

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

February 25, 2019

- 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 Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 2019, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Vice Chair; Tom Bennett, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Nelly Korman and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, and Jennifer McIntyre.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Beth Beebe seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC
OGMS Play Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting “The Wizard of Oz” March 14-16 with a performance for senior citizens and veterans on March 13. Music teacher Bryan Blessing invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production. Over 90 students will be a part of “The Wizard of Oz.” Parent volunteer Kevin Doheny, who created the costumes for the production, and piano accompanist Judy Cooper were in attendance.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes
Personnel Actions
- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on February 11, 2019.
b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Leave of Absence, Resignation, Employments, Long Call Reserve Correction. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
2. *Field Trip Approval* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the field trip per the attached list (on file).
3. *Finance*
Donations
Finance Reports
Receipts/
Disbursements
- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$14,879.00.
b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of January 2019.
c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of January 2019.
- Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf 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

Project SEARCH®
Consulting Services
and Licensing
Agreement

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Project SEARCH® Consulting Services and License Agreement by and between Children's Hospital Medical Center and Independent School District 271 for the Adult Employment or High School Transition Program at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Bloomington. Motion carried unanimously.

This agreement creates innovative solutions for workforce and career development for people with disabilities. The provisions of this agreement stipulate Project SEARCH® has created program implementation materials which will be provided to ISD 271 to create a high school transition program through adult employment at the Bloomington Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton. These services enhance the District's capacity to meet the unique educational needs of the students served between the ages of 18 and 21 years old. The consultant agreement provides ISD 271 with materials for implementation of the Project SEARCH® program. For the first year of the licensing agreement, training and consultation will be provided by Project SEARCH® staff for the Embassy Suites of Bloomington and ISD 271 staff involved. This will begin during the 2018-2019 school year. Students will enter the program at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The licensing and consultant fee for the first year of starting the program through Project SEARCH® is a total of \$16,000, due in full upon the fully executed contract. This funding has been budgeted for in the 2018-2019 special education budget for the start-up of this program. The term of the initial contract is one calendar year unless after this agreement has been in effect for ninety (90) days it is terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice. After the first year, ISD 271 has the option to renew the terms for an additional one (1) year at the fee of \$300.00, which will then be the renew fee for each year the license is renewed not to exceed 20% increase from the prior term's fee. Project SEARCH® consultation with ISD 271 and Bloomington Embassy Suites started on December 6-7, 2018 and will continue through the end of the 2018-2019 school year to prepare for implementation the start of the 2019-2020 school year. It is anticipated that 6-8 students will experience a full year internship.

Award of Sale
General Obligation
Bonds 2019A for
Alt Facilities

Dick Bergstrom moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached resolution (on file) ratifying the award of the sale, determining the form and details, authorizing the execution, delivery and registration, and providing for the payment of \$25,300,000 General Obligation Bonds 2019A, to finance Alternate Facility projects. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AWARD OF THE SALE, DETERMINING THE FORM AND DETAILS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY, AND REGISTRATION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS, SERIES 2019A

This resolution ratifies the award of the sale of General Obligation Bonds 2019A, to finance Alternative Facility projects, authorized at the January 28, 2019 School Board meeting. This resolution authorizes Ehlers and Associates, the District's financial consultant, to begin the process to sell these bonds. Greg Crowe, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, presented the Sale Day Report dated February 21, 2019. Nine bids were received. Low Bidder was Piper Jaffray, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at \$2.9456%. The Sale Day Report and the full resolution awarding the sale are on file and are considered a part of these minutes.

Student Behavior
Mid-Year Report

Dr. Eric Melbye, Assistant Superintendent, updated the School Board and the public per the District's agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) on our Behavior Support Plan and progress, which was signed March 28, 2018. The School Board received a Discipline Plan report in August. By September 1 of each year a report to MDHR includes strategies employed, metrics to measure success and outcomes from the past year. A mid-year update is to be given, which is being given tonight. The philosophy of the District is that keeping students in class is essential to ensuring their readiness to thrive in our rapidly changing world. Therefore, our behavior support system will be proactive in developing positive behavior support process, be culturally intelligent, only use removal from class and/or school as a last resort, guide building level decision making in regards to student misconduct. School Board responsibilities include a review and update of relevant policies, review of out-of-school suspension (OSS) data and the support discipline plan and report to MDHR. Trends for 2018-2019 include reduced OSS (Special Education and African American), increased use of PAUSE, reduced out of class time for Special Education and African American students and it is projected that for the third year in a row there will be lower OSS. Metrics to measure success for 2018-2019 include reduce the total district OSS to 146 student or less—currently trending down but not meeting goal for this year, reduce total district discretionary OSS to 57 students or less, reduce total district non-discretionary OSS to 89 students or less.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Jim Sorum reported on the PTSA Council Speaker Series presentation "Change the Outcome" regarding opioids. Dawn Steigauf highlighted her visit to the STEAM Rally and Kindergarten classes at Poplar Bridge. Dick Bergstrom visited Ridgeview and Washburn and attended MSBA officer training. As a parent representative on the Senior Achievement Awards committee at Kennedy High School, he highlighted the selection process leading to the event on April 22. Maureen Bartolotta thanked the Board Legislative Committee for arranging the recent forum. Senators Melisa Franzen and Melissa Wiklund were in attendance. Representatives Andrew Carlson, Steve Elkins and Mike Howard were called to a legislative meeting and were unable to attend. The School Board thanked students from Ridgeview for the cards and origami pieces made for School Board members in honor of School Board recognition week. Maureen Bartolotta reminded everyone about the Bloomington Book Fest on Saturday, March 2, from 9 am to noon at Oak Grove Middle School.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Last week was School Board Recognition Week. Superintendent Les Fujitake expressed appreciation to School Board members for their dedication and commitment to all of our learners and our community and especially to their families who share them with us.

Bloomington Public Schools has five nominees for Minnesota Teacher of the Year:

Josh Coval – Kennedy High School
Kris Goodwin – Hillcrest Community School
Katie Juul – Kennedy High School
Lisa Leary – Jefferson High School
Cory Wade – Hillcrest Community School

Three of our five nominees now are semifinalists:

Josh Coval – Kennedy High School
Katie Juul – Kennedy High School
Cory Wade – Hillcrest Community School

The selection of Minnesota Teacher of the Year will be announced at a ceremony on May 5.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Tom Bennett, Clerk