

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

September 10, 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 September 10, 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, Dave Heistad, Andy Kubas, and Rick Kaufman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations and Emergency Management, highlighted the joint full-scale emergency response exercises conducted three nights in August that included real life drilling involving police, fire and EMS from Allina Health responding to active shooter events. The exercise design team worked on planning the exercises for over a year ago. Special thanks to our partners Police Chief Jeff Potts, Fire Chief Uly Seal, Allina Health EMS South Metro Division Manager Jeff Lanenberg, and Hannah Hatch, Health Services Supervisor for Bloomington Public Schools, for their support and participation. Thanks to Police Commander Damon Bitney, Assistant Fire Chief Jay Forster, Paul McCullough, Emergency Management Consultant, our exercise evaluators Jeff Goldie, with the Hopkins school district, and Police Sgt. Ben Calhoun. Thank you was expressed to the 50 volunteer role players who participated in the active shooter scenarios. Two drills were executed on each of the three nights providing an opportunity for all involved to train for, assess, practice and improve emergency response in a risk-free environment. The exercises provided school and district emergency response teams to test capabilities, familiarize personnel with roles and responsibilities and interact and communicate with participating agencies. Guests shared their perspectives and observations emphasizing this was a valuable learning experience for all involved. Teams met and exceed the goals set for these exercises. Final debriefing and analysis of the evaluations will be conducted and shared with emergency response teams and will be part of revisions to current emergency operations and recovery plans.
- Joint Emergency Response Exercises
- Public Two 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 August 27, 2018.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments. Independent Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Actions

2. Grants

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts \$44,994 in grants from the Education Foundation of Bloomington to be used for selected educational projects.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the grant of \$48,336.00 from the Minnesota State Arts Board to be used for Arts Learning at Hillcrest Community School. The effective dates of the grant are September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

3. Contracts/Agreements

Hennepin County/
Transportation for
Foster Care Students

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Hennepin County and Independent School District 271. Effective dates for this Agreement are July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Lutheran Social Service
Foster Grandparents
Program

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Lutheran Social Service/Foster Grandparent Program and Independent School District 271, Volunteer Connection. Effective dates for the Memorandum of Understanding are October 15, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

Fraser Child and
Family Center

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the collaboration agreement with Fraser Child and Family Center to provide autism day treatment/mental health services to enrolled students in the early childhood special education program identified needing supports in the areas of autism. This collaboration agreement begins September 1, 2018 and is in effect for the 2018-2019 school year.

4. Finance

Tuition Rates
2018-2019

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes non-resident tuition rates to be charged for the 2018-2019 school year as follows:

Kindergarten – Grade 6	per student	\$14,992
Grades 7 – 12	per student	\$17,990

Dick Bergstrom moved, Nelly Korman 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

Athletic Event
Worker Wages

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) wage schedules for athletic event workers for 2018-2019, effective July 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

The Bloomington Public Schools hires workers to perform various duties at school athletic events. This resolution increases the athletic event worker wages by 2% for 2018-2019. These rates have been reviewed by the High School Activities Directors.

Pathways
to Career &
College

Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations, and Kate Martin, Marketing & Communications Manager, shared the new graphic developed for the refreshed Strategic Plan focusing on Pathways to Career and College. Special acknowledgement to Andrea George, Communications Specialist, who developed the infographic. The Office of Educational Equity provided valuable feedback for the original artwork developed for the new infographic. New posters are on display in our schools and information related to career and college will be in the next editions of *School Pages* to create awareness of the opportunities available to students. The new public service announcement video is being shared throughout the District via staff and parent meetings focusing on helping students make an informed decision regarding their high school and post-high school pathway. The infographic and the video are on the District website and will be available in Spanish and Somali versions as well.

Districtwide
Achievement Report

Dr. Dave Heistad, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment (REA) introduced new REA staff member Julio Ceasar, REA Specialist, and then presented to the School Board the Districtwide Achievement Report. Dr. Heistad provided a four-year overview of District demographics for various groups including free/reduced price lunch, special education, English learners, ethnic groups, percent attending 95% and percent suspended at least once. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) results for Reading and Mathematics by grade and year were presented. Analysis shows that attendance (no more than eight absences per year) correlate to how well students achieve in Math and Reading. Out of School Suspension information was provided noting that Dr. Melbye and his team are pursuing strategies to prevent suspensions, reduce disproportion, and look at options other than out of school suspension. Strategies to address attendance also are being reviewed. The District total for MAP Math growth by grade and year and by year and group declined slightly. MAP Reading growth by grade and year and group and year declined slightly. The Districtwide elementary Q-comp goals for MAP reading growth were not reached; goal was 61.2%; actual was 55.7%. Districtwide MAP Math growth by grade and year declined slightly while growth while MAP growth by year and group increased slightly. Dr. Heistad also reported on MCAIII results including comparisons to comparable school districts. Reading proficiency assessment results by group and year declined while Reading by grade and year was steady. Dr. Heistad mentioned that reasons for the slight declines may be due to change in curriculum and for this year's testing more attention will be given to students' testing environment and the amount of time taken by students to complete testing; often times students are rushing through the test. Math and Reading growth on the MCAIII was similar between Bloomington and statewide totals.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Dick Bergstrom attended the PTSA Leadership Academy in place of Dawn Steigauf, visited Washburn, greeted students at Jefferson on the first day of school, and highlighted the newly remodeled cafeteria at Jefferson. Mr. Bergstrom reminded drivers in the community that with buses back transporting students to and from school, please slow down. Nelly Korman reported on the AMSD meeting and shared information on the Cruz-Guzman lawsuit, ways to engage legislators, and the Morris Leatherman presentation. Beth Beebe visited Olson Elementary, highlighted the upcoming Kennedy High School Athletic Hall of Fame recognition during the football game on Friday and the upcoming K-12 education hearing at the Capitol. Dawn Steigauf visited Westwood and Poplar Bridge on the first day of school.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake expressed appreciation to all staff for another successful new school year beginning. Mayor Winstead joined the Superintendent in greeting students and parents at Westwood Elementary School.

Jefferson High School Social Studies Teacher Sarah Dahl-Wyland has been named a 2018 American Geography Society Geography Teacher Fellow. She is one of 50 teachers selected from across the country.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk