

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

**November 13, 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 November 13, 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, and Tom Bennett
- Member Absent Jim Sorum.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, John Weisser and Rick Kaufman.
- 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 Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached Proclamation (on file) proclaiming November 12-16, 2018, as American Education Week in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.
- American Education Week Proclamation
- Eric Melbye, Assistant Superintendent, accepted the proclamation and highlighted American Education Week. He provided the history of how this recognition came about 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.
- National Merit Scholars Jefferson High School The School Board recognized and presented a Certificate of Achievement to Jefferson National Merit Scholars. Principal Jaysen Anderson highlighted the program and the accomplishments of students achieving national merit designations. Semifinalists are Charles Maki, Ryan Martz, Amelia Miller, Isabella Phan, and Emily Wammer.
- Upon completing some additional requirements this year, these students will be in the running for one of the merit scholarship awards that will be offered next spring. More than 1.6 million high school juniors entered the 2019 National Merit Program by taking the preliminary PSAT/National Merit scholarship qualifying test, which serves as an initial screening of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents one percent of all high school seniors in the country, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

Commended students are recognized for exceptional academic promise demonstrated by performance on the qualifying test. Commended students represent five percent of students, nationally, who took the PSAT exam. Jefferson commended students are Joshua French, Alexandra Janey, Kaija Johnson, Isabel Matias, Ryan Meany, Claire Miller, Logan Redding, William Titus, and Jennavieve Zimmerman.

Public Six students 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 22, 2018.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Employments. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments. Changes of Status.

Personnel Actions

2. *Field Trips*

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

3. *Grants*

Bloomington Crime Prevention

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts grants totaling \$24,500 from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association (BCPA) for school district violence prevention activities during the 2018-2019 calendar year.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Hennepin County Aerial Imagery User Agreement

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the User Agreement with Hennepin County allowing the District access to aerial imagery resources and analysis tools provided to Hennepin County through their licensing agreements with Pictometry and Sanborn Maps. This is a one-year agreement with a two-year renewal option.

Hennepin County/  
Community Action Partnership

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Collaborative Agreement between the following parties: Independent School District 271, Independent School District 272, Independent School District 280, Hennepin County, through its Human Services and Public Health Department; Bloomington Public Health, the Public Health Division of the City of Bloomington, and Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin to become mandatory members of Hennepin South Services Collaborative ("HSSC"). This Collaborative Agreement shall be in effect as of the date signed and shall continue in effect for five years (2018-2023). The School Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign the attached Collaborative Agreement. HSSC members shall review the Collaborative Agreement annually.

- Metro South ABE Consortium Joint Powers c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Joint Powers Agreement for the Metro South Adult Basic Education Consortium between Independent School District 271 Bloomington, Independent School District 272 Eden Prairie, Independent School District 273 Edina and Independent School District 280 Richfield. The term of this agreement is from the date of authorization of each respective member's School Board to June 30, 2020.
- Sunshine Kennels Therapy Dog d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves an agreement with Sunshine Kennels & K9 Training for the sale and training of a certified therapy dog.
- City/Safe & Drug Free Program Leadership Services e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal agreement with the City of Bloomington to provide leadership services for the District's Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. Effective for this renewal agreement are September 1, 2018-June 30, 2020.
- Northwestern Health Sciences Federal Work Study Program f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal agreement with Northwestern Health Sciences University for the Off-Campus Community Service Site Federal Work Study Program. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.
- Normandale Community College Concurrent Enrollment Revised g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the revised Income Contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Colleges and Universities on behalf of Normandale Community College for Concurrent Enrollment Programming at Kennedy High School for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Normandale Community College Statway 1 Programming h. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Income Contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Colleges and Universities on behalf of Normandale Community College for Statway 1 Programming at Kennedy High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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  
State of  
Transportation

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services; Tim Rybak, Director of Operations; and Kate Martin, Marketing and Communications Manager; updated the School Board on the state of Transportation. Appreciation was extended to our current bus drivers, which includes retirees and community members. Focusing on safety, the District has newer buses, high-quality cameras, GPS assisted routes and partners with the Bloomington Police Department for stop arm violations. There is a driver shortage not only in the District, but in the metro, state and country. Currently, the District is two (2) routes short and contracts ten (10) routes. Mechanics and other staff members are driving as needed. The District needs help in spreading the word for the need of bus drivers—refer friends, and/or drivers you know, classes are being offered by Metro South, paid training, great benefits—health insurance and paid time off, follows the school calendar. Tammy O'Loughlin-Vidmar shared her excitement and experience as a bus driver for the last few years.

Enrollment Report

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, presented to the School Board the 2018 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, ethnic diversity and free and reduced eligibility are included in the report to help illustrate the story of the changing student enrollment over the past ten years.

Student enrollment for the 2018 October 1 snapshot is 10,098 (a decrease of 45 students from last year). Ethnic diversity district wide is 51% (an increase of 1%) and free/reduced meal eligibility is 39% (a decrease of 2%). The District's demographic index is reported, which includes by school percentages of students in free/reduced eligibility, English learners and special education programs. Elementary Title I schools are Oak Grove, Washburn, Indian Mounds and Valley View. Non-resident student enrollment total is 837 and Bloomington students open enrolling elsewhere totals 750. The 2018 Enrollment Report will be posted on the District website.

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. One (1) more policy reviewed at that meeting is being submitted to the full membership of the School Board for final action.

Policy 606.1  
Revised

Dick Bergstrom moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 606.1, Procedures for Handling Questioned Materials and Controversial Issues. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction in handling questioned materials and controversial issues in schools. The revised policy, and accompanying regulation, now includes language addressing controversial issues. The District believes in the principles of intellectual freedom, as stated in its Instructional Materials Selection Policy 606. The District also recognizes that as students strive to reach their learning potential while preparing for career and college, they may encounter issues that could be considered controversial. Controversial issues are defined as contemporary problems, subjects, or questions of a political or social nature where there exist significant opposing viewpoints and/or multiple perspectives. Questioned materials and controversial issues can be useful pedagogical tools, and are acceptable for educational purposes, consistent with the curriculum, school programs and activities in an impartial and objective manner. The accompanying revised regulation also was reviewed and is presented for information.

VII. BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Tom Bennett attended flag raising ceremonies and reported on the Board Student Advisory Council (BSAC) meeting with middle school students;

The topic was safety with Rick Kaufman as the guest speaker; students shared that they feel safe at school. Beth Beebe highlighted the collaborative effort of the District and the City for the recent coat and winter wear distribution for Bloomington families; Julie Campanelli was the school district leader for this event; there is a need for children sizes (3-12) and snow pants. Dick Bergstrom attended an MSBA Coffee and Conversation at which community engagement was discussed, had lunch at Washburn and was invited and attended a student council meeting, and shared the letter the School Board received from a fourth grade student at Washburn regarding a food service request. Nelly Korman attended meetings of the BSAC high school and middle school representatives, Oak Grove Middle School conferences, and the recent AMSD meeting presentations and awards. AMSD will hold its annual conference on November 28. The budget forecast will be released on December 5. She reported that the AMSD pre-delegate and delegate assemblies will be held in November/December—Nelly Korman, Maureen Bartolotta and Dick Bergstrom are delegates. AMSD and MSBA are working on legislative platforms, and that the Board Legislative Committee will meet after those meetings have occurred. As part of the MSBA Leadership Conference in January, there will be two programs on the topic of fostering good governance through diversity; she will be a speaker at one of them. Dawn Steigauf attended the Poplar Bridge rally, part of which was student led, flag raising ceremonies, Kennedy High School PTA meeting, the production of Anne Frank at Kennedy, and the PTSA Council meeting that focused on the role of school counselors and social workers.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted the Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremonies held at our schools on Friday, November 9. The ceremonies were conducted by three teams from the Bloomington based Minnesota Army National Guard. A sincere thank you to the men and women veterans who have served our country in the past and to those men and women who are currently serving. There will be a recognition of our veterans and active service members at the November 26 School Board meeting.

Upon invitation from the City Manager, the Superintendent participated in another meeting with City staff as they continue to discuss facility and amenity improvements needed and the community center.

The Superintendent met with members of the City's Sustainability Commission, which included Jefferson High School student Claire Carlson. The Commission advises the City Council on management and use of environmental resources. The Commission is considering adding an additional student representative. The Superintendent will consult with the Board Chair regarding a presentation from the Commission to the School Board.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk