

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

November 26, 2012

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Melissa Halvorson Wiklund at 7:00 p.m. on November 26, 2012, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Arlene Bush moved, Tim Culver seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Human Rights Day Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) recognizing December 10, 2012 as Human Rights Day in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.
- Bloomington Human Rights Commissioner Dennis Kane accepted the proclamation.
- Family Center The Bloomington/Richfield Family Center's preschool programs have earned four out of a possible four stars on the Parent Aware ratings. The Parent Aware system helps parents find high quality early childhood programs that will nurture their children and prepare them for school and life. The Bloomington/Richfield Family Center is one of the first in the state to earn the award. The preschool programs include Kinderprep, Kids Count and Bright Beginnings. The Parent Aware star rating system measures the best practices that are most predictive of school readiness. Criteria for the award selection is based on curriculum, assessment, teacher qualifications and professional development. Parent Aware is led by the Minnesota Department of Human Services in coordination with the Minnesota Office of Early Learning.
- Parent Aware Rating

Carol Huttner, Director of Youth and Family Programs, and Kay Miller, Youth & Family Education Coordinator, expressed appreciation to the prekindergarten programs staff for their work and to the School Board and District Administration for supporting the early childhood education over the years.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on November 13, 2012.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Employment, Employment Correction, Rescission of Placement of a Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence. Classified Personnel: Termination, Retirements, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.

Non-Resident

Student Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 18 and 12 students are leaving.

2. *Field Trip Approval*

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

3. *Grants*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the donation of \$2,000.00 from the Education Foundation of Bloomington to be used by Indian Education in the creation of Learning Trunks.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Older Adults Fitness

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 – Older Adult Fitness Programs. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

Student Teaching
St. Scholastica

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with the College of St. Scholastica. This agreement will be in effect from November 9, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

Student Teaching
Hamline

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Hamline University. This agreement will be in effect from November 9, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

Student Teaching
Augsburg

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Augsburg College. This agreement will be in effect from November 15, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

- Capernaum Pediatric Therapy
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School 271 approves a contract between Capernaum Pediatric Therapy, Inc. and Independent School District 271 for occupational therapy services by a licensed occupational therapist and/or certified occupational therapy assistant to students with disabilities who have an IEP documenting the need for such services. The term of the contract is November 26, 2012 through January 2, 2013. The cost for these services will not exceed \$6,000.

5. *Finance*

- Donations
- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$11,192.45.
- Finance Reports
- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of October 2012.
- Receipts/Disbursements
- c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted

Dick Bergstrom moved, Arlene Bush 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

Developing a Process to Fill a Board Vacancy

Mark Hibbs moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the appointment of an existing committee, the Superintendent Evaluation Committee, to develop a process for filling the upcoming vacancy on the School Board. This process is to include a timeline and application requirements and will be brought to the School Board on December 10th for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be a vacancy on the School Board created by Melissa Halvorson Wiklund being elected to the Senate beginning in January 2013; there will be one year remaining in her term of office. Board members discussed a variety of components regarding a process to fill the vacancy i.e. the timeline to have the position filled—some expressed concern for going too long with a vacant seat as process planning should have begun earlier; value of appointing an experienced person to complete the term versus value of appointing someone who wishes to run for a four-year term in the next election—which would create an unfair advantage or could be viewed as a valuable trial experience. School Board members are invited to provide input to the committee as the process is being developed. The Superintendent Evaluation Committee members are Mark Hibbs (Chair), Dick Bergstrom and Tim Culver. The committee will present a process to the full Board for consideration at the next School Board meeting (December 10).

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom highlighted the Ridgeview Family Breakfast celebrating the school's 50 years and the spaghetti dinner event sponsored by the Office of Educational Equity. Arlene Bush reported on the Metropolitan Learning Alliance meeting.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that there is a School Board study session scheduled on December 3 at 7 p.m. The topic will be the report of the District's community survey conducted by Decision Resources. Bill Morris, President of Decision Resources, will present the survey findings.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Tim Culver moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk