

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

November 27, 2017

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the School Board of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Ric Oliva at 7:00 p.m. on November 27, 2017, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Ric Oliva, Chair; Tom Bennett, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, and Dawn Steigauf. Student School Board Representatives Ethan Skophammer, Kennedy High School; and Jackson Domagala, Jefferson High School.
- Member Absent Dick Bergstrom.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chair Oliva invited SFC Darrin Stowe and SSG Ralph Blystone of the Minnesota Army National Guard, HHC 1/34th ABCT Division, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. These servicemen were part of the three teams that conducted flag raising ceremonies at our schools in honor of Veterans Day.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Honoring Veterans/Active Armed Forces Members The School Board expressed appreciation to our veterans and active members of our armed forces for their service in keeping our country safe and protecting our freedom. School Board member Jim Sorum, a veteran with the U.S. Navy, shared some of the activities our schools/students participated in to honor our service men and women. Jefferson High School Social Studies teacher and football coach Tim Carlson, has coordinated an annual fundraising effort for the Wounded Warriors Project, raising over \$26,000 over the last eight years. He shared that both Jefferson and Kennedy students participate in this effort. Honorees representing veterans and active or reserve servicemen and women included Commander Rick Warren, American Legion Earl C. Hill Post 550; Commander Doug Doerfler, VFW Everett McClay Post 1296; SSG Ralph Blystone and SFC Darrin Stowe, MN Army National Guard; and Lt. Col. Jamie Lindman, MN Air National Guard. Student School Board Representatives expressed appreciation to the Commanders for the continued support from both their organizations to the students of Bloomington Public Schools and to the active service representatives for the sacrifices made by them and their families for our freedom. The honorees were presented with thank you letters from Poplar Bridge Elementary School students, thank you posters from Washburn Elementary School students and students from Olson Middle School made a large “dog tag” for the National Guard representatives who conducted flag raising ceremonies on November 10.

Human Rights Day
Proclamation

Dawn Steigauf moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached Proclamation (on file) proclaiming December 10, 2017, as Human Rights Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Bloomington Human Rights Commission Chairperson Jared Leese accepted the proclamation. Mr. Leese highlighted the Omar Bonderud Award recognition being held on December 4 at Bloomington Civic Plaza. This year's honoree is Artistry.

BEC TV

Tom Ringdal, Director of Bloomington Educational Television (BEC TV) shared with the School Board an update on activities in which BEC TV staff is participating, which includes exceptional opportunities and innovations for and by BEC TV staff. One is the unique experience BEC TV provides at State Football Prep Bowl; teaching and mentoring students from other schools across Minnesota by teaming with them to cover 14 games over 3 days at U.S. Bank Stadium. He also highlighted Zeplays, a state-of-the-art replay system that now is used in professional settings around the world. Zeplays was developed by BEC-TV. This year the groundbreaking element of Officials' Review was added via Zeplay.

Student Board
Representatives

Ethan Skophammer reported on Kennedy High School activities—finals, week—students like the new schedule, Closet of Hope coat distribution event, flag raising ceremony, college fair, winter sports begin this week, coming up is toy distribution to families in need, and holiday choir show performances will be December 7-9. Jackson Domagala reported on Jefferson High School activities—Junior Bella Phan will compete at the National Speech and Debate Association 2018 National Tournament next summer. She qualified at the district tournament earlier this month, placing first in the House category of Congressional Debate. Junior Amelia Miller was named third alternate. Jefferson Theater Company performed The Little Princess. The Jets adapted soccer team is headed to the State Tournament. Boys and girls hockey begins this week. It is the end of the trimester and that means finals. Pathfinders are sponsoring a cocoa and cram session for freshman.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on November 13, 2017.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Changes of Status.
Classified Personnel: Resignations, Retirement, Termination, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Actions

2. *Field Trips Approval*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Grant*

Bloomington Crime
Prevention

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts grants totaling \$18,500 from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association (BCPA) for school district violence prevention activities during the 2017-2018 calendar year.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

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| University of Wisconsin River Falls/Volunteer Connection | a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agreement between The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin—River Falls and Independent School District 271, Volunteer Connection effective July 1, 2017—June 30, 2020. |
| Headway Emotional Services | b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the adjusted payments for Headway Emotional Health Services to provide family community support and mental health services to students enrolled in special education identified as seriously emotionally disturbed and their families. This contract is for the period of August 28, 2017 through June 14, 2018. |
| Headway Ancillary Support | c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves an adjusted contract with Headway Emotional Health Services to provide facilities, ancillary support and collaborative services to Bloomington Public Schools. This contract is for the period of August 28, 2017 through June 15, 2018. |

5. *Finance*

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| Donations | a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$8,236.19. |
| Finance Reports | b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of October 2017. |
| Receipts/ Disbursements | c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of October 2017. |

Tom Bennett 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
Fees

Administration recommended no change in fees over last year.

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| Graduation Fee 2017-2018 | Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the graduation fee of \$60.00 per student for Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously. |
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| Student Parking Fees 2018-2019 | Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Parking Fees for Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School at \$270 per year (\$90 per trimester) for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously. |
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| Student Instrument User Fees 2018-2019 | Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Instrument User Fees for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously. |
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| Student Athletic Fees 2018-2019 | Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Athletic Fees for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously. |
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There is one addition to the Student Athletic Fees for 2018-2019; a four-day option for the Summer Strength and Conditioning Program.

Student Activity Fees 2018-2019

Nelly Korman moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Activity Fees for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Student/Adult Admission Fees for Activities 2018-2019

Dawn Steigauf moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student/Adult Fees for Activities for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Insurance Committee Report

Mary Burroughs, Executive Director of Human Resources, reported that the Insurance Committee is scheduled to meet five times this school year. The first meeting was held October 11. The committee reviewed last year's plan performance. Although claims increased, the year ended well due to reserves. The committee agreed to extend the Identify Force coverage (due to the data breach) for staff members for three more years. The next meeting of the committee will be January 10.

Policy 701.3

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 701.3, Fund Balance retroactive to July 21, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 701.3 is to assure sufficient cash flow, taking into consideration the timing of state aid and property tax payments, unexpected revenue shortfalls, or any emergency or unexpected expenses. On November 10, 2017, auditors provided administration with new language regarding spending to better reflect actual K-12 financial management. Administration shared the draft revision of Policy 701.3 with members of the Board Policy Committee who recommend approval by the full School Board. The accompanying regulation was reviewed and no changes were made.

World's Best Workforce Annual Meeting Preparation

Superintendent Les Fujitake reported at the last meeting items reviewed at the Board and Administration retreat in preparation for the World's Best Workforce Annual meeting. School districts are required by law to hold this public meeting. At the retreat, Administration reviewed with the Board the District' Strategic Plan, Personal Growth Plans and how those align and comply with state law. Administration presented 2016-2017 Pathways to graduation milestone metric results as well as other metric results, and plans for 2017-2018 to improve performance. Administration is studying the Board's comments and questions and will incorporate that information into the Annual Report to be shared at the World's Best Workforce Annual Meeting. The Annual Report is a special edition of School Pages.

The Board studied one of its major responsibilities, which is to establish and keep current a Strategic Plan. Our plan was refreshed about three years ago. The Board reviewed the vision statement and strategic directions and discussed sharpening the vision language by giving more concise descriptive language for the vision and more focused strategic directions language.

The World's Best Workforce Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, at 6 pm in the Arlene Bush Board Room. The regularly scheduled School Board meeting follows at 7 pm.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Tom Bennett reported on the last meeting of the high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council. They are developing a plan to select the next Board student representative. The plan and process to be presented in January. BSAC is determining their project for the year. This year's focus will be to unite the two high schools. Students are considering two events, such as a talent show, or field day maybe in March and May. Jim Sorum reported on meetings of the Community Education Advisory Council and the various opportunities and activities within the community. He reported on the TIES Annual Meeting-the District is a charter member; TIES future plans are being discussed. Maureen Bartolotta shared that meetings of the Education Foundation of Bloomington and Bloomington United for Youth are coming up. Dawn Steigauf attended meetings of the Bloomington Advocacy Council (BAC) and a PTA meeting at Normandale Hills; attended a Kennedy Show Choir performance and visited Indian Mounds School. Nelly Korman highlighted the recent meeting with Bloomington legislators, which was hosted by BAC. The Board Legislative Committee (BLC) met and reviewed the first year of the BAC. The role of BAC is being reviewed and may be changed. Legislative priorities will be a topic at the next BAC meeting. The BLC will finalize their priorities and bring the proposal to the full Board for consideration of approval for the 2018 legislative session. The AMSD legislative committee met to develop its legislative platform for 2018; it will be brought to the AMSD Board of Directors for approval on December 1. Nelly Korman, Maureen Bartolotta and Dick Bergstrom attended the MSBA Pre-Delegate Assembly at which there were conversations about testing and EL students and ESSA. Emphasis was placed on being aware and keeping track of ESSA laws and how those will be implemented in Minnesota school districts. The AMSD Delegate Assembly is December 1-2 for the purpose of reviewing and finalizing legislative proposals for the 2018 session. Ric Oliva attended meetings of the BLC and BAC. Ric Oliva and Tom Bennett met with middle school students of the BSAC tonight. Curriculum leaders Karen Qualey and Jane Lescarbeau talked with students and obtained their feedback regarding personalized learning. Another topic was school start times—of the 9 students in attendance, four want to keep current times, four want to start later and one wants to start earlier. A suggestion was made to flip middle and elementary school start times. Bus behavior was discussed. The Wellness Policy was another topic. The policy states students are to have adequate time for lunch—students indicated that is not always the case. Students talked about schools' anti-bullying campaign and how the focus is on being a victim. They suggested spending more time focusing on not being a bully.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake presented administration's request for actions pertaining to Board sessions.

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to establish The World's Best Workforce Annual Meeting on Monday, December 11, at 6 p.m. in the Arlene Bush Board Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Bennett moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to cancel the Board meeting scheduled on the 4th Monday of December, which is December 25. Motion carried unanimously.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Ric Oliva seconded, to establish the organizational study session of the Board on Tuesday, January 2, at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk