

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

April 24, 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 April 24, 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, John Weisser, Tamra Sieve, and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Ric Oliva announced that the study session scheduled to take place at the conclusion of tonight’s Board meeting is canceled. Discussion topics for the study session were moved to the meeting agenda.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC
- 100th Anniversary of Bloomington Public Schools**— Governor Mark Dayton has issued a proclamation in honor of the District’s centennial year. Chair Ric Oliva read the proclamation.
- Diversity Day T-Shirt Design Winner**— For the eighth year, the Human Rights Commission reviewed and selected the Diversity Day t-shirt design contest winner. Youth Human Rights Commissioner Daniela Kunkel recognized Jefferson senior Madison Kuehn as the 2017 contest winner. Madison is a two-time design award winner. The original art is designed to incorporate the ideas of peace and diversity in Bloomington. Diversity Day 2017 is May 5. It is a collaborative community event held annually and co-sponsored by the District and the Human Rights Commission. The day features cultural information exhibits and a peace run between the two high schools. The peace run will start at Jefferson and end at Kennedy with a peace ceremony to follow. Richard Scott, Office of Educational Equity, highlighted the event and invited people to visit the students’ cultural booths at each high school.
- Volunteer Recognition Month Proclamation**— Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the attached proclamation (on file) declaring April as Volunteer Recognition Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Accepting the proclamation for Volunteer Connection Programs were Debbie Belfry, Coordinator; and Sue Martell, Placement Specialist; and for Metro South Adult Basic Education was Mary Jo Bayliss, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator. The powerpoint presentation highlighted the various categories and numbers of volunteers and partners supporting all learners of the Bloomington Public Schools—early learning through adult basic education. The report includes a video highlighting various volunteers sharing their experiences and what being part of the volunteer program means to them as well as Principal Paul Meyer emphasizing the value of all of our volunteers—programs and services, such as food service volunteers. Community partners were highlighted and include volunteers from colleges and universities doing service learning in early childhood through high school.

School Board Student Representative Reports—*Allie Andersen* reported on Jefferson High School activities: Diversity Day activities on May 5, ten Jefferson students were chosen to be in the third congressional district art competition, band solo and ensemble contest is April 25, district-wide food drive is this week—goal is 70,000 pounds, Jefferson Connection Show Choir honored Jeff Kelly who will be retiring, academic Scholarship breakfast held April 21, AP testing is this week, Prom is May 12, Jefferson theater presents *Aladdin* May 3-7, orchestra concert is May 15, choir concert is May 22, vote for Bloomington Ice Garden—one of two finalists as the best ice arena, coming up is the spring community forum hosted by Principal Jaysen Anderson. *Ethan Skophammer* reported on Kennedy High School activities: Principal Andy Beaton will be the new principal of Edina High School beginning next school year, Carol Kampa will be the interim principal at Kennedy, ten students' work was selected for the third congressional district art competition, *Little Shop of Horrors* will be presented April 27-30, student government is having a spring fling on May 19—Box City vigil, VEAP gala and the district's centennial celebration also are on May 19, donations to the food drive help—for cash contributions \$1 equals 5 pounds of food.

Southwood Center PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Team—Special Education Supervisor Carmen Meyer and team members Rachel Page, Jennifer Corcoran, Michelle McCarty, Jackie Simacek and Kellie Krick Oborn expressed appreciation to School Board members for Reading to early childhood special education classes. A brief video was shared along with a Seussical-type poem of thanks.

Government Classes—Jefferson students from Ms. Johnson's and Mr. Carlson's classes attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of our 12th grade government classes; observing a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, court proceeding, etc.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Items

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on March 27, 2017.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Resignations. Administrative Personnel: Resignation. Independent Personnel: Employment, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status. Resignation Agreement.

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*

MN Opportunity Corps

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves an agreement between Minnesota Opportunity Corps and Independent School District 271 with respect to the assignment of one (1) Minnesota Opportunity Corps member to perform services to help program participants become more self-sufficient.

Arvig for District Fiber Network

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Arvig for the location and maintenance services for the district fiber network.

CDW-G for District Fiber Network

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with CDW-G for the purchase of networking equipment.

Second Amendment Solar Gardens

- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves and directs its Chair to sign the attached (1) two Consent and Estoppel certificates, (2) the Second Amendment to Community Solar Garden Subscription Agreement, and (3) the Special Conditions Subscription Agreements related to the Agreement with SunEdison for the purpose of participating in a solar energy program.

4. *Finance*

Donations

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$10,900.00.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dawn Steigauf 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

Advisory Team Update

Superintendent Les Fujitake and BFT President Wendy Marczak updated the School Board on the work of the Advisory Team. The first meeting was held on March 28 at which time it was agreed to meet once a month. The administrative team is the Superintendent and the leaders of the three-component framework members: Eric Melbye (Instruction), Andy Kubas (Learning Supports) and John Weisser (Management). The BFT team is the President and three teachers: Anne Robertson (Normandale Hills), Ryan Meyering (Jefferson) and Shari Alm (Oak Grove Elementary). The Advisory Team developed two goals: Improve relationships, strengthen communications, give voice to teachers on the front line; and collaborate on planning, implementing, evaluation, and problem solving. Meetings are hosted at various sites and are scheduled for an hour to be respectful of people's time. The team has been meeting more frequently than once a month. Three meetings have been held. The next meeting is May 2 at Westwood. The team is off to a good start doing good work and all members participate equally. Members take turns facilitating the meetings. District values are upheld. Notes are shared via google docs and the leaders share the notes with their colleagues. Topics have been elementary assessment days and online learning.

On May 8, a recommendation from the committee will be presented to the School Board regarding elementary assessment days. Research is being conducted and other stakeholders (K-5 staff) are being included in the study. Currently Reading and Math assessments take 6-8 weeks to benchmark; options are being explored. Advisory Team will provide periodic reports to the School Board.

TIES Consortium
Withdrawal

Jim Sorum moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes and directs its Superintendent to issue a Notice of Withdrawal of the District's membership in the Technology and Information Educational Services [TIES] consortium effective June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, updated the School Board on plans related to TIES. This is a follow up to an update provided at the February 15 Board Retreat. Bloomington Public Schools has been a member of the TIES consortium for many years, using several major software products including TSIS (TIES Student Information System) and TIES HR/Finance database system. In spring 2015, TIES decided to discontinue TSIS and in 2016 to discontinue the HR/Finance database system. Bloomington Schools has adopted new systems and supporting services to replace each of these (see 6/15/16 discontinuation letter attached). In spring 2017, TIES adopted a new fee schedule increasing the cost of membership in the consortium from \$3.10 per student to \$5.00 per student. Given the transition to new services and the higher fee structure, Administration recommends withdrawal from the TIES consortium effective June 30, 2018. The District's legal counsel has drafted a notice of withdrawal (see attached).

Authorize 2017-2018
Expenditures

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes Administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2017-18 school year. These purchases will not exceed 5% of the 2016-17 General, Capital, Capital Projects Levy and Community Services budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

This preliminary authorization will enable the administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2017-18 school year. The 2016-17 budgets are:

General	\$133,054,593
Capital	\$ 4,542,860
Capital Projects Levy	\$ 7,260,039
Community Services	\$ 12,427,492

MDE Authorized
Representative/
IOwA

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that, the School Board of Independent School District 271 designates Cathy Turitto as the Identified Official with Authority with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for the External User Access Recertification System with authority to assign job duties and authorize external user access for MDE secure systems for Independent School District 271 – Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority to comply with State Access Control Security Standard 1.0, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will assign job duties and authorize external users access to MDE secure systems for its local education agency (LEA). Cathy Turitto is the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Dave Heistad, the Executive Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment.

Dr. Heistad recommends that the School Board authorize Cathy Turitto to act on his behalf as the Identified Official with Authority for the Bloomington Public Schools (District 0271-01). Ms. Turitto will enter the appropriate approvals as directed by Dr. Heistad. This School Board action will be forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Education as a matter of record.

Report of Closed Session

The School Board, Superintendent and members of Cabinet, met in Closed Session on March 27 for the purpose of discussing negotiations for all bargaining units. No School Board action was taken or required.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom expressed appreciation to all district staff members for what they do every day. Maureen Bartolotta encouraged participation in the Education Foundation of Bloomington golf classic scheduled for July 26, 2017. Golfers and volunteers welcomed. EFB also has a link to send a note to any school district staff member along with a "Scoops" ice cream coupon; cost is a \$5 donation, through April. She invited everyone to join in the centennial celebration on May 19. Jim Sorum and Dawn Steigauf highlighted the Special Education Community Advisory Council Special Caring Awards taking place April 25 honoring staff/students for extra effort in working with special needs students. Dawn Steigauf reported on the District Diversity Advisory Council meeting—curriculum review, equity needs assessment, diversity day and development of online learning courses (by Bloomington teachers) were topics of discussion. The Board Community Engagement Committee met and discussed referendum, legislative advocacy, centennial celebration, and a joint meeting with the City Council. The Bloomington Advocacy Council continues to advocate for funding and a new committee member is to be approved. April is Autism Awareness month. Ms. Steigauf expressed appreciation to the Superintendent district staff, previous board members and in particular special education leaders Pat Geraghty, Candy Lubansky, Eric Melbye and Jennifer McIntyre for their wisdom to make changes in special education programming. Nelly Korman reported that AMSD continues to monitor what is happening at the Legislature as does the Board Legislative Committee and the Bloomington Advisory Council. The BAC will be adding a teacher voice to the committee. Ric Oliva reported that the BAC continues its efforts to support money on the formula and conversations continue about the role of the BAC.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Plans for the next joint meeting of the School Board and City Council are being made Bill Morris will be presenting results of a community survey.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to establish a joint meeting of the School Board and City Council on Tuesday, May 30, at 7 pm at Civic Plaza in Council Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

The Bloomington Senior Achievement Recognition Banquet is Monday, April 3, at the Airport Hilton— 129 high school seniors (60+ from each of the two high schools) have been invited as guests of honor. The students ranking in the academic top 10% of the class of 2017 will be honored along with students who were selected for excellence in the areas of Arts, Curricular, Leadership, or Volunteerism. Thank you to our event sponsors—Mall of America, Education Foundation of Bloomington, Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, Jefferson PTSA, Kennedy PTSA, Daymakers Rotary, Bloomington Sun Current, Airport Hilton and the School Board.

The 2017 district-wide food drive started today and will go through Friday, April 28. This is a collaborative effort between the PTSA Council, the School Board, and the Board Student Advisory Council. The food drive benefits VEAP.

Bloomington Public Schools and the City of Bloomington are partnering to host a continuing education workshop for Realtors from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, April 26, at the Educational Services Center. The workshop will highlight city and school programs, and provide helpful information for realtors who list and sell homes in Bloomington and the surrounding area.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk