

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

May 13, 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 Chair Tim Culver at 7:00 p.m. on May 13, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:50 p.m.); Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Rick Kaufman, Dave Heistad, 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.
- Sun Current Newspapers is the official, legal newspaper for Bloomington Public Schools and has been for many years. The community looks to the Sun Current for local news and information about the district. From academics and athletics to fine arts and Diversity Day/Peace Run activities, the Sun Current is a source of information about its neighborhood public schools.
- KHS Girls’ Basketball The Kennedy High School Girls Basketball Team placed second in the state tournament. Activities Director Kris Krenz and Coach Quintin Johnson highlighted the season along with team co-captains Kenisha Bell and Isieoma Odor who represented the team.
- Barb Dullaghan, Coordinator for Elementary Gifted and Talented Programs, highlighted student awards.

Continental Math

Three students earned a perfect score of 30 out of 30 in the Continental Math competition:

Ingrid Anderson	Hillcrest	Kristin Trenary, Teacher
Jillayne Clark	Ridgeview	Theresa Campbell, Teacher
Tracey Yang	Ridgeview	Theresa Campbell, Teacher

For this Math competition, students are given problem solving questions—six areas with five questions each. Out of 320 teams in the competition, only 41 students in the United States received a perfect score.

Knowledge Masters

The Dimensions Academy Class from Ridgeview placed first in the state and third in the nation for the Knowledge Open Masters completion. Colden Longley and Christopher Melville attend the School Board meeting to represent the class. The DA class is taught by Theresa Campbell. Students were required to answer 100 questions covering a variety of subjects. Teams earned points for speed and accuracy.

Destination Imagination

Destination Imagination Team “The Team that Bribe Me the Most” earned first place in state and now will be advancing to Global Finals in Tennessee. DI is a problem solving competition. The team is comprised of eighth grade students from Oak Grove and Olson Middle Schools. Team members are Isaac Kasahara and Zach George from Oak Grove Middle; and Paul Timm, Matt Steigauf, Renee Szafraniec, Amy Lee and Michelle Wang from Olson Middle School. Team coaches are parents Sue Kasahara and Amy Steigauf.

Erin Boltik is the Director of Gifted and Talented Programs. Julie Donaldson is the Coordinator of Gifted Talented Programs for the middle schools.

Jefferson Anti-Bullying Task Force

Jefferson students Deandre Malone-Carlson, Larry Kannah, Salecia Barry and Rachel Oien were recognized for their anti-bullying efforts. Paul Meyer, Olson Elementary School Principal, and Akmed Khalifa, Cultural Liaison, highlighted the presentations these students made to classes at Olson Elementary as well as other activities they participated in to promote anti-bullying. The students used PACER Center as a resource for developing their anti-bullying message. Jefferson Principal Steve Hill emphasized that students connecting with students is powerful.

SECAC Awards

Bloomington has an active Special Education Community Advisory Council. The Council advises the Director of Student Services regarding current issues, program development, parental concerns and involvement, and departmental priorities. Special Education Community Advisory Council (SECAC) Special Caring Awards is an annual event that recognizes staff and others who have done an outstanding job working with our District’s special education students.

Award recipients for 2013:

Nighree Grigsby	Valley View Elementary	Student
Abigail Swan	Normandale Hills Elementary	Student
Meghan Dahlquist	Transportation Center	Bus Driver
Amy Kaufman	District Deaf/Hard of Hearing	Teacher
Andrew Kellenberger	Normandale Hills Elementary	Teacher
Dawn Merry	Normandale Hills Elementary	Teacher

Dawn Steigauf, Chair of the Special Education Community Advisory Council, and Eric Melbye, Executive Director of Student Services, recognized the recipients of the SECAC Special Caring Awards.

2013 Gary Siemers Exemplary Educator Award

Pam Ludvigsen, Peer Coach at Kennedy High School, is the 24th recipient of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers Gary Siemers Exemplary Educator Award. Since 1994, the award recognizes a professional educator for their contributions to education by exemplifying professional qualities set forth by Gary Siemers--a love and dedication to teaching; a respect for students and a commitment to helping them learn; a demonstrated understanding of the relationship between unionism and professionalism; a positive attitude that turns obstacles into challenges; and a willingness to be honest, forthright, and involved in the pursuit of quality and continuous learning. Wendy Marczak, President of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers, highlighted the contributions Pam Ludvigsen has made to the education profession.

Public

Catherine Foy addressed the School Board regarding concerns with the showing of the movie Contagion as part of an Olson Middle School class and requested that the School Board establish a district policy that would require schools to consider the physical and emotional safety of students in determining whether or not to show a PG-13 movie, and to require parental consent.

V. PART A

1. Board Business Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident Student Agreements

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on April 29, 2013.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Leave of Absence, Termination. Administrative Personnel: Resignations. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 3 and 4 students leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 5 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).

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom 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

AIPAC
Recommendation
Response

The School Board passed a resolution at its meeting of November 13, 2012 directing the Superintendent to work in collaboration with the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) to create a plan to improve Math achievement levels. The report was to include factors impacting student achievement levels and an action plan to address the findings. In response, the Academic Services department, under the leadership of Dr. Tim Anderson, Director of Teaching and Learning for Secondary; and Dr. Dave Heistad, Executive Director of Research, Assessment and Evaluation, have been working with Hiedi Hecker, Indian Education Program Coordinator, and the AIPAC to create a plan. Elida Kane, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, and Sean Foley, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, highlighted Response to Interventions (Rtl) to address student achievement concerns. They reviewed plans to address Math in core programming and interventions through after-school programs (ALCs) and summer school. Dr. Dave Heistad shared information pertaining to factors influencing Math learning rates for American Indian students—attendance, mobility, pre-K readiness. Hiedi Hecker spoke about accessing existing resources and district programs. It seems to be a continued concern. On behalf of AIPAC, Ms. Hecker expressed appreciation for the progress made in collaborations to meet the needs of parents and students in improving academic achievement of American Indian students.

(Mark Hibbs arrived at 7:50 p.m.)

K-5 Social Studies
Adoption

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the Social Studies curriculum for grades K-5 effective with the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Over the past year, the K-5 Social Studies Steering Committee has assessed and revised the District's K-5 Social Studies curriculum. The new curriculum incorporates State and National standards into a well-balanced program. This curriculum has been reviewed and is supported by the District's DCAC and Diversity Committees and is recommended for adoption by the District's K-5 Social Studies Steering Committee.

Beth Anderson, Director of Teaching and Learning for Elementary, along with Curriculum Coordinators Beth Flottmeier and Elida Kane, presented a review of the curriculum cycle process and changes to the curriculum, which included reprioritization of some standards from important to essential. All of the standards are taught, but prioritizing helps focus instruction toward those which are critical for student success and which standards can be given less emphasis. Work of the committee has focused on Pathways to Graduation.

Ratifying Award
of Sale for General
Obligation Alternative
Facilities Bonds
Series 2013A

Dick Bergstrom moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached resolution ratifying the award of the sale, determining the form and details, authorizing the execution, delivery and registration, and providing for the payment of \$16,275,000 General Obligation Alternative Facilities Bonds, Series, 2013A. Motion carried unanimously.

The full resolution is on file and considered part of these minutes. This resolution ratifies the awards of the sale of General Obligation Alternative Facilities Bonds, Series 2013A, authorized at the January 28, 2013 meeting of the School Board. This resolution authorizes Ehlers and Associates, financial consultant for the District, to begin the process to sell these bonds.

Purpose: To provide funds for facility maintenance projects included in the ten-year facility plan of the District and approved by the Commissioner of Education. Number of Bids: 10. Low Bidder: Cronin & Company, Inc. Minneapolis, Minnesota. True Interest Cost: 3.1923%. Interest Savings from Lowest to Highest Bid—Low Bid: 3.1923%. High Bid: 3.4915%. Interest Savings: \$975,044. Summary of Results: The true interest rate of 3.19% is less than the 3.75% maximum rate approved by the Board on April 29, and the proposal was approved by the Clerk and Executive Director of Finance and Support Services on May 8. Closing Date: June 4, 2013.

Ratifying Award
of Sale for General
Obligation Refunding
Bonds Series 2013B

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached resolution ratifying the award of the sale, determining the form and details, authorizing the execution, delivery and registration, and providing for the payment of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B. Motion carried unanimously.

The full resolution is on file and considered part of these minutes. This resolution ratifies the awards of the sale of General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B, authorized at the March 18, 2013 meeting of the School Board. This resolution authorizes Ehlers and Associates, financial consultant for the District, to begin the process to sell these bonds.

Purpose: To effect a current refunding of the 2014 through 2020 maturities of the District's \$15,980,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2005A dated April 6, 2005. Number of Bids: 11. Low Bidder: KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. in Cleveland Ohio. True Interest Cost: 0.9770%. Interest Savings from Lowest to Highest Bid—Low Bid: 0.9770%. High Bid: 1.1624%. Interest Savings: \$135,514. Summary of Results: The interest rates on the existing bonds range from 4.25% to 5.00%, while the rates on the new bonds range from 1.50% to 2.00%. In addition, the underwriter will pay a "premium" of approximately \$418,600 to purchase the bonds. The net result will be a reduction in future debt service payments of \$1,520,239. The present value of savings is \$1,500,611 or 10.93% of the present value of the refunded debt service.

These savings exceed the minimum savings approved by the Board on April 29 (\$1,100,000 in future debt service and 8.00% present value savings). The refunding will reduce the District's property tax levies for taxes payable in 2014-2019.

Financing Plan for
School Safety & Security
and Technology

At its meeting on April 29, the School Board received the School Safety and Security Review Plan final report and recommendations prepared by Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations and Emergency Management, and Paul McCullough, Security Consultant and Certified Emergency Manager and Bloomington Police Department (Retired). Rod Zivkovich, Director of Finance and Support Services, along with Gary Olsen and Joel Sutter of Ehlers and Associates, shared information to finance the School Safety & Security Plan and the Technology Plan. A Capital Projects levy may be used to finance the annual costs for the two plans. A Capital Projects levy can be structured whereby the additional annual cash flow generated by the levy would not result in a levy increase over the prior year.

Funding needs over the next ten years include \$10 million for safety & security and \$50 million for technology. For the first three years there would be a split of \$2 million/year for Safety & Security and \$4 million/year for Technology. The financing plan includes seeking voter approval on an additional \$3.3 million for a total of \$6 million on a no tax increase on Capital Projects Levy. Current funding of \$2.7 million/year expires in 2017-2018. The concept of a no tax impact referendum utilizes savings from refunding of current debt and periodic adjustments through levy and debt management. The District is committed to making reductions in other tax levies if a proposed ballot question is approved. Reductions would be made in the Alternative Facilities non-bond levies. The result of refinancing/refunding of bonds saved the District \$1.5 million, which will be of benefit to the financing plan for the no tax increase referendum. The concept of a Capital Project levy was discussed at the Community Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) on May 6; the committee supported the financing plan. The timetable for a special election requires a formal action of the School Board no later than August 23. The School Board will be asked to approve the financing plan at its meeting on May 28 to allow adequate time to prepare and process it to the Minnesota Department of Education for Review and Comment.

School Board member discussion included concern that all students have access related to the technology plan and the mental and emotional aspects of the safety and security plan—staffing of counselors and social workers. Rick Kaufman and John Weisser addressed concerns raised by School Board members. School Board members were invited to submit to the Superintendent requests for additional information or questions needing a response in order for Board members to make a decision on May 28. It was requested that discussion of the financing plan continue at the May 20 study session.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom highlighted the open house at Valley View Elementary School for its Early Childhood program addition, the elementary schools art show at Civic Plaza, the Oak Grove Middle School band concert and attended meetings of the PTSA Council meeting and Normandale Hills PTSA. Mark Hibbs reported on meetings of the Labor Management Committee and Community Financial Advisory Committee. Both the School Safety & Security and Technology plans were presented. These plans were also presented to the Community Financial Advisory Council along with the financing plan. CFAC supports the financing plan. Nelly Korman highlighted Diversity Day activities and the open house at Valley View Elementary school for the new addition.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that Administration requests a study session on May 20 at 7 pm. The topic is Pathways to Graduation—Academic Success Measures and Financing Plan for School Safety & Security and Technology. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta, seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously

On May 28th, the School Board will host its Celebration of Service Reception and Awards Ceremony. Staff members who have retired or left the School District this past year, or plan to do so this spring/summer, are invited to be recognized by the School Board for ten or more years of service to the Bloomington Public Schools. The reception begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Oak Grove Middle School lunchroom. The awards ceremony will follow at 6:30 p.m. Upon conclusion of the awards ceremony, there will be a Board meeting followed by a study session.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk