200 students). Our deliberate collaboration, which will focus on student achievement at all levels and on professional development for educators, goes beyond articulations or pathway agreements. We will invest in the success of each other's students.

The overarching goal of the project proposed by Normandale Community College is to create a replicable model of systemic reform. Partners are Normandale Community College, Bloomington Public Schools and Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The grant will give the college and its partners the ability to:

- Identify and reduce duplication of current projects to maximize the power of joint initiatives.
- Identify and reduce gaps in services to students at all levels and redirect funding and services as needed.
- Encourage participation and success in STEM courses and careers.
- Close the achievement gap for underrepresented populations and underperforming students.
- Improve high school to college transition for students.
- Promote career awareness and exploration at a critical period in the educational process.
- Capitalize on the curricular nature of education and learning—good teachers inspire students to become teachers.
- Encourage active research and experimental teaching methods to achieve objectives.

Strategies for achieving the goals include:

- Establishing a professional development school that will deliver the best possible education to its students and prepare them for admission to higher education
- Encouraging students' interest in science and math, beginning at the primary level
- Providing certified career training and career exploration curriculum to school district staff and teachers
- Making early contact with students to improve the high school to college transition, especially for underrepresented students, and helping them navigate the college admissions and placement process
- Nurturing students' interest in teaching through joint Teacher of Tomorrow clubs and an "It Takes One to Know One" teacher recruitment campaign.

The grant would generate almost \$1 million over a three-year period. The grant award will be announced by the U. S. Department of Education in March 2008.

#### BEACON Summer Program Update

Carol Kampa, Assistant Principal at Kennedy High School and BEACON ALC Director, updated the School Board on the summer programming for the BEACON Area Learning Center. Students who qualify for the summer program have failed two or more core subjects and scored 40% or below on the CALT. Currently, students are enrolled in the following classes:

*Credit Make-Up Classes*—28 classes offered, 330 students participating.  
*BST Review Classes*—Math, Reading and Writing offered—82 students participating. *9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Academy*-- Transition program from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade—50 students participating.

Bloomington students being served total 460 students

- 46 special education students
- 19 basic level ESL students
- 48 incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders

Summer program enhancements include:

- Added special education teacher and a paraprofessional to provide additional support to students with an identified disability.
- ESL strategies class for basic level students.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy moves from pilot program status to summer transition opportunity.

This is the second year that transportation has been provided for students. Pickup points for students are elementary schools. New this year is the addition of another support staff person, Donna Wilson, Office of Educational Equity.

Annual Health &  
Safety Review  
(MDE Attachment 99)

Chuck Walter moved Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Attachment 99 for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Dukatz, Senior Project Manager 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 2007-2008 school year, the focus topics are limited to indoor air quality, safety committees, laboratory safety (lockout/tagout) and confined spaces. New this year is a focus on Employee Right to Know regulations. 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. Dukatz reviewed the process for identification of buildings for inspections. Each school is reviewed within a five-year period. This year, Kennedy High School was the site assessed in the Bloomington Public Schools.

Pay-to-Ride Rates  
2007-2008

Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the following proposed 2007-2008 Pay-to-Ride rates:

	<u>Annual Rate</u>
A family with 1 student rider	\$160
A family with students riding the same bus	\$222
A family with students riding to 2 schools	\$255
A family with students riding to more than 2 schools	\$317

A family with student(s) on the Free and Reduced Meal program will receive a 20% discount.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Statutes establish that transportation service be provided by a school district for students who reside two miles or more from the school and live in the attendance boundary.

Students in the Bloomington Public Schools are eligible for transportation service if any resident elementary (K-5) student resides a walking distance of one-half mile or more and any resident secondary (6-12) student resides a walking distance of one mile or more from the public school they attend.

The District offers Pay-to-Ride services to students who live within the walking zone of their respective schools. The 2007-2008 rates have been differentiated to consider ability to pay and the level of service to be provided to the families. The proposed Pay-to-Ride rates were based on market research of other districts. There is an application process for this service. Pay-to-Ride service is determined on a time, space and equipment available basis and only for existing bus stops. The Bloomington School District Pay-to-Ride rates are lower than neighboring districts.

Establishment of  
Public Hearing/  
Property Tax Levy

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 shall meet in Room 610 at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the School District's 2007 payable 2008, property tax levy. This date does not conflict with the applicable City and 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 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 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 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.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

Chuck Walter reported that the Community Financial Advisory Council (CFAC) has been meeting and the next meeting is July 30 or August 6; the Labor Management Committee (LMC) meeting will meet September 12. Jim Sorum reported that the Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) met earlier this evening. ETAC will be making a report to the School Board at its July 16 workshop. Tim Culver reported that on July 10, there is an opportunity for School Board members to tour the District 287 South Education Campus (formerly Lincoln Hills) in Richfield. Maureen Bartolotta reported that the District Wellness Committee met and has another meeting scheduled. There is discussion about a District Wellness Fair being held on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT      There is a School Board Workshop on July 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 pm. *School Pages* has been mailed and should reach homes this week.
- IX. OTHER      None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT      There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk