

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271
Bloomington, Minnesota**

April 14, 2008

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 271, was called to order by Chair Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 2008 in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Jim Sorum, Vice Chair; Chuck Walter, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Maureen Peterson.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Debra Fincham, Bruce Pappas, Rod Zivkovich, 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 Tim Culver moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC “Twelve Angry Jurors” will be the spring production at Jefferson High School May 2-4. The “Twelve Angry Jurors” performed a scene from the play and extended an invitation to the School Board and the entire community to attend one of the performances. Russ Purdy, Jefferson Theatre Director, accompanied the cast members.
- Volunteer Recognition Week Proclamation Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 adopts the attached proclamation declaring April 27 to May 3, 2008, as Volunteer Recognition Week in the Bloomington Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

***Volunteer Recognition Week Proclamation
“The Heart of Our Community”***

*WHEREAS, the care, commitment and hard work of our world-class, diverse volunteers have made our schools more effective places in which to learn; and
WHEREAS, volunteers have enriched and expanded the learning opportunities available to learners of all ages and abilities; and
WHEREAS, volunteerism is a living lesson that embodies a spirit of giving and a spirit of lifelong learning; and
WHEREAS, we wish to celebrate the many gifts of the thousands of volunteers contributing to the Bloomington Public Schools and our programs for children, youth and adults;*

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools does hereby proclaim April 27 through May 3, 2008, as Bloomington Schools Volunteer Recognition Week.

Representing the K-12 Volunteer Connection Program was Sue Martell, Placement Specialist, and for the Adult Volunteer Connection were Gina Carpenter, Alternative Educational Coordinator and Mary Jo Bayliss, Volunteer Connection Assistant Coordinator. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the adult volunteers was Larry Bucklin; for the parent volunteers was Amy Tinchler; and for the K-12 volunteers was Barbara Rhea. These dedicated volunteers have served learners of all ages in Bloomington during the 2007-2008 school year. As they accepted the proclamation, each of them described their experiences in helping a variety of learners they have served.

Minnesota
Literacy Council
Volunteers

On behalf of all of the District's Minnesota Literacy Council Volunteers, Mr. Bert Keel accepted the School Board's Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Keel, a SHAPE/Volunteer Connection volunteer for the Adult Basic Education program, was recognized by the Minnesota Literacy Council for his 1,000 hours of service to the program. An additional fourteen (14) SHAPE/Volunteer Connection volunteers, were honored by the Minnesota Literacy Council at a recent awards conference. The volunteers were recognized at service levels of 1,000 hours, 2000 hours and 3,000 hours. Volunteer Keith Lindstam was presented with the Outstanding Volunteer Award and Carol Swanson was presented the Essi Wiseheart Ledyard Award honoring volunteers over the age of 65.

Kids' SAFARI
20th Anniversary
Proclamation

Mark Hibbs moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached proclamation declaring the week of April 21, 2008, as Kids' SAFARI Celebration. Motion carried unanimously.

***Kids' SAFARI 20th Anniversary Celebration
PROCLAMATION***

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Board of Education, stands firmly committed to quality before and after school programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills.*
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.*
- Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults.*
- Engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of Bloomington children.*

WHEREAS, Kids' SAFARI has provided significant leadership in the area of well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality before and after school programs are key to helping Bloomington children become successful adults.

WHEREAS, Kids' SAFARI is celebrating their 20th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Kids' SAFARI promotes the importance of quality before and after school programs in the lives of children, families and communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomington Board of Education declares the Week of April 21, 2008, Kids' SAFARI Celebration; AND BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED that the Bloomington Board of Education enthusiastically endorses Kids' SAFARI and its commitment to innovative before and after school programs and activities.

On behalf of the Kids' SAFARI program, Wendy Webster and Russ Purdy accepted the proclamation.

Kids' SAFARI has grown from one location in 1987-1988 to offering before and after school activities at all 10 elementary schools. Kids' SAFARI provides a safe and productive environment for over 1,088 children during the 2007-08 school year.

Jefferson
Boys Hockey
Academic Team

The School Board recognized and presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Jefferson High School Boys Hockey Team. Placing first in the Class AA Team Academic Award for 2007-2008, the team has earned an all academic honor with the highest GPA for all Class AA high schools, by the Minnesota State High School Hockey Coaches Association. The Jefferson varsity team had a GPA of 3.67 on a 4.00 scale to lead all schools receiving the academic award. This is the third year in a row the Jefferson hockey team has scored the highest GPA of all schools in Section 2, and the second time in the past three years it has topped all Class AA schools. Team members are: Jeremy Batten, Connor Cline, Tyler Dietzler, Daniel Faust, Joseph Faust, Troy Gallus, David Hedlund, Caleb Herbert, Zachary Knight, Tim LaBombard, Thomas O'Donnell, Andrew Patterson, Jeffrey Pauluk, Jacob Perpich, Aaron Ruff, Andrew Rynda, Andrew Siro, Jake Swansson, Ryan Vaudreuil and Joseph Velasque. Head Coach is Jeff Lindquist. Assistant Coaches are Virg Senescall, Keith George and Stan Palmer. Principal Steve Hill was present to congratulate the team's accomplishments.

Kennedy
Boys Wrestling

Kennedy High School Boys Wrestling Team members earned awards at the 2007-2008 State Tournament. The School Board recognized the following students for their accomplishments:

Robby Fisher – First Place – 125 lbs.
Dylan Ness – Third Place – 119 lbs.
Luke Erickson – Fifth Place – 171 lbs.

Kennedy High School Dean of Students Kristin Krenz introduced Head Coach Chuck Vavrosky who provided tournament highlights through a video clip. Assistant Wrestling Coaches are Jeff Shannon, Brad Pike and Brad Fisher.

Bloomington
Health Promotion
Award

Scott Sieling received the 2008 Bloomington Health Promotion Award from the Bloomington Advisory Board of Health. The award was presented April 7th by Pat Sharkey, Chairperson of the Bloomington Advisory Board of Health, and Mayor Gene Winstead. Scott Sieling is an English teacher at Bloomington Jefferson High School and the twelfth person to receive the award since it was established in 1990.

The Health Promotion Award honors a person, organization, or business that has made a significant contribution to the health and wellness of a large number of Bloomington residents. Mr. Sieling is receiving this award for the significant effort he put forth to advocate for school wellness policy development and adoption by the Bloomington School District. Having policies and practices in place to support healthy lifestyle habits, including healthy eating and physical activity, can help assure our children's health today and in the future.

Public

John Loftus representing the Bus Drivers and Dana Battcher, representing the Custodial employees addressed the School Board regarding the progress with bargaining for these two employee units, particularly in the area of health insurance. One issue is the "cash in lieu of" option, which is an additional 40 cents per hour for employees who do not participate in the District's health insurance program, and the other was the health insurance rate changes presented and represented and the increase in cost to employees. Mr. Loftus and Mr. Battcher encouraged a settlement to contract negotiations. Several representatives from these bargaining groups attended the public recognition.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on March 24, 2008.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non Resident Student Agreements:
 - 2007-2008 Students Entering Bloomington = 12
 - 2007-2008 Students Leaving Bloomington = 11
 - 2008-2009 Students Entering Bloomington = 13
 - 2008-2009 Students Leaving Bloomington = 2

Personnel Items

Non-Resident

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

Student Teaching

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Luther College. This agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2008 and end on June 30, 2010.

3. *Finance*

Receipts/Disbursements

- a. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush moved, Chuck Walter 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

ACE Post
Secondary
Program Grant

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No 271 accepts the grant of \$100,000 and approves the State of Minnesota Grant Contract administered by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to be used for Advising and Counseling for College program, ACE Post-Secondary Program (Advising, Counseling, Exploring Post-Secondary) for Kennedy High School. The effective dates of the grant are April 15, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean of Students Kristin Krenz reported that Kennedy High School has been awarded an ACE Post-Secondary (Advising, Counseling, Exploring Post-Secondary Options) grant. The grant will provide a 1.0 counselor position. Grant partners include Normandale Community College, Hennepin Technical College, Rotary Club, Park-Nicollet Clinics, Faith Community Team and Educational Talent Search (ETS). The objectives of the grant are to:

- Establish a welcoming center for students to have a positive experience enrolling at Kennedy High School,
- Make a post-secondary educational plan for 9th grade students and allow students to see the relevance of their classes for their future
- Better prepare 9th grade students academically for post-secondary opportunities, and
- Improve parent and student satisfaction with the school's post-secondary option services.

2008 Summer
Programs
Update

Wendy Webster and Suzanne Kpowulu reported on the 2008 Summer Program. Offerings for *PreKindergarten-Elementary* include Summer Spectrum, Summer Kids' SAFARI, Extended School Year, Camp Invention, Summer School, Reading for Life Camp and Cultural Connections. Programs for *Middle Level Students* are Galaxy, Summer School, Summer Spectrum, Extended School Year Reading for Life Camp and Operation Adventure. *High School Level Program* offerings include Extended School Year, Operation Adventure, 9th Grade Academy, BEACON ALC, Summer Musical and Drivers Education. Programs for students of All Ages—Bloomington and Richfield Aquatics, Musical Avenues private and group lessons. Summer School Goals for 2008 will be to increase enrollment of referred students and integrate students in need of English language development. Program strategies will be to serve as research and development and to provide free breakfast and lunch at Valley View Middle and Kennedy High School.

MESPA School
of Excellence
Application Process

Elementary School Principals Jon Millerhagen (Washburn) and Joan Maland (Indian Mounds) provided an overview of the process for an elementary school to become a Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association (MESPA) School of Excellence. The program sets standards for effective elementary and middle level schools.

The program offers a comprehensive school improvement process that combines the findings of current research on effective schools with the practical on-site experience of working principals and education staff; emphasizes that everything done in an effective school community focuses on ensuring the learning of adults and students, evaluates school effectiveness using nationally researched standards, engages school communities in best practices and is supported by the Minnesota Department of Education. The standards for the Minnesota School of Excellence Program include Leadership, Vision, Student Learning (curriculum and instruction) Culture of Adult Learning, Data and Decision Making and Community Engagement. Within each standard there are strategies to achieve. The six standards address 28 indicators of excellence. Currently, the District has four schools involved in the MESPA School of Excellence application process—Washburn, Indian Mounds, Olson Elementary and Valley View Elementary. Four of our Bloomington Schools have received this designation—Washburn, Indian Mounds, Poplar Bridge and Ridgeview. Two of the schools, are going through the process for the second time—Washburn and Indian Mounds.

Employee Group
Health Insurance

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Peterson, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 renews a contract to provide the following fully insured Employee Group Health Insurance plans for the 12-month period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, as follows:

1. For all teachers and independent (non-unit) employees (subject to contract negotiations): adopt a new high deductible health plan (HDHP) with \$1,100 single deductible and \$2,200 single+one/family deductible at the negotiated monthly premium rates of \$478.50 for single coverage, \$1,004.50 for single+one coverage, and \$1,100.00 for family coverage;
2. For all principals (subject to contract negotiations): continue the \$300 deductible and 80/20 co-insurance plan (Blue Plan) at the negotiated monthly premium rates of \$533.50 for single coverage, \$1,120.50 for single+one coverage, and \$1,227.50 for family coverage; and
3. For all other district employees (subject to contract negotiations): continue the current PPO plan (Gold Plan) at the negotiated monthly premium rates of \$586.50 for single coverage, \$1,231.00 for single+one coverage, and \$1,348.50 for family coverage.

This contract is a renewal of existing services with the additional plan. District legal counsel and our insurance consultant reviewed the initial contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Group
Dental Insurance

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 renews a contract to administer the District's self-funded group dental insurance for the 12-month period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 to Delta Dental, Minneapolis, MN at the provider recommended amounts of:

1. Single coverage: \$34.09 per full-time employee per month and \$23.72 per part-time employee per month, which represents a 3% increase in premium over 2007-08. A fee of is \$3.55 per employee per month to administer the dental plan is included in these amounts.
2. Family coverage: \$101.64 per full-time employee per month and \$92.45 per part-time employee per month, which represents a 3% increase in premium over 2007-08. A fee of is \$3.55 per employee per month to administer the dental plan is included in these amounts.

The contract is a renewal of existing services. District legal counsel and our insurance consultant reviewed the initial contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Health
Savings Account
Provider

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 awards a contract to provide and administer Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) that accompany the new High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) for the 24-month period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 to HealthEquity, Inc., 15 W. Scenic Pointe Drive, Suite 400, Draper, UT 84020 at the rates negotiated with the provider of:

1. One-time set-up fee: \$5.00 per member account.
2. Account administration: \$3.75 per member account per month.
3. Fee guarantee: At the above amounts, two additional consecutive 12-month periods at the option of the District, subject to an early termination fee.

The contract was reviewed by District legal counsel and our insurance consultant.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Daycare
FSA Provider

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 renews a contract to provide and administer Daycare Flexible Spending Accounts (Daycare FSAs) for the 12-month period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 to Corporate Health Services, Inc., at the following rates:

1. Annual re-enrollment fee: \$8.79 per member, which represents no increase over 2007-08.

2. Account administration: \$3.50 per member account per month, which represents no increase over 2007-08.

ALSO RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 eliminates full scope Healthcare Flexible Spending Accounts (Health FSAs) as of June 30, 2008 in order to implement Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) on July 1, 2008 in accordance with IRS regulations. Those Health FSAs with balances on July 1, 2008 will remain intact until after the grace period, or September 15, 2008.

This contract is a renewal of existing services. District legal counsel reviewed the initial contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Ed
Wages and Benefits
2008-2009

Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the Superintendent to implement wage and benefit improvements for all Community Education employees for the 2008-2009 school year as follows, effective July 1, 2008:

1. Salaries/Wages: The School Board authorizes an increase of up to 1.5% for the salaries/wages of Community Education employees with a commensurate increase in the Community Education salary ranges. The Superintendent is further authorized to adjust individual salaries as necessary to address specific situations upon recommendation from the Executive Director of Community Education.
2. Fringe benefits: The School Board authorizes changes in District contribution for fringe benefits as follows:
 - a. **Dental Insurance:**

2008-2009 Rates	<u>Full-Time Program</u>		<u>Part-Time Program</u>	
	Premium	District Contribution	Premium	District Contribution
Single	34.09	34.09	23.72	23.72
Family	104.64	34.09	92.45	23.72

- b. **Health Insurance:** High Deductible Health Plan (\$1,100/\$2,200 deductible/out-of-pocket max); part-time program: 50% of District premium.

2008-2009 Rates	Premium	<u>Full-Time Program</u>	
		District Contribution	Employee Share
Single	478.50	478.50	0.00
Single+One	1,004.50	730.00	274.50
Family	1,100.00	730.00	370.00

- c. **Health Savings Account:** \$1,100 per full-time employee and \$550 per part-time employee; half of this District contribution to be made on July 1, 2008 and the balance in equal monthly installments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Independent
(Non-Bargaining Unit)
Employees
Wages/Benefits
2008-2009

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the Superintendent to implement wage and benefit improvements for all independent (non-bargaining unit) employees for the 2008-2009 school year as follows, effective July 1, 2008:

1. Salaries/Wages: The School Board authorizes an increase of up to 1.5% for the salaries/wages of independent employees with a commensurate increase in the independent salary ranges. The Superintendent is further authorized to adjust individual salaries as necessary to address specific situations.
2. Fringe Benefits: The School Board authorizes changes in District contribution for fringe benefits as follows:

a. **Dental Insurance:**

2008-2009 Rates	<u>Full-Time Program</u>		<u>Part-Time Program</u>	
	Premium	District Contribution	Premium	District Contribution
Single	34.09	34.09	23.72	23.72
Family	104.64	34.09	92.45	23.72

- b. **Health Insurance:** High Deductible Health Plan (\$1,100/\$2,200 deductible/out-of-pocket max); part-time program: 50% of District premium.

2008-2009 Rates	Premium	<u>Full-Time Program</u>	
		District Contribution	Employee Share
Single	478.50	478.50	0.00
Single+One	1,004.50	730.00	274.50
Family	1,100.00	730.00	370.00

- c. **Health Savings Account:** \$1,100 per full-time employee and \$550 per part-time employee; half of this District contribution to be made on July 1, 2008 and the balance in equal monthly installments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative
Council
Wages/Benefits
2008-2009

Tim Culver moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the Superintendent to implement salary and benefit improvements for all Administrative Council members for the 2008-09 school year as follows, effective July 1, 2008:

1. Salaries: The School Board authorizes an increase of up to 1.5% for the salaries of Administrative Council members with a commensurate increase in the salary ranges. The Superintendent is further authorized to adjust individual salaries as necessary to address specific situations.
2. Fringe Benefits: The School Board authorizes changes in the District contribution level for group insurance as specified in the Administrative Council member's Letter of Employment.

- a. **Dental Insurance:** District contribution level per Letter of Employment.

2008-2009 Rates	Premium
Single	\$ 34.09
Family	104.64

- b. **Health Insurance:** Administrative Council members will be placed on High Deductible Health Plan (\$1,100/\$2,200 deductible/out-of-pocket max); District contribution level per Letter of Employment.

2008-2009 Rates	Premium
Single	\$ 478.50
Single+One	1,004.50
Family	1,100.00

- c. **Health Savings Account:** \$1,100 per full-time employee and \$550 per part-time employee; half of this District contribution to be made on July 1, 2008 and the balance in eleven equal monthly installments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Non Renewal of
Probationary
Teaching
Contracts

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 adopts a resolution relating to the non-renewal of the teaching contracts of probationary teachers.

WHEREAS, **Elizabeth Biernat** is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 271;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 271, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, that the teaching contract of the above named probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 271, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2007-2008 school year, June 30, 2008, and is not renewed for the 2008-2009 school year; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the School Board shall issue written notice to said teacher regarding non-renewal of the teacher's contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 271, held April 14, 2008, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote giving action that your teaching contract will not be renewed effective at the end of the school year, June 30, 2008, for the 2008-2009 school year. Said action of the Board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40.

You may officially request that the School Board give its reason for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. However, such request must be received within ten (10) days after the receipt of this notice.

On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Wendy Braun**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Arlene Bush moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Nicole Elsen**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Brad Fisher**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Brenda Ford**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Tim Culver moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Mathew Gorman**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Chuck Walter moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Sarah Gustafson**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **David Hall**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Jessica Hoffman**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Arlene Bush moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Jill Kalstabakken**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Jennifer Kollwitz**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Gwen McFarlane**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Tim Culver moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Rose Ann Meier**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Chuck Walter moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Kristin Olson**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Emily Ostern**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Kim Overlie**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Arlene Bush moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Sarah Roehrich**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Robyn Roloff-Oldre**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Maureen Peterson moved, Tim Culver seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Gina Ryan**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Tim Culver moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Megan Shiek**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Chuck Walter moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Merie Elise Silkey**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Susan Sivongsay**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Kelly Whiteside**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Arlene Bush moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Andrea Winkler**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to move the previous resolution but substitute the name **Whitney Zanios**. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chuck Walter attended the National School Boards Association conference. He attended a variety of sessions including topics such as NCLB and STEM. He will share his conference notes with School Board members. He attended a Safe and Drug Free Schools Task Force meeting. Task Force findings will be reported to the School Board. The Legislative Action Committee of the School Board will meet on April 21st.

Arlene Bush attended meetings of District 287's Facilities Committee and Finance Committee. The District 287 Board is working on a new Memo of Agreement with its member school districts. Maureen Bartolotta will be participating in the District 287 Strategic Planning Session on April 17th. Arlene Bush, Maureen Bartolotta and Jim Sorum attended the International Arts Festival at Pond Center.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted District activities. The School Board will meet with its Youth Advisory Council on April 21st at 5:30 pm. Melissa Drews, Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinator, and Pat Geraghty, Executive Director of Student Services, will be in attendance to review and discuss the Minnesota Student Survey results and findings of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Task Force. At 7 p.m., there is a School Board Workshop. Agenda items include findings of the Minnesota Student Survey and the Safe & Drug Free Task Force and 2008-2009 Budget Reviews.

HealthForce Minnesota has awarded Bloomington Schools a \$75,000 grant for next year! This grant will support Health Sciences and Biomedical Education in grades K-12 and our efforts to become a STEM district. The grant award is in the category of *Creating and Expanding the Vision of Youth for Healthcare Careers*. Congratulations to Debbie Belfry, Career Development Coordinator.

The Ridgeview and Poplar Bridge Early Learners Academies have full enrollments for 2008-2009 and have waiting lists.

Brian Ingemann will be the new principal at Oak Grove Middle School beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Ingemann will be replacing Ray Knoss, who will be retiring at the end of this school year.

After a month of using Connect-ED, the new school-to-parent communication system, our schools have sent 22 messages and over 13,170 phones were called with an average 89% successfully delivered rate (meaning parents received the message either live or via answering machine). The Connect-ED System allows the District to track "bad" or disconnected numbers. We are following up with these parents to ensure we have accurate contact information.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk