

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

April 14, 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 April 14, 2014, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Dick Bergstrom, Chair; Maureen Bartolotta, Vice Chair; Jim Sorum, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Tom Bennett, Ric Oliva and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs, and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
Friend 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.
- Dr. Joel Boyd is the founder of the TRIA Orthopaedic Center. He is the team physician for the Wild and the Vikings. Dr. Boyd developed a vision for TRIA’s role in Minnesota communities. In striving to foster strong relationships within the community to make a difference, his plans included starting and growing a partnership with the Bloomington community sports programs by linking Bloomington teams/programs with TRIA physicians and providing training and support for coaches and parents. Bob Finke (Business Development Director) and Amy Hamilton (Sports Medicine Program Manager), have helped make the vision a reality. TRIA is actively involved with the BAJs and BAA coaches, parents and players. TRIA has partnered with the Bloomington Public Schools in a Personal Health Supports program that provides hygiene supplies to youth within our schools who, for a variety of reasons, do not have access to adequate supplies in their home environment. Recently, the District received a check in the amount of \$1,370 to support this program. Funds were raised by TRIA employees and matched by the TRIA Community Service and Philanthropy Committee.

Volunteer
Recognition
Month

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the attached proclamation (on file) declaring April as Volunteer Recognition Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Representing the Volunteer Connection Programs are Debbie Belfry, Coordinator, and Sue Martell, Placement Specialist; and for Metro South Adult Basic Education are Gina Carpenter, Alternative Educational Coordinator, and Mary Jo Bayliss, Marketing and Volunteer Programs. Accepting this proclamation on behalf of the Volunteer Connection, Peter and Joyce Heinrich; accepting for Metro South, Nahom Mossazghi; accepting for Food Service, Nancy Bergwick; accepting for PTSA Council, Linda Batterson. These volunteers have served learners of all ages in Bloomington during the 2013-2014 academic year. There are 236 volunteers supporting adult learners and 620 volunteers supporting students in Early Childhood through grade 12. The District is fortunate to have many community partners as well as post-secondary partners. Peter Heinrich, who volunteers in a variety of programs, shared his experience being a volunteer in the Bloomington Public Schools.

Public

Representing the Bloomington Federation of Teachers, Molly Geislinger and Marissa Johnson addressed the School Board regarding the unsettled teachers' contract. The Board was encouraged to bring closure to these negotiations proceedings by reaching a fair and equitable settlement.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident

Student Agreements

Community Ed Services
Advisory Council

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting on March 24, 2014.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Recissions, Employments. Independent Personnel: Resignation. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignation, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Nineteen (19) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and twenty-three (23) leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2014-2015: Nine (9) students entering and sixteen (16) students leaving Bloomington Public Schools.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the appointment of Jackie Doncavage to the Bloomington/Richfield Community Education Services Advisory Council.

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. *Grants*

Eden Prairie

Community Foundation

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$3,000 grant from Eden Prairie Community Foundation to fund the purchase of Chromebooks for Metro South Adult Basic Education programs being held at Hennepin Technical College in Eden Prairie.

4. *Contracts*
Student Teaching
Mn State University

Accurate HomeCare

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Minnesota State University, Mankato. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves an agreement with Accurate HomeCare to provide nursing services for a student determined eligible for these services.

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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
Authorize 2014-2015
Expenditures

Ric Oliva moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes Administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2014-2015 school year. These purchases will not exceed 5% of the 2013-2014 General, Capital, Capital Projects Levy and Community Services budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

This preliminary authorization will enable Administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2014-2015 school year.

The 2013-2014 budgets are:

General	\$116,851,182
Capital	\$ 3,584,140
Capital Projects Levy	\$ 2,692,267
Community Services	\$ 13,495,724

Non Renewal of
Probationary
Teaching Contract

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts a separate resolution relating to the non-renewal of the teaching contracts of probationary teachers for each of the following teachers: Karen Albrecht, Nancy Branch, Ann Carstens, Charles Erb, John Ott, and Andrew Weis.

RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District 271, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, that the teaching contract of the above named probationary teacher in Independent School District 271, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2013-2014 school year, June 30, 2014, and is not renewed for the 2014-2015 school year; and

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 in the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 271, held April 14, 2014, 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, 2014, and is not renewed for the 2014-2015 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.

Mary Burroughs, Executive Director of Human Resources, indicated that this is an annual process to non-renew probationary teachers. Non-renewals can be due to class size, performance or other reasons.

Policy 102

Dawn Steigauf moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the first reading of revised Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 202

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the first reading of revised Policy 202 Board Elections.

Board members discussed the current policy language regarding the election of a Board Chair versus recommendations made by the Minnesota School Boards Association in the guidelines document entitled the *First Monday of January*. Current policy language provides that the Superintendent acts as the convener to elect a Board Chair. There is no language regarding a convener in the MSBA guidelines.

Superintendent Fujitake reported on his conversation with Cathy Miller, Director of Legal and Policy Services for the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), regarding the current policy. Board Members shared their perspectives related to the process.

Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded to amend the policy by using the MSBA recommended language regarding election of Board officers. Discussion continued as Board members shared their perspectives and opinions. Chair Bergstrom called for the vote on the motion to amend. On roll call vote, members Tom Bennett, Dick Bergstrom, Nelly Korman, Ric Oliva and Dawn Steigauf voted aye. Jim Sorum and Maureen Bartolotta voted nay. Motion carried 5-2.

Chair Bergstrom called for the vote on the main motion as amended. On roll call vote members Dawn Steigauf, Jim Sorum, Tom Bennett, Dick Bergstrom, Nelly Korman and Ric Oliva voted aye. Maureen Bartolotta voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

Policy 208 Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the first reading of revised Policy 208 Board Policies. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 208.1 Jim Sorum moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the first reading of revised Policy 208.1 Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy revisions were discussed at the March 24 study session of the School Board. As policies and regulations are updated, revisions will include consistency in terms.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Bennett attended the Hillcrest Community School play and the Washburn Elementary School carnival. Maureen Bartolotta highlighted the Senior Achievement Recognition Banquet honoring over 100 seniors in the Class of 2014. In addition to the academic top ten percent, students received awards in the areas of Academic Excellence, Artistic Excellence, Curricular Excellence, Leadership and Volunteerism. The Education Foundation of Bloomington (EFB) is hosting an event on April 15 honoring the work of Arlene Bush, Karyn Arazi and the late Carl Casperson. The EFB will be naming a scholarship in each of their names. Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) is a sponsor of the Box City Vigil starting May 30 at 6 p.m. with conclusion at 7 a.m. on May 31. This year's location is Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. Ric Oliva indicated that the proceeds from the Box City Vigil go to Oasis for Youth. BUY continues to seek space for its Common Grounds initiative. The Youth Advisory Council to the School Board met prior to tonight's Board meeting. Discussion focused on the district-wide food drive being conducted to benefit VEAP. Nelly Korman attended an MDE meeting on engaging families, the AMSD meeting at which Senator Wiklund was a speaker. Dawn Steigauf congratulated Administration on receiving the MDE School Finance award, attended MSBA Phases III and IV training and announced that April is Autism Awareness month. Ms. Steigauf has been asked to participate in an MDE working group on special education electronic systems. Jim Sorum attended many of the events already highlighted. He commented that faith communities will be focusing on supporting homeless needs in conjunction with agencies such as Oasis for Youth and Tree House. He highlighted Valley View Middle School's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program which focuses on developing pathways for student success. Dick Bergstrom apologized for missing a negotiations session of the custodian/transportation employees, attended meetings of the Intermediate District 917 Board, PTSA Council, Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council, visited the Dakota County Juvenile Service Center, and attended the Gifted Talented program mock trials—fourth grade students from Ridgeview and Oak Grove Elementary participated in mock trials at the Government Center. He was a co-teacher for an adult education class on the subject of wildlife.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake expressed appreciation to the public on their support of this past fall's referendum for technology and school safety and security plans. The middle school rollout plan for technology is fulfilling the three goals of anytime, anywhere learning; digital content and personalized data. This summer, nine of the ten elementary schools will be under construction for facility improvements focusing on school safety and security.

Mr. Fujitake noted that this Board has been working together for four months; he commended them for their teamwork.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jim Sorum, Clerk