

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

August 12, 2019

- 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 Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on August 12, 2019, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Vice Chair; Tom Bennett, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Nelly Korman and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, Jennifer McIntyre, and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to establish a closed session upon the conclusion of tonight’s School Board meeting. The meeting will be closed as permitted by section 13D.03 to discuss the District’s labor negotiation strategy related to the District’s negotiations with all bargaining groups. So moved by Dick Bergstrom and seconded by Beth Beebe. Motion carried unanimously.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC
New Administrative Staff
Superintendent Les Fujitake introduced new Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jenna Mitchler who is returning to the District following a year as Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Student Support with Burnsville Public Schools. She began her career with Bloomington Public Schools as an English teacher and curriculum developer before becoming a curriculum and instruction specialist, and then lead curriculum and instruction specialist.
- Dr. Mitchler introduced Don Gramenz, the new Interim Principal at Hillcrest Community School. Mr. Gramenz has served the District for 16 years—teacher at Washburn Elementary School, a Peer Coach at 7 of 10 elementary schools, a soccer coach, and most recently, the Dean of Students at Kennedy High School.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes
Personnel Actions
- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held June 24, 2019.
b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status, Rescission of Proposal to Place Tenured Teacher on Partial Unrequested Leave of Absence, Recall from Unrequested Leave of Absence. Administrative Personnel: Employment. Independent Personnel: Employment, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Terminations, Employments, Changes of Status.

City Leadership
Program Applicant
Selection Committee

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Beth Beebe to serve on the Bloomington Leadership Program Applicant Selection Committee for the City of Bloomington Community Outreach and Engagement Division.

2. *Field Trips*

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

3. *Grants*

MDE/Early Learning
Pathways II
Scholarships

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$295,485 Pathway II Early Learning Scholarships award from the Minnesota Department of Education. The Pathway II Scholarship allocation is split between school year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

MDE/IEL 2019-2020

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education grant awarded by the Minnesota Department of Education. Metro South Adult Basic Education was awarded \$84,898.47 for school year 2019-2020.

Walser Automotive
Foundation

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$25,000 grant from the Walser Foundation to support the Automotive Technology Program at the Bloomington Career and College Academy. The grant period is for the 2019-2020 school year.

MDE/McKinney Vento
Amendment 2019-2020

- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the amendment to the McKinney Vento Homeless Children and Youth Education Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education and authorizes Administration to enter into the grant amendment for the 2019-2020 school year.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

MLC Adult Basic
Education Technology

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of the MLC Adult Basic Education Technology Services Agreement with Minnesota Literacy Council. This agreement will allow Metro South Adult Basic Education access to SID software and companion files that meet current Minnesota and National Reporting System guidelines as of May 1, 2019. The fee for these services is \$19,915.50. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

ThinkSelf/ABE Classes

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Service Provider Agreement with ThinkSelf, Inc. ThinkSelf, Inc. will provide instructors for deaf ABE classes at the Community Education Campus in collaboration with Metro South Adult Basic Education. The term of this agreement is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

HTC/Facilities Use

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Facilities Use Agreement between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The Facilities Use Agreement is in effect from August 12, 2019, through December 19, 2019.

Ideal Energies/
Green2Solar Company

- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a contract with Ideal Energies, a Green2Solar company, for the purpose of installing rooftop solar energy panels at three sites.

Beth Beebe 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.

VI. PART B

Health Commons
at Pond Center
Update

Jennifer McIntyre, Executive Director of Special Education, and Hannah Hatch, Supervisor of Health Services, updated the School Board on the Health Commons at Pond Center. A Memorandum of Agreement was signed in July 2017 with Minnesota State University (MSU) at Mankato School of Nursing. The current agreement is in place through June 2020. Services provided include acute illness management, immunizations, sports physicals, nutrition counseling, education regarding resources, bullying prevention and action, mental health and risk reduction education, chronic illness management, health education promotion and resources, health screenings and referrals, visions/hearing/dental/early intervention screenings, family advocacy, family support, family caregiving strategies. Representatives from MSU, Pat Beierwaltes and Kim Fortin, highlighted activities at the clinic and the increase in student visits from 2017-2018 (111 visits) to 2018-2019 (345 visits). Currently Health Commons is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00-6:00 p.m. In 2018-2019, MSU provided many hours of service: faculty 339 hours, undergraduate students 68 hours, graduate students 40 hours and student volunteers 24 hours. Peripheral Partnerships include National Associations of Free Clinics, Bloomington Public Health and the SHIP grant. Goals for 2019-2020 include *increased collaboration with Minnesota State University Mankato—School of Nursing* to provide job shadow opportunities in the healthcare field and collaboration with the Social Work Department; *increased presence in Bloomington Public Schools—designated immunization days at the clinic for families, partnering with Early Learning Services, offer health education information sessions in after school programs, collaborate with licensed nurses with each school building to promote education, prevention and access to healthcare.*

Food Service
Partnership/
Minneapolis Schools

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Food Service Partnership Agreement with Minneapolis School District for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 in the amount of \$13,000 per month. Agreement also has the option to enter into three additional one-year contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Since the passage of the Health Hunger-Free Kids Act in 2012, District Administration has been analyzing the Food Service options. The goal was to improve the quality and choice of meals served to our students (less processed options). Significant menu changes were implemented since the law passage, but we continue to look for other cost affective alternatives to meet our goal. We have met with consultants, third party vendors and other school districts over the last five years to discuss both current operations and how to meet our overall goal. Even though the feedback is that our current operation is doing a good job, we believe we need administrative expertise (menu items, food prep, marketing, and additional revenue streams) to take us to the next level. This is why the pilot project is being recommended. Pilot sites include Indian Mounds Elementary, Valley View Middle School and Kennedy High School. We believe that with limited risk, we can improve our offerings and overall operations.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Dick Bergstrom reminded the public about school bus safety. Dawn Steigauf attended the summer school family fair and noted the availability of many great and innovative activities. Beth Beebe highlighted the Chip In for Schools golf tournament sponsored by the Education Foundation of Bloomington that provides scholarships and support expressed appreciation to the many volunteers for this event. Nelly Korman reported on the MSBA Summer Leadership Conference she attended. The conference theme was Bold Leadership. The keynote speaker focused on connecting with why we are leaders—what made you become a board member. Another speaker was Susan Brower, State Demographer, who provided an update on demographics in the state. Ms. Brower also presented at the recent AMSD meeting attended by Ms. Korman and Ms. Beebe. Ms. Brower talked about the importance of educating families about being counted in the census and that it is safe to be counted. The hope is that schools will help to spread that word. A curriculum has been developed to help with educating students. AMSD awarded this year's Friend of Education award to Tom Melcher. Ms. Korman highlighted her field study trip to South Africa as a participant in the NEA global fellowship.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Administration requested a motion to establish a School Board retreat on August 27 at 6 pm for the purpose of strategic planning. The retreat will be held at Civic Plaza. So moved by Dick Bergstrom, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.

The new school year starts the first week in September. Back-to-School events and activities are planned. Check your school's website for information.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. A closed session for negotiations followed the meeting.

Tom Bennett, Clerk