

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
January 23, 2018**

The January 22, 2018, regularly scheduled meeting of the School Board was canceled due to severe weather conditions; the District implemented early release for students and canceled all after school and evening activities. In order to meet a deadline for an application to the Minnesota Department of Education, a Special Emergency Meeting of the School Board was called.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Special Emergency Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 271 was called to order by Chair Dawn Steigauf at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Dawn Steigauf, Chair; Nelly Korman, Vice Chair; Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk; Dick Bergstrom, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Tom Bennett and Jim Sorum. School Attorney Present: David Holman. Administration Present: Les Fujitake and Eric Melbye.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Innovation Zone Application Letter of Support**

Jim Sorum moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the District's application to the Minnesota Department of Education to be designated as an Innovation Research Zone Pilot Project and the letter of support to be submitted with the application. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Les Fujitake and Assistant Superintendent Eric Melbye provided an overview of the process and the application.

Along with District administrators, the application for the Innovation Research Zone Pilot Project has been developed with a team of curriculum leaders and elementary and secondary administrators working with the District's project consultant, Patrice Tetta (Mission360 Consulting, LLC). By providing the letter of support, the School Board is expressing its commitment to provide oversight to ensure that all activities outlined in the application will be implemented as described. Participating schools for the Innovation Zone Pilot Research Project are Valley View Elementary School, Valley View Middle School, Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School. Partners include Normandale Community College, Bloomington Public Health, Minnesota Reading Corps, and InsightWorks.

The application will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education by the January 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Minnesota Department of Human Rights**

Superintendent Fujitake shared with the School Board recent conversations with Minnesota Department of Human Rights Commissioner Kevin Lindsey.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the Special Emergency Meeting, was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk