

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota**

**November 9, 2009**

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 271, was called to order by Chair Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on November 9, 2009, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Jim Sorum, Vice Chair; Maureen Peterson, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Chuck Walter.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton, Rick Kaufman, Stacy Colebrook-Robjent and Joan Bernard.
- Attorney Present Kingsley Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Arlene Bush moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. CANVASSING OF 2009 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION Chuck Walter moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, the following resolution:
- WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 has canvassed the election returns, therefore, be it resolved, that the School Board hereby declares the following candidates elected to four year terms, beginning January 4, 2010:
- Arlene Bush, Tim Culver, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund and Mark Hibbs.
- And Clerk of said Board is instructed to so notify the candidates according to law.

VOTE RECAP

Ruth Adu-Gyamfi	204
Lisa H. Bowen	1,094
Arlene Bush	2,479
Marcie Coval	1,369
Amanda Crombie	1,327
Tim Culver	3,028
Julie Frankhouser	1,843
Larry A. Frost	1,518
Melissa Halvorson Wiklund	3,561

Mark Hibbs	2,259
Matthew Pawlowski	1,563
Maureen Peterson	2,131
William Reichert	2,123
Melissa Riebel	1,823
Dan Wallerus	1,533
Write Ins	84
Undervotes	6,741
Overvotes	8

Motion carried unanimously.

V. RECOGNITION  
OF THE PUBLIC

Citizenship/Voting

The Bloomington Public Schools, Bloomington Daymakers Rotary and the City of Bloomington work cooperatively to provide the Take Your Child to Vote project to promote citizenship with students. This project coincides with Character Education studies in the classroom and Election Day. This is the tenth year of the project. Elementary and middle school students learned about citizenship, rights and responsibilities and the power of freedom to vote. On Election Day, November 3, parents brought their children to the polls to see actual precinct locations and witness the voting process. There was a special voting box at each polling place for students to deposit their own Message of Citizenship and they received a citizenship sticker. The Rotary Club paid for teacher resource packets, voting boxes and stickers. Rotary members compiled the Citizenship Messages, with the entire project being facilitated by the school district and the City Clerk's office. In attendance at the School Board meeting were Olson Middle School students who read Messages of Citizenship collected from the special voting boxes at the polling places. Andy Atwood, Bloomington Daymakers Rotary, and Debbie Belfry, the District's Career Development Coordinator, provided highlights of this year's project.

KHS Interim  
Principal

Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro introduced Dr. Bruce Santerre, who has been named Interim Principal at Kennedy High School for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Santerre was the principal at Northfield High School from 1997-2006 before retiring. Prior to his tenure in Northfield he was assistant principal at Stillwater High School from 1986-1997. During his career he also has served as dean of students, chemical awareness coordinator, science teacher, and coach. In 2007 he was the Interim Director at the Perpich Arts High School in Golden Valley.

American Education  
Week

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation proclaiming November 15-21, 2009, as American Education Week in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

***American Education Week Proclamation***

*WHEREAS, throughout American history, schools have helped democratize our nation, strengthen our communities and widen opportunities for all people; and*

*WHEREAS, by integrating different groups through commonly shared values, schools prepare this nation's diverse population to live harmoniously in a democratic society; and*

*WHEREAS, for generations, our schools have answered the call to develop and challenge the future leaders of our families, our communities and our nation; and*

*WHEREAS, there is no greater legacy than the sound education of our children and the continuing education of our adults;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, members of the Bloomington Board of Education, proclaim in the Bloomington Public Schools that November 15-21, 2009, be observed as the 88th anniversary of American Education Week.*

Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro, Assistant Superintendent, highlighted American Education Week as an annual observance emphasizing the essential role of public schools in developing democracy, integrating diverse groups around shared civic values, developing skills and knowledge and fostering the nation's future leaders. All school district staff members are a part of a child's educational experience. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of all Bloomington School District staff were leaders and representatives from the District's various employee groups and the PTSA Council.

National Merit  
Scholars

#### **National Merit 2010 Scholarship Program Semifinalists**

Three Bloomington High School students have been named semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program for 2010. Kennedy's Peter Schuster and Jefferson's Grant Abrams and Grace Kroner. These students will be in the running for one of the merit scholarship awards that will be offered next spring. More than 1.5 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2010 National Merit Program by taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit scholarship qualifying test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

#### **National Merit 2010 Scholarship Program Commended Students**

National Merit Commended Student status recognizes exceptional academic promise. Commended students are Kennedy's Molly Bostrom and Jefferson's Samantha Feulner, Carissa Henke, Sarah Marti, Jacob McNaughton, Lauren Murphy, Sara Olstad and Jacob Sandry. These students place among the top five percent of their national Class of 2010 on the PSAT.

Jefferson  
Blue Ribbon  
School

#### **Jefferson High School – 2009 National Blue Ribbon School**

Jefferson High School is one of three Minnesota high schools named a 2009 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. The award honors public and private schools that have made significant progress in student achievement under the No Child Left Behind Act. Assistant Principal Deborah Holman and teacher Art Seplak highlighted the ceremony in Washington, D.C. A celebration is being planned for the spring.

Principal Steve Hill shared that this is the highest honor a high school can receive. This year only 42 public and non-public high schools in the nation received this award.

Only 20 public high schools in Minnesota have received this designation since the U.S. Department of Education began recognizing outstanding schools in 1982. The last Blue Ribbon award issued to a high school occurred in 2001. Nine of Bloomington's 15 public schools now have earned the National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence designation. The schools include, Hillcrest Community Schools (2007), Oak Grove Elementary School (2007), Normandale Hills Elementary (2004), Hillcrest Community (1997), Oak Grove Intermediate (1994), Oak Grove Junior High (1987), Poplar Bridge Elementary (1986), and Kennedy High School (1985).

National Community  
Education Day

Maureen Peterson moved, Jim Sorum seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached proclamation declaring November 17, 2009, as "*Community Education on the Rise*" National Community Education Day a celebration of Community Education programs and services. Motion carried unanimously.

***National Community Education Day Proclamation***

*WHEREAS, there is an increasing public insistence that all levels of government become more responsive to citizen needs and desires; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a limited amount of tax money and other resources, both human and physical, available to meet public demand for facilities, programs, and services; and*

*WHEREAS, full use of existing public facilities, programs, and services is a desirable community goal; and*

*WHEREAS, community education philosophy advocates full use of public facilities, programs, and services by every age group in the community; and*

*WHEREAS, community education philosophy assumes that when local communities identify their own needs and resources and public agencies work cooperatively, community betterment will result; and*

*WHEREAS, agency coordination and cooperation improve public service and maximize the use of tax money; and*

*WHEREAS, the involvement of local communities is essential to the development of community education programs; and*

*WHEREAS, November 17, 2009, has been proclaimed "National Community Education Day" by joint resolution of Congress and by authorization of The President of the United States, and*

*WHEREAS, the theme of National Community Education Day in 2009 is "Community Education on the Rise."*

*NOW THEREFORE, The Bloomington Board of Education does hereby proclaim November 17, 2009, as National Community Education Day and call upon Bloomington citizens to recognize and participate in this special observance.*

The "*Community Education on the Rise*" National Community Education Day is a celebration to recognize and support the strong relationships between communities and the public schools that serve them, by highlighting the positive impact that Community Education programs play in communities. Community Education offers enrichment to early childhood learners to elderly learners with a wide range of classes offered. Community Education also enriches the community by offering after school programming to youth.

Accepting the proclamation was Tom Holton, Executive Director of Community Education for Bloomington and Richfield school districts. Free programs and activities are planned for November 17 along with an open house at SHAPE.

MCEA  
Educator Award

**2009 Community Educator Award – Tamra Sieve**

The Community Educator award is presented to a Community Education director, coordinator or other professional who has exemplified, promoted and supported the Community Education concept and philosophy within his/her community and made a significant contribution to the growth and advancement of community education outside his/her district. Tamra Sieve, Director of Adult Programs, received the award for population over 15,000. The award was presented at the Minnesota Community Education Association conference held at the River Centre in St. Paul on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chemical Health  
Week

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 proclaims the week of November 16-20, 2009, Minnesota Chemical Health Week in Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

***Chemical Health Week Proclamation***

*WHEREAS, alcohol and other drug abuse in the United States severely affects individuals, families, schools and communities and;*

*WHEREAS, the color RED has been chosen to represent individual and community commitment efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse in our community and;*

*WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, neighborhoods, youth, senior citizens and other individuals are encouraged to demonstrate their commitment to helping reduce and prevent alcohol and other drug abuse by wearing and/or displaying the color RED during Minnesota Chemical Health Week, and wearing and/or displaying a RED RIBBON;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Bloomington Public Schools does hereby declare November 16-20, 2009, Minnesota Chemical Health Week in Bloomington Public Schools and encourages its students, staff and families to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free community.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Board of Bloomington encourages all students, staff, and parents to support alcohol and other drug abuse prevention efforts year round.*

Terry McCarthy, Jefferson High School Chemical Awareness Coordinator, accepted the proclamation. Chemical Health Week is set aside to create an awareness of substance abuse and encourage a commitment to prevention. Many activities will be going on in the schools. Ms. McCarthy emphasized that although this is a special week of observing chemical health awareness, safe and drug free schools are a year round focus in the Bloomington Public Schools.

Friends                      The School Board recognizes the contributions made by organizations and business partners.

BUY                              Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) is a group of community members, both adult and youth, who work to engage the entire community of Bloomington in the positive development of youth. BUY works to spread awareness of the 40 Developmental Assets developed by Search Institute and to help the community keep the five promises to youth developed by the America's Promise Organization. The promises are "Caring Adults," "Safe Places," "Healthy Start," "Effective Education," and "Opportunities to Help Others." Bloomington United for Youth recognized youth who took the "Opportunities to Help Others" promise to heart and volunteered in the community, and the adults in the community who have fulfilled the "Caring Adults" promise. Dick Ramberg, founder of Bloomington United for Youth, along with Tom Ringdal, Co-Chair for BUY, and member Rachel Berkowitz highlighted the initiatives, which includes Central Grounds, now located at Creekside Center. Mary Allen has been a coordinator and advocate for BUY for many years. She was unable to join us this evening.

VI.      PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on October 12, 2009, and Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 4, 2009.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.  
Administrative Personnel: Resignation, Employment.  
Independent Personnel: Resignation, Change of Status.  
Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.

Non-Resident  
Student Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2009-2010:  
Students entering Bloomington total 29 and 31 students leaving.

2. *Contracts/Agreements*  
Student Teaching

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with The College of St. Scholastica. This agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

3. *Finance*  
Gifts/Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$27,087.36.

Receipts/Disbursements

b. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Chuck Walter moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PART B  
BCPA Grants

Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts grants totaling \$18,400 from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association (BCPA) for school district violence prevention activities during the 2010 calendar year. Motion carried unanimously.

For this funding period, the total dollar amount awarded by the BCPA to school district violence prevention activities is \$18,400 (list on file). The funds are generated from the annual Book'Em sale. In February 2009, the amount awarded was \$13,700. In addition, \$20,000 has been awarded to programs that impact Bloomington youth, \$10,000 each to Cornerstone Advocacy Service and the Playground Partnership program.

Education Foundation  
Grants

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the \$24,613 grant from the Education Foundation of Bloomington to be used for selected educational projects. Motion carried unanimously.

The Education Foundation of Bloomington funds innovative educational projects in schools and programs of the Bloomington School District. The Education Foundation Board approved 21 grants totaling \$24,613 (list on file). Renee Raming, Education Foundation representative, highlighted a few of the grant projects. Funding for the grants is generated through the annual "Chip In for Schools" golf tournament held in August.

AYP Improvement  
Plans—District,  
VVE & WB

Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro, Assistant Superintendent, and Beth Anderson, Director of Curriculum for Elementary Schools updated the School Board on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) improvement plans for the District, Valley View Elementary and Washburn Elementary. The District and seven of the fifteen schools did not make AYP in 2009. Student groups not making AYP districtwide in both Reading and Math included Hispanic, LEP, Special Education and Free and Reduced Lunch groups. The Black student group did not make AYP in Math only. In the last four years, Bloomington Public Schools has seen a substantial increase in the number of students in the groups that are historically most at-risk. *Strategies* to address the issue include Continuous Improvement Planning (CIP), Response to Intervention (RtI) and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Sheltered Instructional Observation Protocols (SIOP), Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), Personal Learning Plans (PLPs), The We Believe Alliance, Magnet School(s) and Common Principles of Effective Practice (CPEP). *Professional Development* components will include .5 FTE District Mentor for second year teachers, .5 FTE RtI Coach, teacher observations, literacy leaders for elementary and secondary, Algebra study, Region 11 Math teacher Academy and Region 11 STEM training.

*Parent Involvement* will be addressed through the We Believe Alliance—a community liaison will work with Washburn and Westwood Elementary Schools. The schools will identify students in grades K-3 who are below grade level in Reading and living in poverty. Liaison will work with families to connect them to community resources for unmet basic needs including health and mental health services. The We Believe Alliance has two (2) Reading Corps members working as family liaisons with the Initiative for Lasting Change. These positions will work with Washburn and Westwood to support existing family skills of their children at home.

In Spring 2009, Washburn students not making AYP in Reading included Hispanic and LEP groups. The Hispanic student group did not make AYP in Math. Washburn Elementary AYP Status is Stage 1.1—10% of Title I funds set aside for professional development, create and maintain a Continuous Improvement Plan and provide free transportation to another school at parent request (enrollment period is August through beginning of September). District level Federal Title I funds cover cost of transportation. Staff Development focus will include: Reading First Grant, Rtl, Reading Corp, Alternate Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS), PLCs, Curriculum Alignment and Parent Involvement.

In Spring 2009, Valley View Elementary students not making AYP in Reading included Hispanic, Special Education and Free/Reduced Price Lunch groups. The Special Education student group did not make AYP in Math. Valley View Elementary AYP Status is Stage 2.1—10% of Title I funds set aside for professional development, create and maintain a Continuous Improvement Plan, provide free transportation to another school at parent request (enrollment period is August through beginning of September). District level Federal Title I funds cover cost of transportation, provide free Supplemental Education Services (SES) to qualified students. District level Federal Title I funds cover cost of transportation. Staff Development focus will include: Magnet School, SIOP, IDI, Rtl, ADSIS, PLCs and Parent Involvement.

Extended Field Trip  
Olson Middle School

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science students from Olson Middle School to participate in a trip to YMCA Camp Widjiwagan in Ely, Minnesota. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson Middle School teachers Greg Gilbert, Adam Kimpton and Kathleen Stauble submitted the Extended Field Trip Application for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel to Ely, Minnesota, from March 9-12, 2010. Students will be receiving instruction at the destination site for four (4) days. Per Regulation 610, Board approval is needed for the trip. The purpose of the trip is to provide a wilderness experience, group building and environmental education.

Extended Field Trip  
Jefferson

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for a group of students from Jefferson High School to travel to France. Motion carried unanimously.

Constance Van Blarcum and 3-4 adult chaperones will accompany 20-25 Jefferson High School students to Paris, Avignon, and Nice, France. Travel dates are April 1-9, 2010 (Spring Break). The purpose of the trip is to study art, architecture, history, language and the culture. Per Regulation 610, Board approval is required for field trips outside the Continental U.S. All provisions of Regulation 610 have been met in a timely manner.

School Calendar  
2010-2011

Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves Calendar A for the 2010-2011 school year, with a start date of September 7, 2010, per current Minnesota Statute 120A.40, and that Calendar B, with a start date of September 1, 2010, also be approved in the event the State Legislature waives or changes Statute 120A.40 during the upcoming legislative session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Calendar Planning Team developed the school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. Administrative Cabinet, Principals, and the Labor Management Committee reviewed the proposed calendar. Minnesota Statute 120A.40 states that a school district must not begin school before Labor Day. Calendar A meets this requirement, with a start date of Tuesday, September 7, 2010, the day after Labor Day. Calendar B has a start date of September 1, 2010. In the event that prior to March 12, 2010, the State Legislature waives or changes Minnesota Statute 120A.40, to allow districts to begin before Labor Day, Calendar B will be implemented. Director Walter served as the Board representative on Calendar Committee.

Course Fees  
2010-2011

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves middle school and high school course fees for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with MN Statutes § 123B.35 and 123B.36, school districts have the right to establish fees in areas considered extracurricular, noncurricular or supplemental to the requirements for the successful completion of a class or educational program. By approving fees at this time, the fees can be included in the high school registration guides for 2010-2011. After consultation with middle and high school principals, the administration recommends: no change to fees for middle school courses and changes to fees for some high school courses (list on file).

Facilities Planning  
for Success

Jim Sorum moved, Chuck Walter seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Bloomington Public Schools Facilities: Planning for Success Report.

Planning for Success was the process used for the purpose of updating the District's Facilities Master Plan. The District's previous plan was prepared in March 1999. A supplemental Community Education Facilities plan was prepared in May 2001. The Committee, comprised of 33 individuals representing parents, teachers, administrators and program directors, met 13 times from May through October. Their task was to examine the overall facilities needs of the District over the next five years and make recommendations to the School Board for future planning. Preliminary recommendations were presented to the School Board in September with the final report presented at the October 12 School Board meeting. A copy of the final report is available on the District's website. The Committee's recommendations are attached (on file).

Tim Culver moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, to amend the motion to state that the School Board accepts the Bloomington Public Schools "Citizen Planning Advisory Committee" Facilities Planning for Success Report. On roll call vote Tim Culver and Maureen Peterson voted aye, Chuck Walter, Jim Sorum, Maureen Bartolotta, Arlene Bush and Mark Hibbs voted nay. Motion failed 2-5.

School Board members discussed aspects of the report. Directors Hibbs and Culver indicated they could not support acceptance of the report in that it did not address the issues related to the Bloomington stadium property.

Tim Culver moved to table this item for discussion at the January Workshop. Motion died for lack of a second.

The School Board and Administration appreciate the work of the Committee and accept the Facilities Planning for Success final report. It was noted that acceptance of a committee report by the School Board does not constitute acceptance of recommendations that may be made as a part of a final report by a committee. Recommendations needing action by the School Board as a result of committee work are brought forth by separate resolution.

Chair Bartolotta called for the vote on the original motion to accept the report. On roll call vote Chuck Walter, Jim Sorum, Maureen Bartolotta, Arlene Bush and Maureen Peterson voted aye. Tim Culver and Mark Hibbs voted nay. Motion passed 5-2.

Special Ed/  
Olson Middle  
School Remodel

Chuck Walter moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Administration's plan to implement the Facilities Planning for Success Committee recommendation to remodel Olson Middle School.

Tim Culver moved to strike the reference to the Facilities Planning for Success Committee. Motion died for lack of a second.

The District is committed to bringing back special services programs from Intermediate School District 287 in order to improve delivery to residents of Bloomington Public Schools. One of the outcomes of this effort is a reduction in costs for delivering these programs. The programs being reclaimed from Intermediate School District 287 require additional square footage. They are temporarily housed in various locations throughout the District. Re-purposing space at Olson Middle School would increase utilization and efficiency of that facility, and provide a permanent home for the Transitions program. The cost of the project is \$1.7 million with completion expected mid August 2010. The remodel will reduce outsourcing costs and will generate a net cost savings of an estimated \$400,000 per year.

Chair Bartolotta called for the vote on the original motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Turf Project

Jim Sorum moved, Chuck Walter seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Administration's plan to implement the Facilities Planning for Success Committee recommendation to install artificial turf on one field each at Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools.

Tim Culver moved to strike the reference to the Facilities Planning for Success Committee. Motion died for lack of a second.

The Administration's plan to install artificial turf on one field each at Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools is set forth in tonight's powerpoint presentation. The Board of Education originally approved the artificial turf project in Fall 2009 as part of the Pay 09 General Levy adoption. In late 2009, the project was put on temporary hold due to the uncertain economic conditions and likely decrease in state funding for schools. The current recommendation is to initiate the project that is currently on-hold. The basis for the recommendation is the same as presented in 2009. The use of Bloomington Stadium by numerous high school varsity-level sports has caused a serious deterioration of the playing surface and ability for it to regenerate. As a result, players are at higher risk for injury. Installation of artificial turf at each high school will alleviate the need to play varsity level lacrosse and soccer (boys and girls) at the Stadium, thus reducing the potential for player injury. The cost of the project is \$2.1 million with completion expected mid August 2010.

School Board members discussed the turf project and the stadium turf. Director Hibbs suggested that he would like to see possible options/scenarios/courses of action brought forth regarding the stadium property and provide an opportunity for the community to react. He further suggested that perhaps the Facilities Committee could do more work on this topic in that members have background.

Chair Bartolotta called for the vote on the original motion. On roll call vote Chuck Walter, Maureen Peterson, Jim Sorum, Maureen Bartolotta, Arlene Bush and Mark Hibbs voted aye Tim Culver voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

- VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS Jim Sorum highlighted the opening of the Fairview Pond Center Clinic as of October 27.
- IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Les Fujitake congratulated returning School Board members and to Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, a new Board member. New four-year terms officially begin the first Monday of January. Oaths of Office will be administered at the January 11<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting of the School Board.

Mr. Fujitake expressed appreciation to Maureen Peterson for her service on the School Board for four years. We will have an opportunity to thank her at the December 14 meeting.

A Board Workshop is scheduled for November 16 at 6 p.m. Agenda items include Valley View Middle School AYP update, 2009 enrollment report, property tax levy update and designated project funds.

Arlene Bush moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to establish an additional Board Workshop on Monday, November 23, at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Agenda topics will be middle school census driven staffing, high school schedule and process for boundary adjustments.

Parents who wish to get an early start on preparing their children for Kindergarten next year are invited to a special Kindergarten Express to Success informational meeting from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, at the Pond Family Center. The District is offering this opportunity to assist parents in choosing a school Kindergarten program for the 2010-11 school year. Kindergarten registration begins in late January, but understanding classroom curriculum and activities, expectations, school readiness and other important tips is very beneficial to preparing children and parents. The event is open to all parents who are considering enrolling a child in a Bloomington Public Schools Kindergarten program.

- X. OTHER None.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Maureen Peterson, Clerk