

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

October 22, 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 October 22, 2018, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th 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, Jennifer McIntyre and Tamra Sieve.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC Friend
- The Sheridan Story* – Julie Campanelli, Learning Supports Manager, highlighted our District’s partnership with The Sheridan Story. More than 200,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity. Without reliable access to food—such as meal programs at school—the risk of hunger is very real. In Minnesota, one in six children live with hunger every day. The Sheridan Story works to combat hunger in our community by filling the gaps to food access that children face: primarily weekends and summers. Rob Williams, Executive Director, reports that currently 20 school districts are served by The Sheridan Story. Their goal is to remove the barrier of this basic need by providing reliable access to food to enable students to be able to focus on learning. Last year 11,000 meal bags were provided to elementary school students. In Bloomington, 330 bags per weekend were distributed. Mr. Williams believes this partnership allows students to be kids and helps the District do its job of providing a good education.
- Community Education Day Proclamation Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) declaring November 8, 2018 as National Community Education Day, a celebration of Community Education programs and services. Motion carried unanimously.

National Community Education Day is celebrated by recognizing relationships between communities and the public schools that serve them by highlighting the positive impact Community Education programs play in local communities. Community Education offers childcare, enrichment and education opportunities to residents of all ages by offering a wide range of services and class offerings. Accepting the proclamation was leadership from a few Community Education departments: Tamra Sieve, Executive Director; Kellie McGowan, Metro South ABE; Jeanna Miller, Early Learning; and Doug Langefels, Facilities Reservations Manager. Other programming includes Kids' SAFARi, Youth Enrichment, Driver Education, Aquatics, and the Learning Exchange. Several activities/opportunities are being held in conjunction with this celebration—open swim, family nights, activity center guests allowed, \$5.00 off registration for class offerings.

Student School
Board Member
Reports

Ally Starks shared Kennedy High School activities and events. The Board Student Advisory Committee met and talked about unity between the two high schools as a main goal this year with a plan to host a joint informal dance, discussed pre-conceived notions of each other's school and how to approach that issue, how to approach/better approach diversity in our schools. Kennedy held a day-long student/teacher relationship forum with the Institute of Educational Sciences. The College and Career Center hosted representatives from different pathways—Dunwoody College of Technology, Dartmouth College (an Ivy League school), and the Reserve Officer Training Corp from the University of St. Thomas. Gideon the therapy dog visited as part of learning stress relief methods. The National College Fair is taking place at the Minneapolis Convention Center this week. The KHS band concert was October 11. Juniors took the PSAT. National Merit scholars have been identified. Freshman retreat was held October 2, which included meeting with Ignite Mentors and Youth Frontiers to talk about respect for self and others. The Diary of Anne Frank performances are October 25-27.

Jackson Domagala shared Jefferson High School activities and events: The two-day Freshman Retreat was held in the Jefferson Activity Center and led by Youth Frontiers. Focus was on team building, respect, leadership and success in high school. Ninth grade students were accompanied by student mentors. The Jefferson Speech and Debate Club has been recognized by the National Speech and Debate Association. The team is ranked in the top 20% of schools nation wide and is a member of the prestigious 100 Club. A blood drive is being held this week. Fall sports highlights include Coach Larson receiving the Bloomington Athletics Service Award and the Section 6AA Tennis Coach of the Year. Isabelle Lynch made it to quarter finals for tennis. The boys soccer team lost in a hard-fought third game of playoffs. The girls volleyball team has a bye on the first round of playoffs. Homecoming week activities were great with students dressing up for a variety of theme days during school spirit week followed by the homecoming dance.

Public

One student from Mr. Storlien's classes at Jefferson attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of our 12th grade government classes; observing a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, court proceedings.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on October 8, 2018.

Personnel Actions

b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Correction. Independent Personnel: Employment. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Changes of Status, Transportation Changes Due to Quarterly Averaging of Hours.

Pathways Advisory Committee 2018-2019

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointments of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) citizen members roster for the 2018-2019 school year as attached (on file).

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

First Amendment

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the First Amendment to the existing Research Agreement with the City of Bloomington, acting through the Public Health Division. The term of the Research Agreement is from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2020.

Bloomington Public Health Research Agreement

Facilities Use Agreement

b. 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 13, 2018 through December 20, 2018.

Hennepin Technical College/Metro South

3. *Finance*

Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$32,049.83.

Finance Reports

b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for September 2018.

Receipts/Disbursements

c. Receipts and Disbursements for September 2018.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett 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

MOU Autism Mentorship Program

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Understanding for the Autism Mentorship Program, a pilot program supported by the Autism Society of Minnesota, effective October 8, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

The Autism Mentorship Program (AMP) is a unique mentoring program pairing high school age students (mentee) who are on the autism spectrum with young adults (mentor) also on the autism spectrum, who are alumni of the Minnesota Life Academy. Kennedy High School is the pilot site.

The mentee and mentor pairing will be provided training on how to provide support to one another, maintain and build conversations and how to support one another regarding on going concerns about school, friendships and transitioning out of high school after graduation. AMP is a pilot project supported by the Autism Society of Minnesota and driven by a steering committee including parents, caretakers and youth on the autism spectrum, Minnesota Life College staff, Independent School District 271 special education staff, an advisor from MENTOR Minnesota and University of Minnesota academic partners from the Department of Family Social Science and Division of Clinical Behavioral Neuroscience. This steering committee meets once a month to problem solve, provide guidance and measure effectiveness to the staff working with the mentees and mentors.

Policy Review

The School Board Policy Committee includes Tom Bennett, Chair; Jim Sorum and Dick Bergstrom. The committee met on October 16, 2018, to consider policies brought forth by Administration. Five (5) policies are being submitted to the full membership of the School Board for final action.

Policy 702
No Change

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no changes to Policy 702, Accounting. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 702 is to comply with Minnesota State Law in reporting financial information.

Policy 702.1
Revised

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves changes to Policy 702.1, Establishment and Use of Imprest Cash Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 702.1 is to establish guidelines for the proper use of District imprest cash funds.

Policy 702.5
New

Nelly Korman moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 702.5, Establishment and Use of District Credit Cards. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 702.5 is to establish guidelines for the proper use of District credit cards.

Policy 705
Revised

Dick Bergstrom moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 705, Investment of School District Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 705 is to establish guidelines for the investment of all public funds of the District.

Policy 725
Revised

Beth Beebe moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 705, Tuition Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 705 is to provide procedures for charging tuition fees to non-resident students who are not accessing the options under Minnesota choice programs.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Dick Bergstrom highlighted the Board Policy Committee meeting, attended Kennedy High School parent/teacher conferences and was pleased with the process, attended the PTA meeting at Washburn Elementary School, and thanked all of the PTA/PTSA members and all volunteers. Jim Sorum, along with other School Board members, attended the Bloomington Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet and highlighted the Artistry annual meeting/fundraiser. Nelly Korman shared her Global Learning Fellowship experience—the three-day conference with educators from all over the country. Fellowship work will focus on developing mental health goals and promoting empathy. Dawn Steigauf visited Westwood Elementary School for the Read-A-Thon and attended a Special Education Community Advisory Committee meeting; discussion included having a speaker talk about the training police are receiving to assist with mental health issues.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake will attend the Special Meeting of the City Council on October 25 at 7:30 am; agenda topic is the proposed Community Center. The Superintendent has been invited to participate in a City staff meeting to discuss facility and amenity improvements needed other than a Community Center. He will attend and bring staff members.

Superintendent Fujitake expressed appreciation to the League of Women Voters who had volunteers present at the high schools during conference times to bring awareness to voting.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk