

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

December 14, 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 December 14, 2009, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th 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, Pat Geraghty, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton, Stacy Colebrook-Robjent and Joan Bernard.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Chuck Walter moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to approve the agenda. Arlene Bush moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to amend the agenda by adding the Intermediate District 287 North Area Facility Discussion under "OTHER." Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC The School Board recognizes the contributions made by organizations and business partners.
- Friends *Northwestern Health Sciences University*
The Northwestern Health Sciences University has a long-time partnership with the Bloomington Public Schools. This higher learning institution is housed in the District's former Penn Junior High School. For 65 years, Northwestern has been an international leader in natural health care education, patient care and scientific research. Northwestern Health Sciences University has been involved as a business/school partner for over 10 years with Washburn Elementary School, through the Prepare Bloomington program. The Washburn family picnic each fall, is a highlight of the partnership. As students and families come back to school in the fall for an open house, the NWHSU staff and students prepare and serve items right off the grill and include all the picnic fixings. They also provide several students to be Big Brothers and Big Sisters for Washburn students and provide academic tutors who volunteer in the classrooms. This past summer, NWHSU held a Service Day in July. Instead of coming into the Bloomington Schools to do service, 58 students plus summer school staff, went to visit the college as part of the SCRUBS Camp held at Olson Middle School.

The students from Olson and Oak Grove explored four program areas at the college. In each area, the students were able to participate with hands-on projects with guidance from staff and students from NWHSU. Bloomington students also have participated in the NWHSU summer science academy program for selected 8th-12th graders, in the last few years. For a number of years, the college has hosted Bloomington students at the Bloomington Loves Its Kids Carnival and hosted students at an annual Halloween party.

Dr. Charles Sawyer, a chiropractor, who has been at the University for over 30 years and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of NWHSU, highlighted the collaborative efforts of the college and the District and new partnerships and programs.

Bloomington Crime Prevention Association

The Bloomington Crime Prevention Association (BCPA) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization that has been serving the Bloomington community since 1981. The purpose of BCPA is to provide financial assistance to Bloomington community members who are engaged in crime prevention activities. A volunteer Board of Directors of 6 to 20 individuals is elected to serve two-year terms. Fund raising programs include the annual Book'Em Used Book Sale, which helps to support many Bloomington community based crime prevention programs and events through grants, donations and scholarships. Major funding is provided to National Nite Out, Neighborhood Block Captain's Workshops, Bloomington Law Enforcement Explorer Post 624, Bloomington Police Department Honor Guard, numerous Bloomington School District violence/crime prevention and safety education programs, Bloomington Community Education safety programs for "high risk" populations and many other crime prevention initiatives. At the November 9th meeting, the School Board accepted grants from the BCPA in the amount of \$18,400 for school district violence prevention activities during the 2010 calendar year.

Rick Munson, President; Jay Juergens, Vice President; Kathy Clark, Secretary and Carol Huttner, BCPA member presented highlights about BCPA activities and how it has a direct impact on and our Bloomington community.

Board Member
Maureen Peterson

Board Chair Maureen Bartolotta and the School Board members expressed appreciation to Maureen Peterson for her four years of service to the Bloomington Public Schools and the community. Maureen Peterson has been a dedicated School Board member serving one four-year term, from 2006-2009. During her term she has served as the Vice Chair and currently serves as the Clerk of the School Board. She has chaired and/or been a member of the Board's Legislative Committee. Through her membership on the Board of Education, she represented the School Board on organizations, such as the Educational Cooperative Service Unit and served as an alternate for the Metropolitan Learning Alliance Board of Directors.

She also participated in several districtwide committees and task forces including Labor Management Committee, Community Financial Advisory Committee, Galaxy Youth Advisory Council, Calendar Committee, Budget Adjustment Team and Integration Task Force. Director Peterson was the School Board liaison to several schools during her time of service- Jefferson, Westwood, Southwood Center, Olson Middle, Poplar Bridge, Normandale Hills, Kennedy, Oak Grove Middle, Indian Mounds, Olson Elementary and the Community Education Campus. As a former employee and 15-year parent of students in the District, Director Peterson brought a unique perspective to the Board. A consistent advocate for English Language Learners, she supported efforts to reduce the achievement gap and improve translation services. The Board of Education thanks Maureen Peterson for her efforts as a true advocate for education and a voice of the community.

Art Display

The new art display is provided by students from Oak Grove and Washburn elementary schools. Art specialists are Stephanie Damlo at Oak Grove Elementary and Jen Lux at Washburn Elementary School.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on November 9, 2009, and Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 23, 2009.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments. Independent Personnel: Termination, Retirement. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2009-2010: Students entering Bloomington total 34 and 19 students leaving.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the appointment of Paul Meyer and Mary Martin to the Community Education Advisory Council for a three-year term, ending fiscal year 2011-2012.

Personnel Items

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

Community Education
Advisory Council

2. *Grants*

LCTS Grants/
HSSC

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts LCTS grants totaling \$131,000 from the Hennepin South Services Collaborative (HSSC) to fund five school district projects during the 2010 calendar year.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts a \$150,000 grant from the Greater Twin Cities United Way and the We Believe Alliance to support the Initiative for Lasting Change. The grant period is November 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

United Way/
We Believe Alliance
Grant

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

City/Volunteer
Connection
E-12 Programs

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the renewal agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District No. 271 Volunteer Connection E-12 Programs. The term of this agreement is January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2012.

Red Cross/Authorized Provider b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the American Red Cross Authorized Provider Agreement between the Twin Cities Area Chapter and Independent School District No. 271 that will be effective until August 31, 2010.

4. *Finance*

Continuing Authority a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the continuation of Board appointments and authorizations to begin January 1, 2010, and continue until the Board's organizational meeting January 11, 2010. This shall include: Chairperson and other Board officers, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, designation of depositories for District funds, investment of surplus funds, representation of the Board at bid openings, use of facsimile signatures for financial transactions and personnel contracts, and appointment of Board representation to other governing Boards and Associations.

Gifts/Donations b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$31,239.05.

Receipts/Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Tim Culver 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
Audit Report
2008-2009

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Independent School District No. 271 Audited Financial Statements and accompanying Management Letter for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009 and Audited Financial Statements of the Student Activity Accounts and accompanying Management Letter for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd. (KDV) has completed a general financial audit for 2008-2009 conforming to State and Federal guidelines. The audit was discussed in detail with the School Board at its November 23 Board Workshop.

Matt Mayer, KDV Partner, presented highlights of the audit report, which included: an Unqualified Opinion on financial statements—the best opinion an auditor can issue, financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position and change in financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining funds, an Unqualified Opinion on compliance with Federal programs—child nutrition, special education and Title II; one finding related to Minnesota legal compliance. Mr. Mayer reviewed General Fund operations and expenditures, average daily membership, expenditures per Average Daily Membership served, long-term debt, general financial position, tax levies and tax capacity rates, food service fund and community service fund.

Final 2009
Payable 2010
Property Tax
Levy

Chuck Walter moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the property tax levy for the final 2009 payable 2010 levy of \$42,361,846. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of any changes to levy amounts by the Minnesota Department of Education, it is the intent of the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 to levy the appropriate amount as allowed by law. The state requires that districts use the term "Maximum" on the certification sheet to allow these corrections to the levy. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacy Colebrook-Robjent, Director of Finance and Support Services, reviewed the levy process and timeline and provided an overview of the 2009-2010 budget, which included revenues by source and expenditures by program for all funds, and General Fund revenues by source and expenditures by program.

PROPOSED 2009 PAYABLE 2010 LEVIES

Referendum	\$19,041,180
Referendum Other	990,250
Other	10,878,026
Community Services	1,624,597
Debt Services	9,827,793
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$42,361,846</u>

The 2009-2010 levy represents a 4.46% (\$1,810,392) increase over the 2008-2009 levy. This action by the School Board completes the levy process, which included submission of levy data and calculations of formulas that produced the proposed levy certification document in September 2009, mailing by the county auditor of truth-in-taxation statements in November 2009 and presentation of Fiscal 2009-10 Budget and Pay 2010 Levy.

No one came forth to address the School Board regarding the Pay 2010 Levy. As required by law, the final certified levy will be submitted to the County Auditor by December 28, 2009.

Extended Field Trip
Jefferson

Arlene Bush 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 Grand Cayman Islands. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Stenbeck, teacher at Jefferson High School, submitted the Extended Field Trip Application for students to travel to Grand Cayman Islands from April 2-9, 2010 (Spring Break). The purpose of the trip is to participate in a different learning experience through exploration of the Caymanian and Caribbean cultures. Students will be immersed in leaning about the marine biology environment and will become a fully certified scuba diver. Per Regulation 610, Board approval is required for field trips outside of the Continental United States. All provisions of Regulation 610 have been met in a timely manner.

School Readiness Fees

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the restructure of fee guidelines for the School Readiness preschool programs of the Early Childhood Family Center beginning with the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, there will be an increase in fees for all preschool sessions to cover costs. The increased fees are competitive with the average cost of area preschool fees. The State requires a sliding fee scale, thus, various levels of scholarships are being offered based on income guidelines of the District's free and reduced lunch program.

Proposed Preschool Fee Increase

	Current Full Fee	Proposed Full Fee	Free lunch guideline pay \$10 (no change)	Proposed Reduced lunch guideline pay 25%	Proposed *\$6,000 to \$12,000 more than reduced lunch guideline pay 50%
Registration Fee	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
Bright Beginning	\$100	\$110	\$10	\$27.50	\$55.00
Bright Beginning Plus	\$110	\$120	\$10	\$30.00	\$60.00
Kids Count 2-day	\$100	\$110	\$10	\$27.50	\$55.00
Kids Count Plus 3-day	\$135	\$150	\$10	\$37.50	\$75.00
Kids Count 3-day	\$125	\$135	\$10	\$33.75	\$67.50

*\$6,000 is the increment between steps on the reduced lunch income guideline.

LMC Report

Labor Management Committee (LMC) Co-Chairs Brad Parker and Bruce Pappas updated the School Board on LMC activities and presented reports for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. The report included a review of the mission and goals of LMC, current membership, brief history, LMC insurance initiatives and activities.

A few highlights of 2007-2008 activities included: endorsed and worked on operating and technology levies, provided oversight for the District Wellness Committee, explored self-insurance, explored high deductible health plans and health savings accounts. Highlights of 2008-2009 activities included: brought the TSA program into IRS compliance by January 1 2009, established Activity Center walking track trial period, made decision regarding self-funded versus fully funded health insurance, evaluated the last three-year Blue Cross Blue Shield rate guarantee, reviewed insurance consultant, reviewed bargaining options and benefits. Complete lists of activities for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 were provided in a written report shared with the School Board.

LMC goals for 2009-2010 include: continue oversight of self-insurance plan, evaluate HDHP/HSA health insurance plan through employee feedback, continue to monitor H1N1 and respond to needs on a timely basis, support and evaluate wellness initiatives, and increase collaboration between management and labor.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS Jim Sorum highlighted the opening of the Fairview Pond Center Clinic.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted District activities. A Board Workshop is scheduled for December 21 at 6 p.m. and a Board Workshop is scheduled for January 4 at 6 p.m., at which the School Board will consider organizational matters for 2010. The next meeting of the School Board will be January 11 at 7 p.m. This will be the organizational meeting for 2010, which will include oaths of office by new/returning Board members, election of officers and other business and operational items.

U. S. Congressman Erik Paulsen visited Westwood Elementary School on December 7.

Winter break will begin Wednesday, December 23, with school resuming on Monday, January 4.

IX. OTHER Intermediate District 287 North Area Facility Discussion—Arlene Bush is the Board's representative to the Intermediate District 287 Board. Arlene Bush provided background information for discussion as the District 287 Board considers and will be voting on proceeding with the purchase of an existing building or proceeding with building a new facility in the northern suburbs--North Education Center. The cost of the new facility will be borne by the member districts of Intermediate District 287. Pat Geraghty and Les Fujitake indicated that the Bloomington Public School District has reduced its use of District 287 services by two-thirds and lease costs have increased. Minimal use is made of the South Education Center programs in Richfield. Our District has been focused on a goal to serve our special education students within our District. Director Hibbs questioned possible legal obligations of the District should the decision be made to withdraw from Intermediate District 287. Superintendent Fujitake indicated that no decision has been made regarding a change in relationship with Intermediate District 287. Administration currently is researching and will report back to the School Board. Members of the Bloomington School Board did not support moving forward with the north area facility.

X. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Maureen Peterson, Clerk