

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

September 24, 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 Chair Melissa Halvorson Wiklund at 7:00 p.m. on September 24, 2012, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS Jefferson Theater Company will present William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" October 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and October 14 at 3 p.m. Cast members shared a scene from the play, which is directed by Laura Schmit.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
2. *Field Trip Approval*
3. *Grants*
- MDE Parent/Family Training
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on September 10, 2012.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Long-Call Reserve Employment Correction, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington total 8 and 14 students leaving.
- RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the field trips per the attached list (on file).
- RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a grant award from the Minnesota Department of Education for Parent and Family Training for the 2012-2013 school year.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

- City HELP ME GROW a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a contract with the City of Bloomington HELP ME GROW: South Hennepin Central Referral Services (formerly SHIELD) to assist in planning interagency services for handicapped children under age five and their families.
- Hennepin Technical College b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a renewal of five Occupancy Agreements between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The Occupancy Agreements are effective from September 10, 2012 through December 21, 2012.

5. *Finance*

- Insurance Renewals a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271, for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, renews District's insurance: Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance policies with WRM America Insurance Company—annual premium \$337,527; School Leaders Legal Liability policy with Darwin National Assurance Company—annual premium \$38,981; Equipment Breakdown Coverage with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America—annual premium \$10,353; Employee Fidelity Coverage with National Union Fire Insurance Company—annual premium \$11,572; Storage Tank Impairment Liability policy with Endurance American Specialty Insurance Co.—annual premium \$9,530; Identity Fraud Expense Coverage with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America—annual premium \$5,567; and International Travel Coverage with ACE American Insurance Co.—annual premium \$3,250.
- Tuition Rates b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes non-resident tuition rates to be charged for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:
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| Kindergarten | 1 pupil | .612 | pupil unit | \$ 6,420 |
| Grades 1 - 3 | 1 pupil | 1.115 | pupil unit | \$11,697 |
| Grades 4 - 6 | 1 pupil | 1.060 | pupil unit | \$11,120 |
| Secondary | 1 pupil | 1.300 | pupil unit | \$13,637 |
- Student Teacher Supervision Reimburse c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts reimbursement in the amount of \$19,236.00 for the supervision of student teachers.
- Donations d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$24,384.15.
- Receipts/Disbursements e. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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
Preliminary Levy
Certification

Mark Hibbs moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the property tax levy for the proposed 2012 payable 2013 levy of \$48,360,970.

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 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.

School Board members discussed their support or non-support of the preliminary levy resolution presented, which include \$15 million for alternative facilities (deferred maintenance). A resolution providing \$10 million for alternative facilities was an option for the Board to consider. Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, along with Paul Aplikowski, Wold Architects, provided information and responded to Board members' questions related to labor and raw materials costs, proposed projects, capacity for completing projects and funding. Two factors impacting next year's property taxes in Bloomington are property values and levy amounts. There has been a tax shift from residential properties to commercial and industrial properties. The proposed increase would not impact a home of median value.

Superintendent Les Fujitake shared with the School Board that the philosophy of District Administration with respect to property tax levy management has been to limit the growth in the annual school district levy to modest increases. Higher annual levy increases have been based on voter approved levy increases. He suggested taking levy action that supports the District's Strategic Plan, which calls for the development of strategic partnerships that expand learning opportunities and enhance the image of the District. Businesses are key strategic partners. Their financial support and engagement in our schools are extremely beneficial for our students. Property taxes are one of businesses' highest non-controllable costs; therefore, annual levy increases have been managed to be respectful and considerate to our strategic friends. This year, the levy increases on business properties will be significant. The large increase is primarily due to the way the property tax system works and is totally out of their control. This significant levy increase will be a hardship for many businesses during these challenging economic times.

The Superintendent advised the School Board that in keeping with Administration's levy management philosophy, the lower amount should be levied. The School Board can increase the levy amount annually in the coming years. Through past experience, when property taxes increase significantly, property owners will invariably link their property tax impact to the segment (county, city, or school district) with the largest annual levy increase. The inclusion of the \$15 million levy will make the District's levy increase of 11.3% the largest of the three segments. *[Proposed increases: City 6.95% and County 3%.]*

On roll call vote, Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs, Arlene Bush, Nelly Korman and Melissa Halvorson Wiklund voted aye. Dick Bergstrom and Maureen Bartolotta voted nay. Motion carried 5-2.

PROPOSED 2012 PAYABLE 2013 LEVIES

Referendum	\$20,162,985
Referendum Other	785,516
Other	15,063,025
Community Services	1,611,737
Debt Services	10,737,708
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$48,360,970</u>

The 2012 payable 2013 levy is proposed at an 11.3% increase over the 2011 pay 2012 levy. Annually, the School Board is required to certify a preliminary levy. This year, the District is required to submit this certified preliminary levy information to the county by September 30, 2012. This certified preliminary levy information will be used by the county to generate property tax notices that show parcel specific tax impact for each taxpayer in our district for the coming year. These notices will be mailed in November 2012. The final levy will be certified by the School Board on December 10, 2012. This final certified levy information will be used by the county to calculate actual property taxes payable in 2013.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom attended the TIES Annual Meeting. Tim Culver attended the Community Services Advisory Council meeting, which focused on Pathways to Graduation. Arlene Bush reported on meetings she attended recently: The Education Foundation of Bloomington—Mary Udseth is the new President replacing Karyn Arazi; The Metropolitan Learning Alliance—enrollment is down and the future of the space is being discussed. Mrs. Bush also highlighted Heritage Days and the first parade.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake reported that Debbie Belfry, Director of Career Development, has been contacted by Senator Al Franken's office to arrange a visit focusing on Career and Technical Education. On October 2, he will visit Kennedy High School to observe Project Lead the Way programs.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Mark Hibbs moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. [A study session followed the meeting.]

Tim Culver, Clerk