

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

March 10, 2014

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 Dick Bergstrom at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2014, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Members Present Dick Bergstrom, Chair; Jim Sorum, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Tom Bennett, Ric Oliva and Dawn Steigauf.

Member Absent Maureen Bartolotta, Vice Chair.

Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs and John Weisser.

Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. RECOGNITIONS OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC The School District is fortunate to have businesses and organizations supporting our learners and the community of Bloomington. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes our "Friends" of education.

Friends

Portland Avenue United Methodist Church

Members of Portland Avenue United Methodist Church are committed to putting their faith into action. In the last two years, there has been a refocus of efforts to deepen community impact. One of the results was partnering with Valley View Elementary School. In the fall, a winter clothing drive is held benefiting students. Valley View Elementary Assistant Principal Roberto Cantu expressed appreciation for this effort. Pastor Suzanne Makes and Beth Cameron, Co-Chair of the Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team, indicated that another focus is to do what they can do to assist young learners; helping to address the achievement gap. With that in mind, Pastor Makes has met with Karen Cadigan, the District's Early Childhood Specialist, to explore ideas. The church implemented a new program of community meals followed by presentations. Kay Miller, Youth and Family Education Coordinator at Pond Center, recently was a presenter speaking on early childhood and school readiness.

Education Foundation The School Board held a pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 22. with the proceeds going to the Education Foundation of Bloomington (EFB). On behalf of the School Board, Chair Dick Bergstrom presented a check in the amount of \$908 to Mary Udseth, President of the Education Foundation of Bloomington. The EFB supports Bloomington Public Schools in five areas of focus—student success stipends, senior scholarships, Children’s Food for Thought program, classroom innovation grants, and prodigy awards. Ms. Udseth expressed appreciation for the donation and indicated that she received more money after the pancake breakfast bringing the total proceeds from this event just over \$1,000.

KHS Travel Study Class Kennedy High School eleventh grade travel study class is raising \$50,000 for 50 students to take a trip to New York in April, during spring break. The purpose of the trip is to study the events of 9/11, see Ground Zero, and reflect on the impact 9/11 had on the United States. Fundraising began in September. Students are seeking support to raise the last \$4,300 to reach their goal.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Items

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting on February 24, 2014.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Employments, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Eight (8) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and twelve (12) leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2014-2015: Seven (7) students entering and two (2) students leaving Bloomington Public Schools.

Non-Resident Student Agreements

2. *Field Trips Approval*

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

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

Addendum to
HELP ME GROW
Contract with City

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Addendum 1 to the 2013-14 agreement with the City of Bloomington HELP ME GROW: South Hennepin Central Referral Services (formerly SHIELD) to assist in planning interagency services for handicapped children under age five and their families.

Ric Oliva moved, Jim Sorum seconded, approval of Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B

Bid Awards
VVE Facility
Improvements

Jim Sorum moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the following bids for facility improvements at Valley View Elementary School:

1. Maertens-Brenny, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$261,000
2. Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, North Branch, MN bid of \$53,900
3. KMH Erectors, Maple Plain, MN bid of \$65,900
4. George F. Cook, Golden Valley, MN bid of \$336,000
5. Berwald Roofing, North St. Paul, MN bid of \$103,718
6. Specialty Systems, Burnsville, MN bid of \$61,430
7. Carciofini, Burnsville, MN bid of \$13,350
8. Val Pro, St. Paul, MN bid of \$194,582
9. RTL Construction, Shakopee, MN bid of \$186,900
10. Grazzini Brothers, Eagan MN bid of \$28,095
11. Acoustic Associates, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$124,600
12. Grazzini Brothers, Eagan, MN bid of \$21,770
13. Steinbrecher, Princeton, MN bid of \$49,900
14. Strategic Equipment, St. Cloud, MN bid of \$42,815
15. LSI Corporation of America, Minneapolis, MN \$44,097
16. Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection, St. Joseph, MN bid of \$68,450
17. Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Burnsville, MN bid of \$2,985,000
18. Premier Electric, Brooklyn Park, MN bid of \$395,500

And authorizes administration to enter into contracts with the above vendors to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2014-15 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of updates, repairs and replacements including: heating and ventilation, masonry, steel, roofing, mechanical, electrical, paint, sealants, drywall, flooring, fire protection, and windows at Valley View Elementary School and total \$5,037,000. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Bid Award
Electrical Work
for Generators
OGMS, JFK, TJ

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Continuity Electrical, Andover, MN bid of \$174,700 to install electrical work for technology generators at Oak Grove Middle School, Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School and authorizes administration to enter into a contract to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2014-15 Alternative Facilities Plan is funded from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Bid Award
KHS Mechanical
Improvements

Dawn Steigauf moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Climate Makers, Brooklyn Center, MN bid of \$382,300 to install mechanical improvements at Kennedy High School and authorizes administration to enter into a contract to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2014-15 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of updating the mechanical systems at Kennedy High School including HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems. Twelve vendors were invited to a pre-bid meeting regarding this project. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Naming Auditor

Jim Sorum moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board Independent School District 271 appoints Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd. to perform a general financial audit conforming to State and Federal guidelines. The appointment is for five years with the following fee structure:

Years 1 and 2	\$36,500
Year 3	\$36,700
Year 4	\$37,000
Year 5	\$37,200

Motion carried unanimously.

The District issued a Request for Proposal from four accounting firms. Three firms provided a proposal and one declined due to a conflict of interest with another district project. The first two years of the five-year audit proposal fees represent the same fee as the previous four years. Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd has been the District's auditor since 1995-1996.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Ric Oliva attended meetings of the District Curriculum Advisory Committee—topics included K-5 Music and Art curriculum, reading standards update; Bloomington United for Youth—topics included Box City Vigil being held May 30 at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Teen Job Fair on March 13 at Civic Plaza and discussion of the Common Ground teen gathering center. Tom Bennett reported that he, Nelly Korman and Dawn Steigauf attended the Joint Legislative Conference on February 27. Mr. Bennett attended a Richfield Public Schools Board meeting—they have three new board members and have three student representatives (seniors) on the Board. Dawn Steigauf and Tom Bennett attended the District PTSA Council to highlight the upcoming legislative forum. Dawn Steigauf attended meetings of the Community Collaborative Council—discussion included the new integration plan; Safe and Drug Free Schools—topics included the Minnesota Student Survey results; Special Education Community Advisory Council—recently Eric Melbye served on a panel of experts addressing the mental health needs of students and creating positive environments for all students, submitting a special caring award nomination for a staff member or student who has gone above and beyond for special needs students is encouraged, and there will be a

presentation on April 29 focusing on transition services for individuals with disabilities. Nelly Korman highlighted the Joint Legislative Conference activities, reported on a recent meeting with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent regarding the World's Best Workforce Advisory Committee, informed the public that the Legislative Committee of the School Board has invited legislators to a forum on March 15—focus will be on five bills: safe and supportive schools, health insurance transparency act, early childhood education, Q-Comp and the safe schools levy; attended the Latino Parent Association meeting—Eric Melbye and Dinna Wade Ardley discussed the new integration plan and the World's Best Workforce committee; and attended the Oak Grove Middle School play *The Little Mermaid*. Dick Bergstrom attended an Intermediate District 917 meeting—no business conducted as there was no quorum—toured Dakota County Technical School campus and the Alliance Center; participated in the first negotiation session for the custodian/transportation employees; the Olson Elementary white tiger rally; Oak Grove Elementary carnival; Olson Middle School *State Fair* play, Oak Grove Middle School play *The Little Mermaid*, PTSA Council meeting, served breakfast at Normandale Hills Elementary and attended the Pond Center teacher appreciation lunch hosted by the Parent Advisory Council.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that the School Board will meet with all five of the Bloomington legislators on Saturday, March 15, at 8:00-9:30 a.m. at ESC in the Arlene Bush Board Room, hosted by the Board's Legislative Committee—Nelly Korman (chair), Tom Bennett, and Dawn Steigauf.

Administration requests a motion to establish a School Board study session on Monday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. at ESC in the Arlene Bush Board Room. Session topic will be Board and Superintendent goals. So moved by Tom Bennett, seconded by Jim Sorum. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration requests a motion to establish a School Board closed session for negotiations on Monday, March 24, at 8:30 p.m., OR upon conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting followed by a study session. The closed session will be in Room 601. So moved by Dawn Steigauf, seconded by Tom Bennett. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board will meet with middle school representatives of its Youth Advisory Council on Monday, March 24th at 5 p.m. in the Media Center at Oak Grove Middle School.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Tom Bennet moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Jim Sorum, Clerk