

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

February 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 February 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; Beth Beebe, Tom Bennett and Jim Sorum.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas, John Weisser, Rod Zivkovich, and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the lives lost in the Valentine’s Day shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.
- Administration requested a study session to follow tonight’s board meeting for the purpose of preparing for the joint meeting with the City Council. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta, seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC
- OGMS Play Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting “Madagascar” March 8-10 with a performance for senior citizens on March 7. Music teacher Bryan Blessing invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production. Over 80 students will be a part of Madagascar. Also in attendance were parent volunteer Kevin Doheny who created the costumes for the production and piano accompanist Judy Cooper.
- Box City Vigil Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) annually sponsors Box City Vigil to bring awareness to homelessness in our community and the Twin Cities. Jefferson students Diego Price and Brianna Smokovich shared history of Box City Vigil and Oasis for Youth and information about the Box City Vigil event that will be held from 6 pm Friday, May 4 through 7 am on Saturday, May 5 at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in the parking lot. The students encouraged Board members and the community to support the event by spreading the word and encouraging legislators to address housing issues for the homeless.

Friend *Cedar Valley Church* - The District is fortunate to have businesses and organizations support our learners and the community of Bloomington. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes “Friends” of education. Melissa Riebel, School and Community Engagement Coordinator at Kennedy High School, highlighted the collaborations with Cedar Valley Church and acknowledged their generosity. The church donated \$10,000 to the Kennedy Community Alliance, which is a program supporting student needs in a variety of ways—clothing, school supplies, shoes, scholarships for field trips and/or other educational experiences, and the list goes on. Parker Dickerson, Lead Youth Pastor at Cedar Valley Church, shared the collaborations with Kennedy High School and the community and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to do so.

Student Board Representative Reports Student School Board representatives updated the School Board on news and activities at their respective high schools. Ethan Skophammer shared the following Kennedy highlights— Science Olympiad winners, Scholastic Art Competition winners, KHS graduate Ryan Stoa played for the USA Olympic hockey team, Show Choir has placed among the top three at all competitions this year, Excel Award winners, Ethan participated in the Super Kids event as part of Super Bowl 52 activities, Sadie Hawkins dance well attended, close of the trimester and finals. Jackson Domagala shared highlights for Jefferson— end of trimester 2 and finals, winter sports ending— boys and girls hockey done, Athena Award winner, boys swimming advance to sections, competition cheer team placed first at national competition—third national title since 2013, Science Olympiad team advance to regionals, Wind Ensemble trip to Ireland, Career Day, high school students of the Board Student Advisory Council met prior to tonight’s board meeting—plans developing for a Dodgeball tournament in May.

Public Jefferson students from Mr. Storlein’s class attended the School Board meeting in fulfillment of a 12th grade government course requirement.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held February 12, 2018.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Employments. Independent Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Actions

2. *Field Trip Approval*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a field trip per the attached list (on file).

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

HTC Occupancy
Renewals

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of three Occupancy Agreements between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota Sate Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The occupancy Agreements are effective from January 2, 2018 through June 7, 2018.

4. *Finance*

Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$16,475.39.

Finance Reports

b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for January 2018.

Receipts/

Disbursements

c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for January 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.

VII. PART B

American Indian
Education Transmittal
of Resolution

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Resolution of Concurrence by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota. Statute 124D.78 states School Boards and American Indian schools must provide for the maximum involvement of children enrolled in education programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades, special education programs and support services. Accordingly, the board of a school district in which there are 10 or more American Indian children enrolled and each American Indian school must establish an American Indian education parent advisory committee. If a committee whose membership consists of a majority of parents of American Indian children has been or is established according to federal, tribal or other state law, that committee may serve as the committee required by this section and is subject to, at least, the requirements of this subdivision and subdivision 2.

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, and Anita Eckert, Chair of the American Indian Parent Advisory Council (AIPAC) for Bloomington schools, reported to the School Board approval of the Transmittal of Resolution, which will be sent to the Minnesota Department of Education. No recommendations were submitted to the School Board.

Flexible Learning
Spaces Update

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, Jefferson High School Principal Jaysen Anderson, Kennedy High School Principal Carol Kampa, and Karen Qualey, Digital Learning Coordinator, updated the School on Next Technologies for Learning (NTL)—Flexible Learning Spaces. The overall process and timeline were highlighted—construction, mini-grant support, media centers and flex spaces. The design of the learning environment plays a role in the transformation of instruction toward a student-centered learning experience. Flex space is an area for students to work independently or collaborate with a group to accomplish a learning objective. Students can find a quiet place to do research, write a paper, complete work for a hybrid or online course and work at their own pace. Principals Anderson and Kampa shared how flexible learning spaces are used and working at their respective schools including comments received from students as well as staff indicating appreciation for the flex spaces—comfortable learning environment for individuals, small groups or an entire classroom.

Minnesota Department of Human Rights Agreement

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and authorizes its Chair and Superintendent to sign the Agreement on behalf of the School District. Motion carried unanimously.

The District received a letter from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) dated October 23, 2017, regarding out-of-school suspensions. District administration has been working with the MDHR to address issues identified. In collaboration with the MDHR, the District's discipline plan and agreement are acceptable to both parties. Administration and the District's legal counsel have been involved in this process. Administration recommends approval of the agreement.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Tom Bennett reported on meetings of the Special Education Community Advisory Committee at which members heard a report on demographics of special education and early childhood identification of students with special needs; Board Student Advisory Council meeting with middle school representatives—guest speakers were Michelle Glynn and Deirdra Yarbrow who shared information on summer programming and opportunities for middle school students. Additional discussion items included after school programs, the concept of a city community center and the District's Wellness Policy. Tom Bennett, Beth Beebe and Nelly Korman are the Board members who meet with the students. Dick Bergstrom reported on Intermediate District 917 activities, including the search for a new Superintendent—John Christenson is retiring in June—and plays, one of which was done in sign language; reading to a PreK class at Southwood, and an MSBA coffee and conversation session. Jim Sorum highlighted the District's work and planning for making our schools safe and expressed appreciation to the community for its support of the 2013 referendum towards this effort. Beth Beebe highlighted the recent literacy night at Westwood—Penn Lake Library brought books to give out to students conducted a book swap and co-authors of a book were guests who read to the students. Dawn Steigauf read to Southwood students and plans to join in a special education home visit next week. Nelly Korman and Dawn Steigauf thanked the Ridgeview students for their notes to all Board members in honor of School Board Recognition week.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted upcoming School Board activities. There is a joint meeting of the School Board and the City Council Wednesday, February 28, at 7 pm, here at the Educational Services Center in the Arlene Bush Board Room.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to establish a professional development session of the School Board on March 12, 2018, at 5:30 pm in Room 601. The topic is equity briefings facilitated by Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports.

Superintendent Les Fujitake attended the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce annual gala held February 24. He expressed appreciation to the Chamber; the gala fundraiser supports the Future Leaders program at the two high schools and scholarships for high school seniors.

X. OTHER

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Maureen Bartolotta, Clerk