

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

February 27, 2012

- 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 Melissa Halvorson Wiklund at 7:00 p.m. on February 27, 2012, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Tim Culver Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION STUDENTS/STAFF
- Fiddler on the Roof Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting “Fiddler on the Roof” March 14-17. Co-directors Bryan Blessing and Shawn Stelton invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production.
- Early Childhood Programming The Star Tribune recently carried an article on early literacy— *Early literacy gets new focus, funds. Minnesota strives to reinforce reading by third grade to help close the achievement gap.* The article featured Bloomington. The online version of the article contained a video clip of the PreK program at Pond Center, which was shown to the School Board.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
- Com Ed Advisory Council Appointment
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on February 13, 2012.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments. Independent Personnel: Retirement, Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2011-2012: Students entering Bloomington total 10 and students leaving total 11. For 2012-2013: students entering Bloomington total 11.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the appointment of Danielle Forcier to the Community Services Advisory Council.

2. *Field Trip Approval* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

HTC Classrooms a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Occupancy Agreement between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The Occupancy Agreement runs from March 2, 2012 through June 1, 2012.

Older Adult Fitness b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 – Older Adult Fitness Programs. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

4. *Finance*

Gifts/Donations a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$20,168.59.

Finance Reports b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month ended December 31, 2011.

Receipts/Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

5. *Regulation for Information*

Minor revisions were made to Regulation 515.1 Administrative Procedures for Research (sections II. D. and III. A.) No changes were made to the policy.

Mark Hibbs moved, Tim Culver 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

Telephone System Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Marco, Inc., St. Louis Park, Minnesota, proposal of \$1,017,935.82 to replace the current district-wide phone system, accepts the U.S. Link, Inc. dba TDS, Pequot Lakes, MN proposal of \$126,942.40 to provide district-wide telephone service and approves the contracts with Marco, Inc. and U.S. Link dba TDS, to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

On September 12, 2011, the School Board awarded a contract to Elert & Associates to provide telephone system needs assessment/ schematic design, detailed specifications/recommendations and project implementation and oversight services for a District wide Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone system network.

Elert & Associates developed detailed specifications for this telephone system network that were issued to the public as a Request for Proposal (RFP) for both telephone equipment and service. Proposals were received and evaluated for their quality, features and total five-year cost. The new telephone system will replace the current system with a new redundant and survivable state-of-the-art VoIP telephone system capable of supporting the District's current and future needs. All areas of the District will receive new feature-rich multi-button telephones and voicemail access. The new system also provides an emergency notification system and includes productivity enhancing applications including unified messaging, unified communications and mobility. This project is identified as a priority goal in the Technology Referendum passed in 2007. The phased implementation of the VoIP phone system would begin in the summer of 2012 and include installation, training and removal of existing equipment. Funding for this project is from the Technology Referendum. Representatives Tom Pavek and Pat Daniels from Elert & Associates were in attendance at the Board meeting to respond to questions.

OGE Reroofing

Mark Hibbs moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Palmer West Construction Company, Inc., Rogers, MN bid of \$548,800 to re-roof Oak Grove Elementary School and approves the contract with Palmer West Construction Company, Inc. to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in the District's State and School Board approved Alternative Facilities Plan. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

School Space Media

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a one-year license agreement with School Space Media to advertise on school property during activities, athletic events, special events and tournaments.

The one-year license agreement is for a digital advertising on school property during activities, athletic events, special events and tournaments. School Space Media will install, maintain and operate electronic advertising equipment at school sites. Equipment will be stored in secured areas on school premises. Net revenues will be shared at 50%. School Space Media representative Jim Diffley fielded questions from Board members. The agreement is to be effective Fall 2012. Examples of events at which the digital display board would be used—football, soccer, dance, lacrosse, track & field—events where attendees number 200-250+. At this time, Bloomington Public Schools would start with digital displays at the two high school gymnasiums and the stadium.

There was discussion about a number of items including responsible parties for installation costs if sufficient advertising is not generated, costs for additional electrical connections for the two turf fields or other appropriate locations, promotional items such as brochures and coupons and current clients and advertisers.

The question of advertising was considered by the Citizens Activities/Athletics Advisory Committee (CAAAC). At a recent meeting of the School Board, the CAAAC co-chairs presented the committee's position statement, which supported exploring advertising. Mr. Zivkovich indicated that the high school activities directors recommend entering into a contract with School Space Media for the purpose of generating additional revenue to our programs, which is a strategic direction of the District's strategic plan.

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to postpone this item to the March 12 meeting. Motion carried 6-1. Director Culver voted no.

Policy 510

Arlene Bush moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of new Policy 510 Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this new policy and the accompanying regulation is to establish governance over the school activities program. This is a new policy developed with input from the building principals, activities directors, and the administrative cabinet to provide guidance in areas that are not currently outlined in school board policy. School and non-school sponsored activities are defined. Guidelines for booster organizations and their association with the District are also outlined.

Policy 510.2

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of Policy 510.2 School or District-Sponsored Student Events. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy is to be sensitive to the concerns of the religious community, as well as stating policy regarding the use of alcohol by adults at school or district-sponsored events, such as student banquets or celebrations outside school.

Policy 510.3

Marks Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of Policy 510.3 Activities and Other Student Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

This policy and the accompanying regulation provides direction on how the School Board will govern the District's student activity and parking fee program. Language has been updated and Policy 527 (Parking Fees) has been integrated into the policy to combine fee language into a single policy.

Policy 510.6

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of Policy 510.6 Addition/Elimination of Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this policy and the accompanying regulation is to provide guidelines for the addition and elimination of activities. Language has been updated to include all activities, not just interscholastic sports. The process for adding or eliminating an activity was designed to ensure thoughtful and thorough review before making a final recommendation to the School Board.

Policy 527

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the deletion of Policy 527 Student Parking Fees/Lots for High Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administration recommends that current policy and the accompanying regulation 527 Student Parking Fees/Lots for High Schools be deleted. Language from the policy/regulation has been added to policy/regulation 510.3 Activity and Other Student Fees.

Proposed Immediate Discharge of a Teacher

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 resolves as follows:

1. That a teacher of Independent School District 271 is proposed to be immediately discharged pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, Subd. 13.
2. That written notice shall be sent to the teacher regarding the proposed immediate discharge as provided by law. That each and all of the grounds set forth in said notice are within the grounds for the immediate discharge of a teacher pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, Subd. 13.
3. That the contract between the teacher and Independent School District 271 gives the teacher statutory rights of a teacher pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40.
4. That the contents of the notice contains private data on individuals pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Chapter 13 and, therefore, the Superintendent and School Board are specifically directed to maintain the private data classification in accordance with applicable state law, including the provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 13.
5. That the written notice shall be signed by the Superintendent of the Schools or his designee and served upon the teacher as determined by the administration of Independent School District 271. Service shall be either personal upon the teacher and/or by certified mail.

Motion carried unanimously.

- VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
Tim Culver and Mark Hibbs attended the Minnesota School Boards Association training, which included the role of Board officers and information pertaining to the setting of meeting agendas and Board policies. Nelly Korman reported on visiting the SHAPE program. Dick Bergstrom highlighted the Normandale Hills Read-A-Thon that raised over \$20,000. Melissa Halvorson Wiklund will be planning monthly Board Development sessions.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted Board and District activities. Last year, Bloomington, Brooklyn Center and Minneapolis each received \$150,000 for planning grants to more fully develop their early childhood and kindergarten readiness programs increasing the percentage of third grade students reading at grade level. McKnight recently expanded the pool of potential implementation grant recipients to include St. Paul Public Schools and a number of charter schools. The McKnight Foundation announced today that Bloomington Public Schools is not in line to receive an implementation grant to enhance the District's funding for comprehensive early learning strategies to improve literacy. McKnight has offered to work with the District on the development of its English Learner program, an area where the District's efforts are more closely aligned with the Foundation's focus and expertise. Next month, District officials will present to the School Board an alternative funding plan for continuing Early Childhood initiatives.
- In this year's State of the State Address, the Governor highlighted his new Adopt-A-School Program. Featured in this program is an Adopt-A-School Tool Kit, which has the following acknowledgement: *A special thank you to Bloomington Public Schools and the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, whose wonderful "Prepare Bloomington" model served as the inspiration for this manual.*
- IX. OTHER
None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the School Board, Dick Bergstrom moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk