

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

April 8, 2013

- 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 Vice Chair Mark Hibbs at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Prior to the meeting, the school Board was in a Closed Session to discuss negotiations.
- Members Present Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta, Arlene Bush, Tim Culver, Chair (7:40 p.m. arrival); and Nelly Korman, Treasurer (8:10 p.m. arrival).
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich and John Weisser.
- 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, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Friends
- The District is fortunate to have businesses and organizations support our learners and the community of Bloomington. In appreciation of these collaborations efforts, the School Board recognizes "Friends" of education.
- Culver's is a familiar establishment in the Bloomington community. Don Fong is the Owner and General Manager. He has developed many friends and customers by providing exceptional service. Over the past years, Mr. Fong has demonstrated strong support for our schools and the community of Bloomington as a whole and models the District's core values of citizenship and teamwork. Although modest about his contributions, Mr. Fong has been generous when being involved with activities in the District. A few examples include Normandale Hills Read-A-Thon, Oak Grove Middle School Pennies for Patients, Valley View Elementary and other school carnivals and family nights, sports activities at Kennedy High School, and events sponsored by the Office of Educational Equity.
- Volunteer Recognition Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the attached proclamation (on file) declaring April 21-27, 2013, as Volunteer Recognition Week in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Representing the E-12 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 E-12 Volunteers, Joe Moses; accepting for Metro South, Bob Lee; accepting for Food Service, Ken & Julie Brokl; accepting for PTA, Leslie Hanson and Krista Pearson. These volunteers have served learners of all ages during the 2012-2013 academic year.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on March 18, 2013.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Retirement. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Changes of Status.

Non-Resident

Student Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 11 and 10 students leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 10 and 7 students leaving.

2. *Field Trip Approvals*

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

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

MOU Lutheran

Social Service

Foster Grandparent

Program

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota/Foster Grandparent Program and Independent School District 271, Volunteer Connection, E-12 Programs. Effective dates for the Memorandum of Understanding are July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

Dick Bergstrom 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

Q Comp Form

Changes

2013-2014

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Q Comp Program Form changes for the 2013-2014 school year Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 122A.414. Subd. 3(a), the District must provide information to the Minnesota Department of Education regarding any changes to its Q Comp Program. Kelley Spiess, Q Comp Coordinator, and the peer coaches have updated the observation forms to correct inconsistent language and to align with the forms used during the observation process.

The changes were made to align all forms to the updated 2011 Danielson forms and to add more detail within each component of the domain for teachers and administrators to have more examples. These forms include the Planning Form, the Observation Form, the Summative Observation Report and the Standards of Proficiency rubric. While MDE has informed us that they see these changes as minor and do not require submission of the entire application, they would like to have the updated forms on file. Administration recommends approval of these changes to the Q Comp Program and submission of the Q Comp Plan Change Form to the Minnesota Department of Education by April 15, 2013.

Bid Award/ Asphalt Rehabilitation Southwood and Westwood

Dick Bergstrom moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the McNamara Contracting Inc., Rosemount, Minnesota bid of \$98,665 to provide pavement rehabilitation at Southwood Center and Westwood Elementary School and approves the contact with McNamara Contracting, Inc., to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2013-14 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of replacing the pavement at the west lot at Southwood Center and the south bus drive at Westwood Elementary School. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Bid Award/ Jefferson Gymnasium Bleachers Replacement

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Haldeman-Homme, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota bid of \$185,424 to provide gymnasium bleacher replacement at Jefferson High School and approves the contract with Haldeman-Homme, Inc. to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2013-14 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of the removal and replacement of the existing east, west and north side bleachers in the main school gymnasium. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Levy.

Authorize 2013-2014 Expenditures

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes Administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2013-2014 school year. These purchases will not exceed 5% of the 2012-2013 General, Capital, Capital Projects Levy and Community Services budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

This preliminary authorization will enable the administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2013-2014 school year.

The 2012-2013 budgets are:

General	\$110,849,001
Capital	\$3,292,827
Capital Projects Levy	\$3,400,135
Community Services	\$12,424,993

(Tim Culver arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Next Technologies
Update

John Weiser, Director of Technology and Information Services, led the presentation, which was in response to School Board questions regarding the Next Technologies for Learning. The Board received the vision presentation on February 25, which focused on Pathways to Graduation and personalized learning: digital content and devices, anytime, anywhere learning and communication. The plan presentation on March 18 focused on digital content and personal devices; anytime, anywhere learning; student, family and school collaboration; and budget. Tonight's presentation focused on internet access, which addressed home access opportunities; current referendum spending and desired implementation budgeting for 2013-2018; support for students, staff and families. Valley View Elementary Principal Andy Kubas highlighted support for families through the Valley View Parent Academy. Cultural Liaison Nelson Madrid highlighted his work with students living in the Georgetown apartment complex. Using Chromebooks, School Board members received a hands on experience of digital curriculum—digital backpack, time flexibility, accessing data, connectivity and support collaborations.

(Nelly Korman arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Discussion by School Board members included concern for access for every student at their home, network availability and reliability, questioned if there would be data privacy issues, communication with the public regarding the District's technology efforts and future funding.

Information coming to the School Board in the future—on April 29 the safety and security audit will be presented by Rick Kaufman, and Rod Zivkovich will present information on financial resources. On May 13, there will be a presentation regarding technology, safety and security, and finance.

Metropolitan
Learning Alliance

Dick Bergstrom moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the dissolution of the Metropolitan Learning Alliance effective June 30, 2013, and authorizes Arlene Bush to vote to dissolve the Joint Powers Agreement for the Metropolitan Learning Alliance and take any other necessary steps to reach final dissolution, including agreement on the distribution of assets. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Bush is the School Board's representative serving on the Board of Trustees for the Metropolitan Learning Alliance. On April 4, 2013, the Metropolitan Learning Alliance (MLA) Board of Trustees (Board) agreed to hold a Board meeting on April 18, 2013. At this upcoming meeting, the MLA Board will vote on a proposal to dissolve the MLA Joint Powers Agreement and take any other necessary action to end this joint powers relationship.

Superintendent Fujitake shared background to arriving at this point. A year ago, Mall of America management notified MLA that they wanted to market the MLA space along with that of its storefront neighbors to a larger retail tenant. If an appropriate tenant was found, the MLA space would no longer be available and it would need to be relocated.

Considering the impact to MLA operations, there are two challenges: 1) the Mall of America is essentially fully rented, leaving few options to relocate; and 2) the cost of remodeling any new space into classrooms. For the greater part of this year, MLA has been studying the feasibility of relocating or remodeling to a new Mall of America site. Efforts to find suitable, affordable space have been unsuccessful.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom attended meetings of the District Diversity Advisory Council, Bloomington United for Youth and the PTSA Council. He also attended the Valley View Middle School AVID Awards, the Kennedy High School talent show, the press conference at Washburn Elementary School regarding early learning legislation and an MSBA legislative meeting. Tim Culver reported on AMSD legislative activities and highlighted the upcoming MSBA Day at the Capitol, which he will attend. He also attended the PTSA Council meeting at which Tom Holton presented on PreK programming. The PTSA Council is sponsoring the district wide food drive benefiting VEAP. The food drive will run April 29-May 3. Tim Culver and Nelly Korman attended the 2012 Sally Ordway Irvine Awards ceremony held tonight. Hillcrest Community School was honored as an Education Award recipient for its Artful Learning curriculum. The Sally Awards are presented annually to honor individuals and institutions that strengthen and enrich Minnesota with their commitment to the arts, arts education and arts access.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that there is a Board study session on April 22 at 7 p.m. to discuss Board priorities, and on April 29 at 7 p.m. there is a Board meeting followed by a study session.

On Thursday, April 11th, 128 Kennedy and Jefferson seniors will be honored for their achievements—students in the academic top 10% of the class of 2013 and/ or in one of five categories—Volunteerism, Leadership, Curricular Excellence, Artistic Excellence or Academic Excellence. Students are nominated by a teacher, parent, employer or citizen. Each high school had a selection committee of staff and parents to review applications and identify students to be award recipients. This event is sponsored by organizations and businesses, which again demonstrates the importance of school and community partnerships: Bloomington Board of Education, Bloomington's Noon Rotary and Daymakers Rotary Clubs, the Mall of America, Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, Education Foundation of Bloomington, Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools' PTAs, The Sun Current newspaper, and the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport (host).

The addition to Valley View Elementary School for Early Childhood programming is now open. Funding for the expansion included a \$695,589 grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. An open house is being planned for May 7. Commissioner Cassellius and Commissioner Jesson (Department of Human Services) have been invited and are confirmed for attendance. An invitation has been extended to Governor Dayton.

The University of Minnesota Extension Military Youth and Family Program invites everyone across the state of Minnesota to wear purple on Monday, April 15 to show your support for military kids and their families. Purple symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green; Marine red; and Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force blue. "Purple Up" acts as a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk