

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

**August 27, 2012**

- 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 Vice Chair Mark Hibbs at 7:00 p.m. on August 27, 2012, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk (arrived 7:12 p.m.); Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman.
- Member Absent Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Chair.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Eric Melbye, Tom Holton, Dave Heistad, Rick Kaufman and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS None.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
2. *Contracts/Agreements*
- Safe & Drug Free Schools Leadership
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on August 13, 2012.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Change of Status Correction. Independent Personnel: Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2011-2012: Students leaving Bloomington total 2. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington total 12 and 7 students leaving.
- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a contract with the City of Bloomington to provide leadership services by the City for the Schools' Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. This contract is for the period of September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

- Lutheran Social Service
  - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a contract with Lutheran Social Service to provide truancy intervention related support services to students attending the Bloomington Public Schools. This contract is for the period of October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
- Bloomington Ice Garden
  - c. 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 2012-2013 hockey season for Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School.
- Institute for Athletic Medicine
  - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the two-year agreement between Fairview Health Services doing business as the Institute for Athletic Medicine (IAM) and Independent School District 271 for the services of certified athletic trainers for Jefferson and Kennedy high schools for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.
- Metro South ABE Consortium
  - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Independent School District 271 Bloomington, Independent School District 272 Eden Prairie, Independent School District 273 Edina, and Independent School District 280 Richfield to provide adults access to adult education and literacy education. The term of this agreement is from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2017.
- Parking Lot Rental Anderson Races
  - f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the rental fees and use of the Olson Middle School and Jefferson High School parking lots as a shuttle site for a run event at Normandale Lake park during the evening of Saturday, September 1, 2012.

3. *Finance*

Finance Reports

Receipts/Disbursements

- a. Statement of Revenue and Statement of Expenditures for the month of May 2012.
- 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 unanimously.

*(Tim Culver arrived 7:12 p.m.)*

VI. PART B

VVE Title I Focus School Improvement Plan

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Valley View Elementary School Title I Focus School Continuous Improvement Plan for 2012-2014. Motion carried unanimously.

In May 2012, Valley View Elementary (VVE) was identified as a Title I Focus School. Focus schools must analyze student data, create goals and develop professional learning teams if these components are currently not in place. VVE has all three areas in current practice.

The school must also create a School Improvement Plan that includes professional development that is aligned to standards and curriculum. VVE must allocate 20% of its Title I building funding for the school improvement action plan. The School Improvement Plan (SIP) must be approved by the local Board of Education and is to be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) by September 1, 2012. The plan presented to the Board has been reviewed by staff at MDE. The site goals may be modified to reflect staff input into the reading and mathematics goals. Because VVE has been making gains in reading and math scores, the MDE has agreed to allow VVE to complete an alternate version of the SIP protocol.

Anti-Bullying Policy Update

Eric Melbye, Director of Student Services, updated the School Board on work to-date regarding the District's anti-bullying language that currently exists in the Regulations of Policy 506 (Discipline). In this work, he solicited the insights of principals and representatives from the Special Education Community Advisory Committee, the District Curriculum Advisory Committee and the Safe and Drug Free Schools Committee. Given the current local, state and national focus on bullying, the preference of the principals and the represented groups was to develop a stand-alone Anti-Bullying Policy. A draft of the proposed Anti-Bullying Policy has been completed. However, recent developments in an expanding partnership with the Bloomington-based PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center has allowed us an opportunity for other experts in this field to review our anti-bullying efforts. Three schools – VVE, VVM and OGM – are currently working with PACER on anti-bullying prevention programs. This work has led to an invitation for the District to partner with PACER on a larger, school-wide anti-bullying grant that is currently being drafted. Julie Hertzog, Director of PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center and co-chair of the Governor's Task Force on the Prevention of School Bullying, recently agreed to review the District's proposed policy. The policy will be brought to the Board at a later date allowing time to work with a noted expert on bullying prevention.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maureen Bartolotta reported that the Labor Management Committee held its first meeting for this school year.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake announced that Westwood Elementary School has been designated as a School of Excellence by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association.

IX. OTHER

Director Bergstrom let the public know that School Board members welcome communication. Director Hibbs indicated that information on the 2010 Census is available on the City of Bloomington website.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. A study session followed.

Tim Culver, Clerk