

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

**April 27, 2009**

- 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 27, 2009, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Jim Sorum, Vice Chair; Maureen Peterson, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver and Chuck Walter.
- Member Absent Mark Hibbs.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Pat Geraghty, Rod Zivkovich, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present Kingsley Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Peterson seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached proclamation declaring the month of May as Older Americans Month. Motion carried unanimously.

Older Americans  
Month

**Older Americans Month Proclamation**  
*Living Today for a Better Tomorrow*

*WHEREAS, Bloomington is a community where 13,000 citizens age 65 or older make their home; and*

*WHEREAS, older adults in Bloomington and throughout the U.S. are an increasing population with evolving needs; and*

*WHEREAS, older Americans are valuable members of our society who enhance communities and personal lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the increasing number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to highlight the need for increased support of older adults; and*

*WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved older adult populations in our Nation's history; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work collaboratively to address older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and*

*WHEREAS, communities can improve older citizens' overall quality of life by helping them: make behavioral changes in their lifestyle that can reduce the risk of disease, disability, and injury; obtain the tools they need to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options in their communities; have more options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home for as long as possible.*

*THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bloomington Board of Education, Independent School District No. 271, Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby proclaim May 2009 to be Older Americans Month. We urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members and citizens who partner with other adults. We urge all citizens to work collaboratively to strengthen the services Bloomington provides to its older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs, and that provide older adults with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives. Please join us this May as the City of Bloomington's Human Services Division offers creative and informative events and workshops throughout the community.*

Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the School District and City's older adult community was Bruno Anderson, longtime member of the Bloomington Born Again Jocks. Mr. Anderson has been a Bloomington resident for 53 years and is a leader amongst the Born Again Jocks organization and their 600 plus members. The BAJ's contribute to the well being of the community through volunteer efforts at Creekside Community Center and through their scholarship program. In 2007-2008, eight \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to high school seniors. Again in 2008-2009, eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Over the years, the Born Again Jocks have supported \$100,000 in scholarships for our Bloomington students.

Jets  
Floor Hockey

The Jets Adapted Athletics Floor Hockey Team placed third in State competition. The team is comprised of male and female students from Bloomington, Edina, Eden Prairie and Richfield. Team Members are: Sydney Barton, Ashlee Boyle, Sam Cashin, Millie Cell, Bobby Crumrine, C.J. Duffey, Alec Erickson, Matt Folsom, Kyu Fredkove, Paul Hagen, Zach Minn, Antonio Minor, Dustin Pederson, Mark Shull, Michael Smith and Regina Stelberg. The Head Coach for the Jets is Barb Becker, Assistant Coach is Mary Jo De St. Hubert and the Manager is Mary Pitcher. The Jets were undefeated in season play.

Food Drive  
for VEAP

The PTSA Council and the School Board's Youth Advisory Council are sponsoring a food drive for VEAP the week of May 4-8. This is the first time the Board's Youth Advisory Council and the PTSA Council have worked collaboratively. All schools/sites will be participating in the food drive. Karin Meier, representing VEAP, emphasized the need at this time of the year to stock food shelves. This food drive will make a significant impact. VEAP served 4,512 families in 2008. Of those served, 53% are from Bloomington, of which 62% had school-age children. Chip Groth, Co-President of the PTSA Council, provided an overview of the collaborative effort with the students and then presented a \$500 donation to VEAP from the PTSA Council. Monetary donations also help VEAP due to purchasing power made available through quantity purchasing. Michael Riebel, a Youth Advisory Council member from Kennedy High School, encouraged students, staff and the community to participate in the food drive. He challenged the School Board to visit their liaison schools and bring donations for VEAP.

- Jefferson Theater Assistant Principal Kevin Groebner introduced student cast members for upcoming productions by the Jefferson Theater Company. Jared Palma highlighted *M\*A\*S\*H*, which will be performed May 1-3 at Jefferson. Admission is free to veterans and active duty personnel. Bridget Hart highlighted *Steel Magnolias*, which will be performed May 8-10 at Oak Gove Middle School. Admission to both performances are free to senior citizens on opening night (donations appreciated).
- Bloomington Community Foundation A grant award from the Bloomington Community Foundation is being accepted by the School Board tonight. Gil Williams, President of the Bloomington Community Foundation, reviewed the process for the grant award, which was available through the generous donation of former Bloomington staff wishing to support educational opportunities and asked to remain anonymous. The grant was awarded for the Kindergarten School Readiness Skills Program. Kay Miller provides the leadership for this program. On behalf of the school district, she expressed appreciation to the Bloomington Community Foundation for the grant award, which will provide \$10,000 for the summer 2009 program and upon a successful result, \$10,000 for the summer 2010 program. The grant will allow 54 students to attend a three-week program to help them prepare for and be successful in Kindergarten.
- Public Cassie Bjerke-Armstrong, School Psychologist, and Jennifer Finsted, Strategic Mentor, addressed the School Board about their concerns for the Budgeting for Success recommendation to eliminate the Strategic Mentor Program, which connects social work services to at-risk students. The program is community based, cost effective and is centered on prevention and intervention and it aligns with the District's Strategic Plan to maximize student learning and close the achievement gap. They indicated that students need to feel connected to be engaged at school and relationships are very important. Currently, 7-10 social workers have a caseload of 8-10 students. If the program is eliminated, there will be no mental health services for these students unless they qualify for special education services. The School Board was asked to reconsider this recommendation and continue these essential services.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on April 13, 2009.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employment.  
Independent Personnel: Leave of Absence.  
Classified Personnel: Termination, Retirements, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2008-2009: Students entering Bloomington total 6 and 1 student leaving.  
Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2009-2010: Students entering Bloomington total 2 and 1 student leaving.

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

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| Student Teaching Agreements             | a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Bethel University, Northwestern College, St. Olaf College and Walden University. These agreements will be in effect from July 1, 2009 and end on June 30, 2011. |
| SHIELD Central Referral Services        | b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a contract with the City of Bloomington to provide SHIELD central referral services for handicapped children under age five and their families.   |
| Interagency Early Intervention Services | c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a contract with the City of Bloomington to provide Interagency Early Intervention Services for handicapped children under age five and their families.  |
| SHIELD Central Intake Services          | d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the agreement with the City of Bloomington for Consultation Services to SHIELD Central Intake.  |
| PLTW Software Agreement                 | e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts the Project Lead The Way Software Lease Agreement for 2009-2010 school year and further, authorizes Debbie Belfry, Career Development Coordinator, to sign the agreement.                          |
| Edelweiss Home Care/Nursing Services    | f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves an agreement for Edelweiss Home Care to provide nursing services to a student determined eligible for these services.   |
| 3. <i>Grants</i>                        |  |
| Bloomington Community Foundation        | a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts a \$10,000 grant to fund the Kindergarten School Readiness Skills Program for summer 2009.   |
| 4. <i>Finance</i>                       |  |
| Gifts & Donations                       | a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$44,339.48.   |
| Finance Reports                         | b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month ended March 31, 2009.   |
| Receipts/Disbursements                  | c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.  |

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush 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  
Asian/Pacific  
American  
Heritage Month

Asian Advocates Hung Phung and Chinda Gregor, along with Amanda Crombie, a consultant with the Office of Educational Equity, updated the School Board on the role of the cultural liaisons in our schools and highlighted accomplishments and activities of the Asian community within our school district. Cultural liaisons focus on promoting cultural awareness for all students and assisting families to ensure the educational success of the Asian students in our school system.

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached proclamation declaring May 2009 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

***May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month***

*WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have contributed immeasurably to the richness of our dynamic, multicultural society in the United States of America, Minnesota and Bloomington; and*

*WHEREAS, the cultural values of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders embody many of our Nation's core values of citizenship, family, hard work and community service; and*

*WHEREAS, the people of this diverse and rapidly growing community have contributed to education at all levels, the professions, government and public service, the arts and sports; and*

*WHEREAS, the Bloomington community long has been home to thriving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who contribute in many ways to cultural and economic life; and*

*WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to find their homes in our community and entrust the educational needs of their children and families to the Bloomington Public Schools; and*

*WHEREAS, the Bloomington Public Schools are committed to providing a learning community where children and adults of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds can thrive and learn together;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Bloomington Board of Education, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in the Bloomington Public Schools and call upon residents of the School District to observe this occasion.*

Hung Phung, Chinda Gregor and Amanda Crombie accepted the proclamation.

Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week  
Proclamation

Directors of Curriculum Tim Anderson and Beth Anderson highlighted the everyday heroes who work constantly to improve instruction so more students succeed. Examples of strong instruction and strong teaming were provided as we celebrate our teachers—early childhood, K-12, to adults—the reason Bloomington is an educational leader.

Maureen Peterson moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached proclamation proclaiming May 4-8, 2009, as Teacher Appreciation Week in the Bloomington Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation**

*WHEREAS, the teachers of the Bloomington Public Schools are central to the teaching-learning process that leads to the successful academic, social and emotional development of our students; and*

*WHEREAS, Bloomington teachers actively promote the inherent right of our students to a high-quality education; and*

*WHEREAS, Bloomington teachers work cooperatively with school, home and community to develop the entire learner; and*

*WHEREAS, Bloomington teachers help keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship and community service; and*

*WHEREAS, Bloomington teachers continuously pursue professional development through training, inservice education, course work and certification; and*

*WHEREAS, Bloomington teachers are active partners in shaping the curriculum outcomes, instructional practices and assessment methods that guide our students' progress;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools does hereby proclaim May 4-8, 2009, as Teacher Appreciation Week in the Bloomington Public Schools.*

Accepting the proclamation on behalf of all Bloomington teachers was Wendy Marczak, BFT President.

Registered Nurses/  
Health Associates  
Day Proclamation

Jim Sorum moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached proclamation declaring May 6, 2009, as Registered Nurses and Health Associates Day in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Registered Nurses and Health Associates Day May 6, 2009**

*WHEREAS, Registered Nurses and Health Associates in the Bloomington Schools have provided first aid, administered medications, and performed health screening and special health procedures for chronic illnesses such as asthma and diabetes and;*

*WHEREAS, Registered Nurses and Health Associates work to prevent communicable disease transmission and ensure that all students are appropriately immunized and;*

*WHEREAS, Registered Nurses and Health Associates address the needs of students with increasingly complex social, medical, and emotional problems that may interfere with learning and;*

*WHEREAS, Registered Nurses and Health Associates improve students' health to promote student learning;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Bloomington Public Schools does hereby declare Wednesday, May 6, as Registered Nurses and Health Associates Day in the Bloomington Public Schools and encourages its students, staff and families to recognize the contributions of the district's nurses and health associates.*

*Be it further resolved that the School Board of Bloomington encourages all students, staff and families to promote the health of students to improve student learning.*

Accepting the proclamation were nurses Laurel Kuplic, representing the public schools, and Roseanne Rolfes, representing the non-public schools, who highlighted the numbers and types of reasons students would see the school nurse/health associate.

Policy 516

Maureen Peterson moved, Jim Sorum seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the first reading of Policy 516, Student Medication/Medical Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

This is a new mandatory policy. In the past, guidelines for the administration of medication were addressed in the Health Service Manual. The new policy is consistent with the Minnesota School Board Association model policy with the following additions:

- The policy/regulation includes medical procedures as well as medication.
- A physician's request is needed for the administration of both over-the-counter and prescription medication.

The draft policy/regulation was reviewed at the April 20, 2009 Board Workshop. District Counsel has reviewed the draft policy.

Chuck Walter expressed appreciation to administration for the work on District policies. Superintendent Fujitake indicated that all but three old policies have been reviewed and are on the new numbering system. Policies and regulations will be reviewed on a five-year cycle, or sooner if needed due to new laws.

Staffing 2009-2010

Chuck Walter moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the staffing recommendation for the 2009-2010 school year based upon an equivalent of 746.812 full-time teachers and Administration be allowed to adjust staff to enrollment from August 1 through October 1 using the Board approved staffing ratios. Following October 1 adjustments, the Board will be apprised of any additional staffing utilized. Motion carried unanimously.

The staffing recommendation is based upon current student enrollment and enrollment projections for the 2009-2010 school year. The ratios applied to develop the recommended staffing reflect the ratio approved by the Board in conjunction with the District's Budget Plan. Included within the staffing recommendation is a 3.0 FTE contingency to be accessed by the Superintendent of Schools to address unforeseen circumstances. Not included in the attached staffing request are positions funded by Compensatory Revenue, Title I and other miscellaneous revenue sources that vary from year to year. Staffing was discussed in detail with the School Board at its April 20 Workshop.

Authorizing Expenditures 2009-2010

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 authorizes Administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2009-2010 school year. These purchases will not exceed 5% of the 2008-2009 General, Capital and Community Service budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

This preliminary authorization will enable the administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2009-2010 school year. The 2008-2009 General, Capital and Community Services budgets are \$95,851,713, \$3,647,832 and \$12,626,804 respectively.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Sorum highlighted Senator Amy Klobuchar's Education Forum held on April 18 and the Kennedy High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame inductions honoring James Bontrager, Dohn Thibault, Bob Schmidt, Kyle Jacobs, Steve Rushin and Lisa Carlson Keith. A concert was performed by Rhythm and Gold.

Maureen Bartolotta highlighted the Jefferson Connection event honoring Jeff Kelly's 20 years of directing music at Jefferson.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted School Board and District activities. Arlene Bush moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to cancel the School Board meeting scheduled for June 8th due to graduation. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations and Emergency Management Coordinator, and Paulette Wollenhaupt, Supervisor of Health Services, provided an overview of the status of the H1N1 influenza and its affects/possible affects on the operation of the Bloomington School District. At this time there are no suspected or confirmed cases in Minnesota. The District does have plans in place should this reach the pandemic stage. Currently, we are in phase four alert of six phases. Parents/staff will be updated, via Connect Ed messaging, as information becomes available.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Maureen Peterson, Clerk