

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

**May 27, 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 6:30 p.m. on May 27, 2014, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> 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, Eric Melbye, Rick Kaufman and Mary Burroughs.
- Attorney Present David Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS Two students from the Dimensions Academy Elements Program scored 17 out of 18 possible points in the Continental Math competition:
- Continental Math
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| William Moen       | Ridgeview | Melinda Chau, Teacher |
| Katherine Bariteau | Oak Grove | Kari Govig, Teacher   |
- Continental Math is a national word problem solving competition. Students in grade three are given three tests with six questions in each test. The word problems are quite difficult. These students missed one problem on the three tests. Barb Dullaghan is the Gifted and Talented program coordinator for elementary schools.
- District Food Drive This is the sixth year that the Bloomington PTSA Council has coordinated the district-wide food drive with the School Board and its Youth Advisory Council to ensure that no child in our community goes hungry during the summer. Board member Ric Oliva and PTSA Council President Linda Batterson, along with students from Jefferson and Ridgeview, highlighted the results of the food drive reporting that Bloomington Public Schools and several of its business partners collected nearly 12,212 pounds of food and \$9,658 in cash. The total collection of 60,502 fell short of last year's record collection of 67,020 pounds, however, the schools' food collection alone of 11,504 pounds was an increase of 25% over last year. For each dollar donated, up to five pounds of food can be purchased. Bloomington's 15 public schools, two early childhood centers, central departments, and business partners AXA Advisors, Highland Bank, Normandale Chiropractic Center, Star Choice Credit Union, Thermo King and Toro participated in the food drive.

All of the food and cash were donated to Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP), a non-profit agency serving low-income families and individuals in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield. Jefferson High School had the highest combined total of food and cash collected with 4,38 pounds and \$3,254 in cash for a total of 16,709 pounds. Ridgeview Elementary School collected 2,308 pounds to earn top school honors for pounds of food collected. Pamela Page, Event and Community Partner Manager for VEAP, expressed appreciation for the District's efforts in helping to keep VEAP shelves stocked. This will be especially helpful for the summer when school is not in session and children are not receiving free and reduced priced meals. The We Believe Alliance recognizes the efforts of the district-wide food drive. The traveling trophy will be passed from Valley View Middle School back to Jefferson High School. The food drive results will be highlighted at the June 2 meeting of the City Council.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident

Student Agreements

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting on May 12, 2014.
- b. Independent Personnel: Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Terminations, Retirement, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Fourteen (14) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and eight (8) Students leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2014-2015: Five (5) students entering.

2. *Field Trip Approval*

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

3. *Finance*

Donations

Finance Reports

Receipts &

Disbursements

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$35,258.97.
- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month ended April 30, 2014.
- c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett 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

Music Curriculum  
K-12

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the Music curriculum for grades K-12 effective with the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Over the past two years, the K-12 Music Steering Committee has assessed and revised the District's K-12 Music curriculum. The new curriculum incorporates state standards into a vertically articulated, well-balanced program.

The curriculum has been reviewed and is supported by the District's Curriculum Advisory Committee, K-12 Principals, Office of Educational Equity and is recommended for adoption by the District's K-12 Music Committee. Elida Kane is the Elementary Curriculum Coordinator and Jessica Rice is the Secondary Curriculum Coordinator. They, along with members of the K-12 Music Steering Committee, presented information on the standards prioritization process which identifies standards as essential, important or enhancing. The "Big 3" changers were highlighted: *Windows & Mirrors*—authentically including music from many cultures (Perpich Center resources). *21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills*—preparing for the upcoming technology resources that will be available to our student population. *Backwards design to develop assessments for the new standards*—focus on continuing to develop common assessment for the essential standards with consideration for the variables at each building (in collaboration with Perpich Center resources).

There was discussion regarding availability of instruments, user fees covering repairs, and the lack of funds for instrument replacement.

School Board Goals  
2014-2015

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves its Goals for the 2014-2015 school year as per the attachment (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

In January 2014, the School Board began discussing goals for the 2014-2015 school year. On February 15, a professional development retreat of the Board was held with Dennis Cheesebrow of TeamWorks International. At its March 17 study session, the Board drafted goals for 2014-2015. Another study session was held on April 21 to further discuss the 2014-2015 draft Board goals and to discuss Superintendent goals for 2014-2015. On May 17, the Board held another professional development retreat with Mr. Cheesebrow. As a result, attached are the Board's finalized goals for the 2014-2015 school year.

1. Establish and implement a Board professional development/evaluation plan.
2. Develop a plan to review and maintain policies at a minimum of every five years.
3. Create a Pathways Advisory Committee.
4. Review and update School Board's Community Engagement Plan.
5. Establish an annual School Board Legislative Plan.

Superintendent  
Initiatives  
2014-2015

Dawn Steigauf moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Superintendent Initiatives for the 2014-2015 school year as per the attachment (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

As part of the Board's process for setting goals for the 2014-2015 school year, there was discussion of goals for the Superintendent, which would align his work with the Board goals. The April 21<sup>st</sup> study session discussion focused on Board goals and Superintendent goals was a part of that discussion.

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the Board and the Administrative Council participated in a professional development retreat with Mr. Dennis Cheesebrow. As part of that retreat the Superintendent's goals were reviewed for alignment with the Board's goal. Goals for the Superintendent now are being termed as Initiatives. Initiatives 2014-2015: Establish and execute a World's Best Workforce plan that complies with state statute. Develop and implement a Personalized Pathway Plan. Create an integrated pathways system. Expand the use of data/information to drive professional development and to focus the work of our strategic partners. Infuse Learning Supports into the Pathways system. Strengthen partnerships with the City and County. Update the long-range financial plan. Finalize Vision Cards (Success Measures) for the initiatives.

TeamWorks  
Consulting  
Agreement

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a consulting services agreement with TeamWorks International, Inc. to facilitate a series of five professional development retreats with the School Board scheduled June 2014 through June 2015. The total cost for these services is not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board requested the assistance of Dennis Cheesebrow, TeamWorks International, to facilitate a series of five professional development sessions over a twelve-month timeframe. The TeamWorks proposal was reviewed by the School Board at its May 17<sup>th</sup> retreat. The schedule for the session topics and dates is as follows:

Board Governance (includes Policy Development)	June 30, 2014
Community Engagement	August 18, 2014
Operational Oversight	November 19, 2014
Superintendent Relations	March 16, 2015
Annual Checkup	June 29, 2015

The sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Policy 203

Dawn Steigauf moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of revised Policy 203 Board Sessions. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended minor word changes in Policy 203 Board Sessions and its accompanying Regulation. The Policy presented for second reading reflects additional language changes suggested by the Board at the first reading on May 12.

Policy 214

Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of revised Policy 214 Out-of-State Travel by Board Members. Motion carried unanimously.

In reviewing Policy 214 Out-of-State Travel by Board Members, Administration recommends that it is more appropriate for the language currently contained in the Administrative Regulation to be part of Policy language. The policy presented for second reading includes minor language changes suggested at the first reading on May 12. By approval of Policy 214 as presented for second reading, the current Regulation is eliminated.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Jim Sorum reported that the Superintendent Evaluation Committee of the Board has met twice and wishes to share the results with the full Board. Jim Sorum moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to establish a Closed Session at 6 p.m. on June 9 for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation 2013-2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Ric Oliva attended the Olson Middle School student awards recognition. Tom Bennett attended a meeting of the Labor Management Committee, which was the last one for this school year; the ECFE end-of-the-year picnic and walked with ECFE in the Bloomington Memorial Day Parade. Dick Bergstrom attended the last middle school track meet, the Oak Grove Elementary grade 5 band concert, and the BAJ's scholarship luncheon. At the June 9 Board meeting, the Board Chair will ask for thoughts from Board members on self-assessment—how things have been going over the last months. The Board Chair has consulted with the Superintendent and discussed no Board sessions in July.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to eliminate July Board sessions and move agenda items to June or August. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake gave a reminder of the upcoming Celebration of Service Reception and Awards Ceremony on May 29th. 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 cafeteria. The awards ceremony will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Grove Middle School auditorium.

Graduation for 2014—Jefferson is June 10 and Kennedy is June 11. Ceremonies will be at the Mariucci Arena on the University of Minnesota Campus beginning at 7 p.m. The Metro South Adult Basic Education graduation is June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Olson Middle School in the auditorium.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. A study session followed the meeting.

Jim Sorum, Clerk