

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

**February 12, 2018**

- 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 Dawn Steigauf at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2018, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Dawn Steigauf, Chair; Nelly Korman, Vice Chair; Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk; Dick Bergstrom, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Tom Bennett and Jim Sorum.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, Dave Heistad, Mary Burroughs, and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC
- Friend Julie Campanelli, Learning Supports Specialist, accompanied by Melissa Riebel, School and Community Engagement Coordinator at Kennedy High School, highlighted the Closet of Hope and Bloomington Covenant Church for their outstanding efforts in hosting and organizing the community-wide coat drive held in November. Dawn Anderson was recognized for her vision in starting the Closet of Hope as a clothing resource for the community a few years ago and now for her leadership in organizing the highly successful event, which outfitted 1,000 community members—kids and adults—with winter clothing. Dawn Anderson and Melissa Riebel organized over 50 volunteers (students and adults) who helped with preparing the clothing and assisting on the day of the event. Information on community resources—food, housing, Health Commons at Pond Center—was made available to families. Joining Dawn Anderson in representing the Closet of Hope were volunteers Donna Mofett and Marguerite Dillon.
- Appreciation was extended to additional school district partners for the coat coat drive included Hillcrest United Methodist, Atonement Lutheran, St. Michael’s Lutheran, St. Stephen’s Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Community of the Cross Lutheran, Normandale Hylands United Methodist, Pilgrim Cleaners, Good in the Hood, Walmart and VEAP.

Career & Technical  
Education Month  
Proclamation

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) declaring February 2018 as Career and Technical Education Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Belfry, District Career and Development Coordinator, accepted the proclamation. Eric Roesler, Business and Marketing Education Teacher at Jefferson High School, provided background on DECA and introduced two students—Charlie Maki and Jasmine Jackson, DECA Co-Presidents. The students shared their educational experiences as part of DECA including recent regional competition success with a number of students qualified for state competition as well as business, marketing and advertising classes that can provide opportunities for internships and mentorships, and the Future Leaders conferences offered through the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. Also highlighted was the JagWear House at Jefferson, which is a school-based enterprise run by DECA students—a school store that offers spirit wear and smart snacks for purchase.

Public

Jefferson students from Mr. Storlein’s class attended the School Board meeting in fulfillment of a 12<sup>th</sup> grade government course requirement.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

a. Minutes of the Organizational School Board Meeting on January 8, 2018, and Minutes of the Special Emergency School Board Meeting on January 23, 2018.

Personnel Actions

b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Retirement, Employments, Change of Status, Correction. Independent Personnel: Change of Status, Resignation Agreement. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Termination, Employments, Changes of Status, Transportation Quarterly Hour Averaging and Workers Compensation Agreement.

2. *Field Trips Approval*

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

3. *Grants*

Firehouse Subs AED

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts and approves the grant from Firehouse Subs for 15 AED units valued at \$20,385.00.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Tivity Health Services

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Partner Location Agreement between Tivity Health Services, LLC and Independent School District 271.

BEC TV

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 to participate in the promotion and development of Educational Access programming (BEC-TV) on the Bloomington cable television system.

Computer Information  
Concepts, Inc.

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Computer Information Concepts, Inc. for the licensing, training and support for Tableau software.

5. *Finance*

Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$26,423.00.

Finance Reports

b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the months of November and December 2017.

Receipts/

Disbursements

c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the months of November and December 2017.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Beth Beebe 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

Kindergarten Beat  
The Odds Report

Dr. Dave Heistad, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, highlighted the work being done in Emily Ostern's, Kindergarten class at Indian Mounds Elementary School. Students are beating the odds as they are making above average gains in Reading. Research shows that early literature growth is the most important factor. Reading well by third grade is an indicator for post-secondary success. Dr. Heistad's three-year analysis of assessments, separating demographic factors and looking at instruction found Emily Ostern to be the highest value added teacher in the District; she values formative assessment and progress monitoring. Ms. Ostern shared her work and that of the kindergarten team at Indian Mounds indicating that staff has been trained in the use of a multisensory, multicultural approach. She attributes the Orton-Gillingham program that focuses on phonics and phonetic awareness for students struggling in Reading as a key factor in improving student reading skills. Using assessment data, individualized instructional methods are developed for each learner. A dedicated block of time is used for interventions that address teaching the whole student including the use of Second Step, a program focusing on SEL (Social Emotional Learning). The video highlighting Emily's Beating the Odds story was produced by Martha Low and will be shared with instructional staff.

Bid Award  
Ridgeview  
Mechanical and  
HVAC Improvements

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the following eighteen bids for mechanical and HVAC improvements at Ridgeview Elementary School:

1. Maertens-Brenny Construction Company, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$371,000
2. Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Menomonie, WI bid of \$28,940
3. Kellington Construction, Inc., Minneapolis, MN bid of \$363,300
4. TMI Systems Corporation, Dickinson, ND bid of \$71,409
5. Flynn Midwest LP, Plymouth, MN bid of \$143,096
6. Carciofini Company, Burnsville, MN bid of \$8,015
7. Brin Contract Glazing, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$177,600
8. Custom Drywall, Inc., St. Paul, MN bid of \$137,700
9. CD Tile and Stone, Blaine, MN bid of \$97,000
10. Acoustic Associates, Golden Valley, MN bid of \$169,000

11. Floors by Beckers, St. Cloud, MN bid of \$133,894
12. Advance Terrazzo and Tile Co., Inc., Coon Rapids, MN bid of \$128,300
13. Universal Paintings and Drywall, Inc., Fridley, MN bid of \$101,675
14. Boelter, LLC, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$78,631.51
15. Pioneer Power, Inc., Woodbury, MN \$2,294,000
16. Siemens Industry, Inc., Shoreview, MN bid of \$520,226.84
17. Viking Automatic Sprinkler, St. Paul, MN bid of \$89,000
18. Bloomington Electric Company, Bloomington, MN \$935,000

Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in the 2017-18 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of updates, repairs and replacements including: concrete, steel erection, carpentry, casework, roofing and metal panels, sealants, entrances, storefronts and curtain walls, drywall, tile, ceilings and acoustical treatments, flooring, paint, mechanical temperature controls, food service equipment, fire suppression and electrical at Ridgeview Elementary and total \$5,847,787.35. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. The District's legal counsel and insurance agent have reviewed the AIA A132/CMA standardized contract, which will be used with each contractor.

Joint Purchasing  
Agreement  
NE Metro 916

Dick Bergstrom moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Joint Purchasing Agreement allowing ISD 271 to combine purchasing power with other districts to secure favorable terms and conditions in the purchase of equipment, materials, services and supplies. Motion carried unanimously,

Minnesota Statute 471.59 provides that governmental units are authorized to make cooperative purchases to enhance buying power. Joint purchasing agreements authorize political subdivisions to enter into an agreement and/or to exercise jointly governmental powers and functions each has individually. Where it is mutually advantageous parties may make joint purchases and utilize existing contracts.

Naming Auditor

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 renews Bergan KDV, Ltd. to perform a general financial audit conforming to State and Federal guidelines. The renewal is for five years starting in 2018-19 and the fee will be \$37,720 for 2018-19 with a 1.4% increase per year through 2022-23. Motion carried unanimously.

The proposed five-year audit fees represent annual fee increase of 1.4% a year, starting in 2018-19. Current year (2017-18) audit fees are \$37,200. Bergan KDV, Ltd. has been the District's auditor since 1995-1996.

School Calendar  
2018-2019

Nelly Korman moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School 271 approves the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The calendar for the 2018-19 school year was developed with the Calendar Committee. Assistant Superintendent Eric Melbye provides the leadership for this committee. The 2018-2019 calendar allows for elementary assessment time at the beginning of the year. This means that the Wednesday of the August workshop week and the traditional first day of school will be used for elementary assessments. To ensure adequate professional development for all staff, 4 early release days will be conducted throughout the year. Early release was preferred over late start to ensure that all students have the opportunity to eat breakfast and lunch. The high schools already have early release; this calendar expands the early release on those days to elementary and middle schools. Kids Safari will plan to support child care needs. Feedback was solicited from administration, parents and teachers in the development of this calendar.

Policy 410

Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 has reviewed Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave and no changes will be made to current policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave, is the District's policy providing for family and medical leave to school District employees in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) and also with parenting leave under state law. This policy is mandatory and follows the Minnesota School Boards Association model and must be reviewed annually. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the School Board Policy Committee reviewed Policy 410. Since no changes have been by the Minnesota School Boards Association to the policy since it was last updated, the committee and administration recommends no changes at this time.

Policy 413

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 has reviewed Policy 413, Harassment and Violence and no changes will be made to current policy. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 413 is to maintain a learning and working environment free from harassment and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability. This policy is mandatory and follows the Minnesota School Boards Association model and must be reviewed annually. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the School Board Policy Committee reviewed Policy 413. Since no changes have been by the Minnesota School Boards Association to the policy since it was last updated, the committee and administration recommends no changes at this time.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Maureen Bartolotta attended a DDAC meeting and highlighted the Bloomington United for Youth Volunteer Recognition event that honored BEC TV student technicians, Dawn Anderson, Virg Senescall, Transfiguration Lutheran Church, the Bloomington Police Department Multicultural Committee and Sue Martell of Bloomington Public Schools. Tom Bennett announced that the Board Student Advisory Council Committee—Nelly Korman, Beth Beebe and Tom Bennett—meets tonight after the Board meeting to prepare for the February 26 meeting with the students.

Dick Bergstrom shared that a student in the audience tonight is attending the meeting as part of his work to become an Eagle Scout. Mr. Bergstrom offered congratulations to students who were honorees at Signing Day, recognized food service staff for their customer service and knowing their students, and attended the winter conference of the Future Leaders—a collaboration between the District and the Chamber of Commerce. Beth Bebee attended MSBA training sessions, highlighted the recent Family Fun Night at Westwood, and encouraged participation in Career Day at Kennedy High School on February 20. Dawn Steigauf attended Kindergarten information night and the PTA meeting at Normandale Hills, Valley View Middle School Open House for incoming sixth grade students, meetings of the Early Learning Services Advisory Council, the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council, and MSBA Leadership Conference sessions.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to establish a Board Retreat on Tuesday, February 13, at 6 pm to discuss strategic planning. The retreat will be held at the Chamber Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to establish Wednesday, February 28, for a joint meeting of the School Board and the City Council beginning at 7:00 pm in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board meeting scheduled for March 26 falls during spring break. Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to cancel the March 26 School Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Toro Company is a Fortune 1000 company and we are fortunate to have them in our community and as a business partner with Olson Middle School. Superintendent Fujitake met with Toro executives today and was encouraged by their interest in a District partnership.

On February 1, former NFL running back Rashad Jennings visited Indian Mounds Elementary School to celebrate the school's successful Reading Challenge. Indian Mounds was the first Minnesota School to do the challenge. Rashad Jennings did an excellent job with his message to the students. Congratulations to Indian Mounds on a very successful challenge. Every student participated by reading at least one book and collectively the students read over 3,600 books during the month of January, surpassing their goal of 2,000 books.

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.

Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk