

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

September 24, 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 September 24, 2007 in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th 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, Tom Holton, Rod Zivkovich 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 Jefferson High School is presenting “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” October 10-14th. Student performers Ben Batz Adam DeGonda, Becca Johnson and Megan Ward performed a medley of songs from the production. These students are 4 of the 50 “Joseph” cast members. The students were accompanied by Vocal Music teacher Jeff Kelly and play director Laura Schmit.

Laura Schmit, Co-Chair of Unite Bloomington for Schools citizens committee that is working for the passage of the school district’s referendum on November 6, addressed the School Board and the public. There will be two referendum questions on the ballot—one is for an operating levy and one is a capital levy for technology. Without the operating levy, \$5.2 million will be cut from the budget in 2008-2009. She gave an example of the fifth grade Music program as a potential budget cut and the effects its elimination would have on students’ opportunities. For the technology levy, she indicated that computers in the schools are used every day by many students. The high volume of usage is one of the reasons replacements are needed. Another is that new curriculum comes with new software programs. Updated computers are needed to run the software programs accompanying new curriculum so that students are receiving the maximum benefit of instruction. She emphasized that education goes to the infrastructure of a community and urged citizens to invest not only in our schools, but also in our community by supporting the referendum questions on the November 6 ballot.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on September 10, 2007.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Change of Status.

Administrative Personnel: Retirement.

Non-Unit Personnel: Resignation.

Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Intent to Terminate a Veteran, Employments, Changes of Status.

Non-Resident Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2007-2008:

Students Entering Bloomington = 22

Students Leaving Bloomington = 10

2. *Grants*

Pohlad Grant/

Galaxy Centers

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts a \$5,000 grant that the Carl and Eloise Pohlad Family Foundation awarded to the Galaxy Youth Centers. The grant begins September 4, 2007, and ends June 5, 2008.

3. *Contracts and Agreements*

MOAC Mall

Holdings

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes Tamra Sieve to sign the renewal lease between MOAC Mall Holdings LLC and ISD No. 271 (Bloomington Public Schools). The lease commences on the first day of September 2007 and ends on the 31st day of August 2008.

4. *Finance*

Bankcard/Best

Payment Solutions

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves an agreement to have Bankcard/Best Payment Solutions, Inc. (Best) provide credit card processing services for the District. And, authorizes Administration to enter into an agreement with Best to provide this service. This service replaces the current agreement with Payment Resources, Inc. LLC (PRI).

Insurance Renewals

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271, for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008, renews the District's

1. Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance policies with the MSBA Insurance Trust. Annual premium = \$378,157.00.
2. Equipment Breakdown Insurance policy with Hartford Insurance Company. Annual premium = \$17,455.00.
3. Storage Tank Impairment Liability policy with Hudson Specialty Insurance Company. Annual premium = \$8,746.00.
4. Identity Fraud Expense Coverage with Travelers Insurance Company. Annual premium = \$4,995.00.

Gifts & Donations

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$10,491.73.

Receipts/Disbursements

d. 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.

VI. PART B
Annual Report
2006-2007

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Annual Report for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Each fall, the school district publishes an annual report that details the accomplishments and achievements for the previous school year. State law mandates many of the items contained in the report.

On September 17th, 2007, the Planning, Evaluation and Reporting (PER) Committee unanimously passed a resolution supporting the School Board's adoption and publication of the Annual Report. For the record, two copies of the report will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education.

Letter of Intent
Quality Compensation
Aid

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the letter of Intent for Quality Compensation Aid (ATPPS) co-signed by the Bloomington Federation of Teachers (BFT), for submission to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Motion carried unanimously.

The Letter of Intent is page 3 of the Application for Quality Compensation Aid. State law requires that this Letter of Intent be submitted to the MDE by September 30 in the year preceding implementation of the plan. The District and the BFT have been working on a plan since this past summer and intend to file a complete application to the MDE for approval in October or November 2007. The completed application must be submitted prior to the levy certification in December. After MDE approval, the approved plan will require ratification by the School Board and the full membership of the BFT before implementation in the 2008-2009 school year.

District 287
Health & Safety
Program

Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached resolution of Intermediate School District No. 287's Health and Safety Program budget and authorizing the inclusion of those projects in the District's application for Health and Safety revenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Intermediate districts do not have levy authority; State statutes allow intermediates to perform Health & Safety functions and allocate the costs to member districts for inclusion in their levy data. Last year, Intermediate School District No. 287 (ISD 287) received approval from its Board and member districts to authorize a Health & Safety Levy for the first time. The thirteen member districts must adopt their portion of the Health & Safety Levy. Bloomington's actual portion for 2006-07 was \$2,337.45. Bloomington's portions are \$5,131.26 for 2007-08 and \$9,811.95 for 2008-09. This is based on Bloomington's 2007-08 planned enrollment (ADMs) for ISD 287 Programs.

District 287
Judgment Levy

Jim Sorum moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a Judgment Levy Resolution for Intermediate School District 287. Motion carried unanimously.

A judgment was levied against Intermediate District 287 during Fiscal Year 2007 in the amount of \$23,160.70. As a member district of Intermediate District 287, Bloomington ISD 271 authorizes its share of the total judgment in the amount of \$2,125.19 to be added to any current ISD 271 judgment levies for certification in accordance with Minnesota Statute 126C.43 Subd. 3, and reported with its Levy Data Report for 2007 Payable 2008. District Counsel has reviewed the information.

District 287
Safe Schools Levy

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached resolution of Intermediate School District No. 287's Safe Schools Levy and authorizing the District's use of this revenue on safe schools projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Intermediate districts do not have levy authority; State statutes allow intermediates to perform Safe School functions and allocate the costs to member districts for inclusion in their levy data. Intermediate School District 287 received approval from its Board and member districts to authorize a Safe School Levy for the first time. The thirteen member districts must adopt their portion of the new Safe School Levy. Bloomington's portion for 2008-2009 is \$119,732.90. This is based on \$10 per Bloomington Schools 2008-2009 Average Marginal Computed Pupil Unit (AMCPU).

Proposed 2007
Payable 2008
Property Tax Levy

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a property tax levy as recommended below for the proposed 2007 payable 2008 levy of \$33,013,657.51. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of any changes to levy amounts by the Minnesota Department of Education, it is the intent of the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 to levy the appropriate amount as allowed by law. The state requires that districts use the term "Maximum" on the certification sheet to allow these corrections to the levy. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2007 PAYABLE 2008 LEVIES

Referendum	\$ 11,794,483.84
Referendum Other	1,192,442.23
Other	8,770,261.70
Community Services	1,497,105.23
Debt Services	<u>9,759,364.51</u>
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$ 33,013,657.51</u>

The School Board is required to certify a preliminary levy annually. State law prescribes the maximum amount a school district can levy. There are five major categories to the levy: Referendum, Referendum Other, Community Services, Debt Service and Other. The 2007-2008 levy represents a 1.5% increase over the 2006-2007 levy. This is lower than last year's increase of 3.6%. Details of the preliminary levy were discussed with the School Board at its Workshop of September 17. The District is required to submit this to the County by September 30, 2007. This information will be used by the County to generate property tax notices that show parcel specific tax impact for each taxpayer in the District for the coming year. These notices will be mailed in November 2007. The proposed levy will be discussed at the November 19 Board Workshop. A property tax hearing is optional if the levy is less than the inflationary factor (4.2% in this case). The School Board will hold its Truth in Taxation public hearing on December 4 at 7 p.m. The School Board will certify the final levy at a regular meeting of the School Board on December 10, 2007.

The final review of the preliminary Pay 08 levy continues to show a decline in total levy between years even with including Alternative Compensation. The District's levy management philosophy has always been to keep the levy consistent between years to minimize peaks and valleys. A preliminary review indicates negative adjustments exist in Pay 08 that will not be present in Pay 09. Based on this, we would recommend increasing the current Alt Facilities levy by \$500,000 for Pay 08. This levy is used for building maintenance projects. The District's plan for these types of projects extends out to 2024. The District must submit all projects to the State for approval.

Policy Review

Distributed for information Regulation 301.1, Organizational Chart 2007-2008.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Arlene Bush reported on the 2007 Education Summit sponsored by the Alliance for Student Achievement. Mr. Culver highlighted the *Say Yes to No*, an initiative to help with parenting. Mr. Hibbs reported that Dr. Jim Angermeyr, along with a TIES representative, presented a session on Personalized Learning Plans. Ms. Bush attended legislative sessions including one on fixing the school funding system. Tim Culver and Arlene Bush reported on District 287 discussions. District 287 is reviewing how it works and supports its member districts. Mr. Culver shared with School Board members information presented by Decision Resources at the recent AMSD meeting—Citizen Perceptions of Education.

Arlene Bush attended meetings of the MLA Board of Trustees and the MSBA Fall Area Meeting. Ms. Bush will be attending the MSBA Delegate Assembly in December.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that the Parade of Schools is taking place tomorrow—Tuesday, September 25th with school tours being conducted at each school and Pond Center at 9 am, 1 pm, 4 pm and 6:30 pm. The Parade of Schools Magazine was funded fully by ad sales.

Homecoming activities will take place at the two high schools within the next two weeks. Coronation for Kennedy will be September 28th at 1 pm. Jefferson Coronation will be October 1st at 1:30 pm.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk