

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

**February 25, 2013**

- 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 Tim Culver at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer (7:10 p.m arrival); Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Tom Holton, Dave Heistad, John Weisser and Bruce Pappas.
- Attorney Present David Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting "Once Upon A Mattress" March 14-16 with a performance for senior citizens on March 13. Co-directors Bryan Blessing and Shawn Stelton invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production.
- Once Upon A Mattress
- Public None.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on February 11, 2013.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Resignation, Employment. Classified Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 5 and 2 students leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 6 and 1 student leaving.

2. *Field Trip Approvals* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the 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 \$15,165.00.

Finance Reports

b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for January 2013.

Receipts/

Disbursements

c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

*(Nelly Korman arrived at 7:10 p.m.)*

VI. PART B

Rtl & Learning  
Supports Update

The School Board received an update on Response to Intervention (Rtl) and Learning Supports from Assistant Superintendent Chris Lennox. The presentation provided an overview of Learning Supports and how it aligns to Pathways to Graduation. Key Pathways to Graduation ideas—the District’s Strategic Plan identifies what we are trying to achieve and the Pathways Framework identifies how it will be achieved. Four core questions for Pathways and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are addressed—Pathway Milestones define what we want students to know. Pathway *Indicators* demonstrated how we will know if students learn. The Rtl and Learning Supports Framework address what we will do for students who have not learned or already have mastered the learning.

A unified comprehensive system of learning supports is: a framework of all resources; strategies and practices that provide physical, social, emotional and intellectual supports; enables all students to have an equal opportunity for success at school; aimed at systematically addressing barriers to teaching and learning, and re-engage students who have disconnect from the learning process. Goals of implementing a learning supports framework: improve student achievement for all students, improve stakeholder involvement and satisfaction, improve organizational and instruction effectiveness and improve financial performance (maximize use of resources benefitting students and families). Opportunities and planned next steps—work on creating district-wide framework, map all building and district interventions into the three-tiered, six-arena framework, partnership with *Scholastic* for professional development, work on building stronger, more sustained relationships with community organizations and incorporate community resources in the District learning supports map.

School Board discussed expanded learning supports to remove barriers to learning and the alignment of resources, framework and structuring.

English Learner  
Program Update

Eric Melbye, Executive Director of Student Services, and Beth Stenglein, Lead English Learner (EL) teacher, presented an update on the EL program. Bloomington Public Schools has the tenth largest EL population in Minnesota. EL diversity continues and student numbers continue to grow. Over the next few years, the EL population will grow to 1,500 students. Schools on the west side of the community are experiencing EL growth. Current results show that grades 3-8 generally exceed expected CALT growth in Reading while they generally lag behind in expected growth in Math. One year of growth or more on CALT/MAP as measured by language is generally positive. EL program challenges—not all English Learner students are on track to be college or career ready, multiple languages, funding, mobility, and long-term English learners (more than six years in program). Highlights of program plans—new EL program model, alignment of new EL standards with current instructional practices, collaboration among various departments, expanding Kinderprep, summer programming, and pilot programs for after school options.

Board discussion included average staffing ratio, time testing versus instructional time, dual immersion programs, stable and mobile student data.

Facility Use Changes

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proposed Facility Use rates effective July 1, 2013. Motion carried 6-1 with Mark Hibbs voting nay.

Facility use rates were last increased effective July 2011. Currently, different rates are charged for media centers, kitchens, dish rooms, locker rooms, conference rooms and music rooms. The proposal consolidates these specialty rooms into one category with common rates. There are no proposed changes to any other room rental rates. The proposed facility use rates will keep the District competitive in the marketplace. Rates are being approved at this time in that scheduling for fall activities has commenced. Director Hibbs expressed concern for a music teacher's ability to rent a music room for a recital compared to a music company. Administration will follow up.

VII. BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom and Tim Culver attended the MSBA new Board officers training. Mr. Bergstrom will attend the Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) meeting next week. Lyle Abeln visited Valley View Elementary School. Maureen Bartolotta attended the Health Fair at Westwood Elementary. Mark Hibbs attended the Labor Management Committee meeting. Arlene Bush and Tim Culver will attend the March 1 AMSD meeting. Tim Culver reported that the AMSD Executive Committee has discussed legislative issues and developed its legislative platform. The priorities align with our District's priorities. Nelly Korman attended a Tri-City Partners (Bloomington, Richfield and Edina) Coalition meeting. The Coalition continues its efforts to develop strategies for prevention of drug use and alcohol use for those under age.

The Legislative Committee of the School Board is hosting a forum with Bloomington legislators on March 2, 8:00-9:30 a.m. Nelly Korman, Lyle Abeln and Arlene Bush are the members of the Board's Legislative Committee.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake congratulated Murray McCartan, a special education teacher at Jefferson High School, who has been selected as one of ten semifinalists for the 2013 Teacher of the Year. The program is sponsored by Education Minnesota. Announcement of the winner will be May 5.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. A study session followed the meeting.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk