

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

November 13, 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 13, 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, Dick Bergstrom and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas, John Weisser, Rod Zivkovich, Dave Heistad and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. CANVASS OF ELECTION Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, as follows:
- Operating Referendum WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District 271 has canvassed the election returns, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby declares the following:
1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this school district held on November 7, 2017, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
 2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 14,029 voters of the school district voted on the question of revoking existing operating referendum authorization; approving new authorization SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1, Operating Referendum
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| 9,503 | YES |
| 4,205 | NO |
| 320 | Undervotes |
| 1 | Overvotes |
- Said propositions, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, are hereby declared to have passed.
- Motion carried unanimously.

School Board
Members

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, as follows:

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District 271 has canvassed the election returns, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby declares the following candidates elected to four-year terms, beginning January 1, 2018: Beth Beebe, Tom Bennett, Jim Sorum and Dawn Steigauf. And Clerk of said Board is instructed to so notify the candidates according to law. Motion carried unanimously.

Ric Oliva moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded to accept the resolution as written (thereby accepting the vote totals). On roll call vote, all members voted aye.

VOTE RECAP

Beth Beebe	4,919
Tom Bennett	5,473
John Moravec	4,478
Julie Morse	2,156
Michael Poke	2,646
Paige Rohman	3,055
Jim Sorum	4,674
Dawn Steigauf	4,955
Dan Stirratt	3,616
Jane Stoa	2,338
Marcia Sytsma	2,697
Write Ins	189
Undervotes	14,847
Overvotes	60

IV. RECOGNITION
OF STUDENTS/
STAFF/PUBLIC

American Education
Week Proclamation

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached Proclamation (on file) proclaiming November 13-17, 2017, as American Education Week in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Melbye, Assistant Superintendent, accepted the proclamation and highlighted American Education Week. He provided the history of how this recognition came about 96 years ago. He emphasized the importance of education and expressed appreciation to teachers, all staff members and the community members who support learners of all ages in the Bloomington Public Schools. It is a representative of one of the District's core values--Teamwork.

Chemical Health
Week Proclamation

Dawn Steigauf moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 proclaims the week of November 13-17, 2017, as Chemical Health Week in Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, accepted the proclamation. The School Board of Independent School District 271 recognizes that the color RED has been chosen to represent individual and community commitment efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse in our community and encourages its students, staff and families to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community. Mr. Kubas emphasized that these efforts are ongoing throughout the year.

Public

Jefferson students from Mr. Storlien's and Ms. Dahl-Wyland's classes attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of our 12th grade government classes; observing a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, or court proceedings.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Actions

Pathways Advisory
Membership

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on October 23, 2017.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Employments, Changes of Status.
Independent Personnel: Employment. Classified Personnel:
Resignations, Resignation Rescission, Employments, Changes of
Status.
- 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 2017-2018 school year as attached (on file).

2. *Field Trips Approval*

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

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

Search Institute
Subaward Agreement

Joint Power Agreement
with DNR

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Subaward Agreement with Search Institute. The term of the Subaward Agreement is August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2019, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement whereby the District will work with the City of Bloomington and the Department of Natural Resources on a project that allows for the temporary licensing of goats on school-owned land to aid in the removal of buckthorn. Expenses for this project will be reimbursed by the Department of Natural Resources not to exceed \$3,500.

Tom Bennett 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

Enrollment Report

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, presented to the School Board the 2017 Enrollment Report, which is a snapshot of District information as of October 1. The snapshot is designed to describe K-12 enrollment demographics at a single point in time, the actual recorded enrollment at the beginning of October. Enrollment impacts many aspects of the District. The data in the report is intended to assist District decision makers in creating and maintaining an exceptional system for all learners in our community. Historical trends in enrollment are included in the report to help illustrate the story of changing enrollment over the past ten years.

Student enrollment for the 2017 October 1 snapshot is 10,143 (a decrease of 6 students from last year). Ethnic diversity district wide is 50% (an increase of 1%) and free/reduced meal eligibility is 41% (an increase of 1%). It was noted that this year Sun Center is no longer an individual site; students from that program now are included in school totals. A new chart in this year's report indicates the District's demographic index, which includes by school percentages of students in free/reduced eligibility, English learners and special education programs.

Reauthorize Conversion
From Voter to Board
Approved Referendum
Authority

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the reauthorization of converting \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority from Voter approved to Board approved for five years starting with Pay 2019 Levy. This conversion will be reflected on the District's Levy Certificate. Motion carried unanimously.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 126C.17, subsection 9a, allows a school district to convert up to \$300 per adjusted pupil unit of referendum authority from voter approved to board approved by board action. Based on our estimated enrollment of 10,000, this will equal approximately \$3 million of board authorized referendum. This conversion provides school districts additional local control regarding referendum funding. The Board may authorize this levy for up to five years and may subsequently reauthorize that authority in increments of up to five years. This is not new money; it is part of what already has been approved.

World's Best
Workforce Annual
Meeting Preparation

Superintendent Les Fujitake provided an overview of items discussed at a recent 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. Administration started the preparation by reviewing the District's 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 now 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 three years ago. The Board reviewed the vision statement and strategic directions and discussed sharpening the vision by giving more concise descriptive language for the vision and more focused strategic objectives language. The Board will continue this discussion at upcoming meetings. The World's Best Workforce Annual Meeting will be held on December 11th at 6 pm in the Board Room. The regular School Board meeting follows at 7 pm.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Dick Bergstrom served lunch at Ridgeview highlighting the awareness of students' needs by our food service staff; attended a District 917 Board meeting that met at the Hastings Juvenile Center noting that students attending this program are age 18 or under; attended a letter of intent signing at Kennedy High School; attended the PTSA Council, which met at Jefferson High School; and he thanked voters for overwhelming support for the referendum. Dawn Steigauf attended meetings of the Insurance Committee and Early Learning Services Parent Advisory Council Executive Committee; attended the Lights on After School celebration at Washburn, visited Valley View Middle School and Southwood Center noting Fraser School being at Southwood, flag raising ceremonies, and Normandale Hills School of Excellence celebration. She thanked the voters and volunteers on the Vote Yes Committee and all of the school committees for their efforts in the successful passage of the referendum. Nelly Korman highlighted a two-day conference of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials that focused on ESSA. She attended an AMSD meeting that also focused on being aware and keeping track of ESSA laws and how those will be implemented in school districts. The Bloomington Advocacy Council is meeting with Bloomington legislators on Wednesday, November 15, at 6 pm. On November 16, the Board Legislative Advisory Committee will meet to discuss the District's legislative platform; another meeting is scheduled for November 30. In December, the Board Legislative Committee plans to bring its legislative platform to the full Board for consideration of approval of the 2018 legislative session. Ric Oliva highlighted a flag raising ceremony he attended and thanked all of our veterans and enlisted members for their service, thanked the community for voting yes on the referendum, expressed congratulations to re-elected Board members and new Board member Beth Beebe, and thanked all candidates who ran for office.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake has been in communication with the City Manager regarding a joint meeting of the School Board and City Council; looking at some time in the new calendar year. The Superintendent is meeting with each of the newly elected City Council members. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; tomorrow he will be introducing Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, and Cheryl Martin, Learning Supports Personal Growth Plan Developer, who will be doing a presentation to the Chamber.

- X. OTHER None.

- X. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk