

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

November 26, 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 26, 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; Tom Bennett, and Jim Sorum.
- Member Absent Beth Beebe.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye and Rick Kaufman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chair Steigauf invited SSG Ralph Blystone and SFC Robert Hardin of the Minnesota Army National Guard, HHC 1/34th ABCT Division, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. These servicemen were part of and/or helped organize the three teams that conducted flag raising ceremonies at our schools in honor of Veterans Day.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Honoring Veterans/Active Armed Forces Members The School Board expressed appreciation to our veterans and active members of our armed forces for their service in keeping our country safe and protecting our freedom. School Board member Jim Sorum, a veteran with the U.S. Navy, shared some of the activities our schools/ students participated in to honor our service men and women. Melissa Riebel, School and Community Engagement Coordinator at Kennedy High School, along with two Kennedy students and a teacher, provided examples of how the generosity of the American Legion and VFW has supported students in the areas of athletics and activities and the Kennedy Community Alliance. Honorees representing veterans and active or reserve service men and women included Commander Rick Warren, American Legion Earl C. Hill Post 550; Commander Loren Swenson, VFW Everett McClay Post 1296; SSG Ralph Blystone and SFC Robert Hardin, Minnesota Army National Guard; and Chief Petty Officer Josh Daubenmeyer, U.S. Navy and an Oak Grove Elementary School parent. Student School Board Representative Jackson Domagala expressed appreciation to all of our armed forces representatives both veterans and those currently serving. He thanked the Commanders for the continued support from both of their organizations to the students of Bloomington Public Schools and to the active service members for the sacrifices made by them and their families for our freedom. The honorees were presented with thank you letters from Oak Grove Middle School students. Jim Sorum is a member of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Organization, which supports military families in a variety of ways; if there is a financial need, school counselors are able to assist in connecting students/families to resources.

Human Rights Day
Proclamation

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) proclaiming December 10, 2018, as Human Rights Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Bloomington Human Rights Youth Commissioner Angela Kunkel accepted the proclamation. Ms. Kunkel is a student at Jefferson High School. She also highlighted the Omar Bonderud Award recognition being held on December 3 at Bloomington Civic Plaza. Dennis Kane is this year's award recipient.

Friend

The School District is fortunate to have businesses, organizations, faith communities and individuals who partner with us to provide educational opportunities and support our learners and the Bloomington community. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes our "Friends" of education.

Kennedy High School Principal Carol Kampa introduced *Youth Frontiers* – an organization inspiring character through retreats that build positive school communities. Youth Frontiers reaches kids at critical ages and provides dynamic experiences that enhance self-awareness, empathy and connectedness. Focusing on communicating with youth on the topics of respect, integrity, courage and compassion, for thirty years Youth Frontiers has worked with Bloomington students in the form of freshman retreats, as well as conducting middle school and elementary school student sessions. Accepting the recognition was Todd Maas, Lead Retreat Facilitator/Manager, who is a Kennedy High School graduate, lives in Bloomington and has a student in the District. Also in attendance was Cheri Keepers, School Relations Department Manager for Youth Frontiers. Joe Cavanaugh, is the CEO and Founder of Youth Frontiers.

National Merit Scholars
Kennedy High School

The School Board recognized and presented a Certificate of Achievement to Kennedy High School National Merit Scholars. Principal Carol Kampa highlighted the program and the accomplishments of the two students achieving national merit designations. Max Mallinger is a semifinalist. Upon completing some additional requirements this year, he 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 including 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. Kennedy's Skylar (Sophie) Volden is a commended scholar.

Student Board
Representative
Reports

Ally Starks reported on Kennedy High School activities—thirty students, two from each department, were recognized for their achievements; the College and Career Center had six college visits in November three of which were technical colleges; Koffi Gbektele was named to the Minnesota football all star team; four students were part of signing day—a commitment to college teams—Ben Cradle, Victoria Miller, Destinee Oberg and Emily Smeltzer; Emily also has been named a Wendy’s High School Heisman winner and will receive a \$500 college scholarship; trimester finals are Wednesday and Thursday with early release days.

Jackson Domagala reported on Jefferson High School activities—finals Wednesday and Thursday—early release days appreciated; Jefferson Theater Company will perform *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* December 6-8. Cancer awareness week was recognized-- JAG Corps sold t-shirt’s—\$1,000 was raised; during Thanksgiving break the Jefferson High School Marching Band performed in a holiday parade in Hollywood; and the Jets Adapted Soccer Team made an impressive run at the state tournament. Winter sports have begun with a boys basketball scrimmage coming up and a win by the girls hockey team.

Public

None.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on November 13, 2018.
- b. Classified Personnel:
Termination, 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. *Finance*
Donations

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$5,207.45.

Finance Reports

- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of October 2018.

Receipts/
Disbursements

- c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of October 2018.

Maureen Bartolotta 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

Graduation Fee
2019

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the graduation fee of \$60.00 per student for Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

District administration, in consultation with high school administration, recommended no increase to the graduation fee for students who will graduate in June 2019. The fee remains at \$60.00 per student. Per MN Statute 123B.27, graduation fees are not charged for graduation caps, gowns and diplomas.

Student Parking
Fees 2019-2020

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Parking Fees for Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School at \$270 per year (\$90 per trimester) for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended that the parking fee remain unchanged. Fees help pay for the cost of the parking lot attendance and maintenance.

Student Instrument
User Fees 2019-2020

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Instrument User Fees for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended that current instrument user fees remain the same. Fees are used for high school uniforms and instrument replacement. There is no fee for elementary school students.

Student Athletic
Fees 2019-2020

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Student Athletic Fees for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

There is an increase in Student Athletic Fees for 2019-2020. Expenditures are increasing (in particular official's fees and transportation costs). Fees have not been raised since 2013. High school athletic fees increased \$10 per sport. Middle school, adaptive athletic fees and the strength and conditioning program increased by \$5. Student and family maximums increased by \$20. Effective July 1, 2019, the student maximum will go from \$430 to \$450. The family maximum will go from \$730 to \$750.

Student Activity
Fees 2019-2020

Nelly Korman moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Activity Fees for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

There is an increase in Student Activity Fees for 2019-2020. Expenditures are increasing and fees have not been raised since 2013. There is a \$5 increase per activity except for Jazz Band. Student and family maximums increased by \$20. Effective July 1, 2019, the student maximum will go from \$105 to \$125. The family maximum will go from \$190 to \$210.

Student/Adult
Admission Fees
for Activities
2019-2020

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student/Adult Fees for Activities for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended that current student/adult fees for activities remain the same.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman attended a session of the housing coalition; conversation pertained to housing and homelessness; Kennedy High School spaghetti dinner and fundraiser at which different musical groups performed. Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman attended the MSBA Pre-Delegate Assembly at which 22 resolutions from various school districts were presented to MSBA for consideration. The MSBA Delegate Assembly will be November 30 and December 1 at which time proposed resolutions will be voted upon to determine the MSBA legislative platform for the 2019 session. Nelly Korman highlighted the MSBA Pre-Delegate Assembly and will attend the AMSD Annual Conference on November 28— Ensuring Equity, Access and Opportunity for All Students. Jim Sorum highlighted the flag raising ceremonies at elementary schools; format includes the entire school attending and singing patriotic songs; attended a quarterly meeting of the Community Education Advisory Council; Jenna Smith from the City was a speaker. Tom Bennett participated in the Normandale Hills fifth grade field trip to Camp Audubon and attended the BSAC meeting of the high school representatives; they are working on their vision and goals for this year with the theme of One Bloomington. Dawn Steigauf attended the Kennedy High School spaghetti dinner, a meeting of the Special Education Community Advisory Council at which Robin Bloom gave an update on the changes to the Transitions Program and this week will be attending a meeting of the District Calendar Committee that is developing the 2019-2020 school calendar.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake asked for a motion to cancel the School Board meeting scheduled for December 24. So moved by Dick Bergstrom, seconded by Jim Sorum. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon invitation from the City Manager, the Superintendent participated in a meeting to discuss programming for the possible new community center.

Superintendent Les Fujitake met with the President Rich Wagner of Dunwoody College to explore possible collaborations.

In preparation for the upcoming legislative session, the Superintendent is working with the Governor-Elect.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk