

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

July 11, 2011

- 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 Chuck Walter at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2011, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Chuck Walter, Chair; Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Mark Hibbs and Jim Sorum.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye and Tom Holton.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Students performed a selection from this year's summer musical—Guys and Dolls. The Bloomington summer musical is directed and produced by Russ Purdy; with musical direction by Bryan Blessing; and choreography and costumes by Stephanie Harmon. Over 75 middle and high school students will participate as actors, musicians and technical assistance crew. Performances are scheduled nightly at 7 p.m. July 27-31 at Jefferson High with a 2 p.m. matinee on July 30. Students will showcase the performance at the Bloomington Farmers Market on Saturday, July 16, from 11 a.m. to noon.
- Friends **Bloomington Lions Club**
Founded in 1951, the mission of the Bloomington Lions Club is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. The Bloomington Lions Club is an active group; their motto is "we serve." The Lions have been involved with the Bloomington Public Schools in a variety of ways by providing student scholarships, equipment for vision and hearing screening, defibrulators, supporting Lions Quest—a drug awareness training for staff, the Dictionary Project and scholarships for summer "Camp Invention" tuition. In attendance were Dick Keegan, Carol Hengel, Bill Kalina, Art Jensen and Brian Anderson.

Born Again Jocks (BAJs)

The Born Again Jocks (BAJs) have been in existence since 1984. It is an organization of men 55 years and over who want to participate once again in various sports for fitness and enjoyment. The BAJs have been a strong and loyal advocate group for the educational community and the Bloomington Public Schools. The School Board recognized the BAJs as a FRIEND one year ago on July 12, 2010. Since 1984, the BAJs have donated over \$150,000 in scholarship money to our Kennedy and Jefferson High School seniors. The awards are given in honor of Jerry Molosky, a long time coach and teacher in the Bloomington school system, and also a BAJ supporter. In May 2011, eleven scholarships were provided to high school seniors. The BAJs also contributed to the recent turf project at the two high schools. Representing the organization were Dan Heintzman, Pat Cady, Jerry Narragon, Bob Swanson and Jack Evens. The BAJs presented a check to the School Board in the amount of \$4,000 to be divided equally between Jefferson and Kennedy for a Random Acts of Kindness program. These funds are designated specifically for varsity student athletes who need help with athletic fees and/or equipment.

SHAPE
FastTRAC Program

There are five students who are participating in the SHAPE FastTRAC program. Tamra Sieve, SHAPE Adult Education Director, introduced Kayi Allyn, Dan Han, Bintou Seebour, Ugaso Shire and Lisa Wang. The students have completed classes as a Pre-Certified Nursing Assistant and Integrated Certified Nursing Assistant at Hennepin Technical College and they have passed the State exam.

Students

Kris Krenz, Activities Director at Kennedy High School, highlighted recent student accomplishments and introduced students and coaches:

Steve Van Sloun, Lacrosse Academic All American Team.
Kennedy Baseball Team, 5th in State.

Brian Fell, Activities Director at Jefferson High School, highlighted recent student accomplishments and introduced students and coaches:

Natalia Merrifield, Gymnastics, 4th in Balance Beam
Brenna Murray, Alpine Ski State Champion
Jefferson Alpine Ski Team, 2nd in State
Jefferson Girls Lacrosse Team, 3rd in State
Jefferson Girls Softball Team, 5th in State
Jefferson Competition Cheer Team, Champions

V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on June 13, 2011 and the Special Meeting on June 27, 2011.

- Personnel Items
 - b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Rescission of Placement of a Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence, Rescission of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Resignation. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Reduction in Force.
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
 - c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2010-2011: Students entering Bloomington total 3 and students leaving Bloomington total 10. For 2011-2012: Students entering Bloomington total 5 and students leaving total 11.
- District Association Memberships 2011-2012
 - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the following association memberships for the 2011-2012 school year: Minnesota School Boards Association, \$12,340.00; Association of Metropolitan School Districts, \$12,803.00; and Minnesota High School League, no cost. The Board of Education of Independent School District 271, County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletic and fine arts events (referred to in MN Statutes, Section 128C.01) to the Minnesota State High School League, renews the membership of John F. Kennedy Senior High School and Thomas Jefferson Senior High School in the Minnesota State High School League and authorizes participation in the approved interschool activities sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same are published in the latest edition of the League's *Official Handbook*, on file at the office of the School District or as it appears on the League's website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities and that the administration and responsibility for determining student eligibility and for the supervision of such activities are assigned to the official representative identified by the School Board.
- 2. *Field Trip Approval* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).
- 3. *Contracts/Agreements*
 - Facility Use Waiver
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 waive facility rental fees to allow for the Bloomington Police and Fire departments to conduct training exercises in school facilities. The fee waiver is effective July 12, 2011, and will remain in effect until the School Board rescinds the waiver.
 - Hennepin County Family Ed/POWER
 - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School 271 approves the agreement with Hennepin County for the Family Education program Community POWER Environmental Education in the amount of \$3,000. The term of this agreement is July 16, 2011, through June 13, 2012.

MABE Database Service

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of the MLC Adult Basic Education MABE Database Service Agreement with Minnesota Literacy Council. This agreement will allow SHAPE access to MABE software and companion files that meet current Minnesota and National Reporting System guidelines as of May 1, 2011. SHAPE will pay an annual fee for the use of MABE and related technical support/training. The fee is based on enrollment data submitted to MDE from the previous program year. The fee for fiscal year 2011-2012 is \$7,096.50. The term of this agreement shall commence July 1, 2011, and end June 30, 2012.

Northwest Evaluation Association Web-Based MAP®

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 enters into an agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association to use Web-based MAP® for the term of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. The total cost to the Bloomington Schools for the two-year contract is \$39,999.96.

Solution Tree Consulting Services

e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with Solution Tree, Inc. for professional development consulting services in the amount of \$17,000.00.

4. Finance

Gifts/Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$21,289.48.

Receipts/Disbursements

b. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board.

Mark Hibbs requested that the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27th is amended under the topic of Parking Fees to include his remarks and request of administration that future presentations or future resolutions pertaining to parking fees include background information on cost recovery.

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve Part A items with the exception of the Minutes of the Special Meeting June 27, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Tim Culver seconded, to amend the Minutes of the Special Meeting June 27, 2011, as requested, and approve The minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.

PART B

Health and Safety
Annual Review
MDE Attachment 10

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Attachment 10 for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Berg, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported that the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) manages the Health and Safety funding for Minnesota public schools. In order to receive the funding, MDE requires school districts to submit an annual Health and Safety Report. The submission document is referred to as Attachment 10. The MDE requires that the School Board validate the information on Attachment 10 and certify that the information within the Health & Safety Program Revenue Application will be implemented during the 2011-2012 school year. The documentation for Attachment 10 shows that the District has conducted a health and safety assessment, developed a plan to address deficiencies and issues, and implemented a plan to keep employees safe (i.e. workers compensation plan). Certification of Attachment 10 by the School Board ensures that the School Board is aware of any safety issues in the District. Megan Rooney from the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA), reviewed the process, which is conducted annually. Ms. Rooney reviewed with the School Board the District's Management Assistance Physical Hazard/Building Walkthrough conducted by Metro ECSU. The completion and verification of this annual report setting forth a documented plan qualifies the District for Health & Safety levy revenue.

Personal Trainers
School Facility Use Fee/
Agreement and Release

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proposed personal trainer facility use fee for persons or entities conducting business in the District activity centers. The monthly fee will be \$0 for trainers with no clients, \$100 for trainers with 1-6 clients, \$200 for trainers with 7-12 clients, and \$400 for trainers with 13 or more clients. The proposed effective date is September 1, 2011. Be it further resolved that Independent School District 271 approves the revised Facility Use Agreement and Release: Private Personal Trainers.

On roll call vote Maureen Bartolotta, Tim Culver, Arlene Bush, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Jim Sorum and Chuck Walter voted aye. Mark Hibbs voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

A Facility Use Agreement and Release for private personal trainers was adopted by the School Board October 11, 2010. The Agreement has been revised. Administration proposes new facility use fees for private personal trainers utilizing the activity centers while providing services to their clients. Private personal trainers have a valid membership with the Activity Centers and extend their services to adults and students who are either current or potential Activity Center members. These arrangements for training services are private and are conducted during the normal operational hours of the activity centers. The proposed monthly fees are based on current market conditions that exist in other private health clubs in the Twin Cities. The trainers provide an added value to our membership program to those who need private instruction and accountability to help them achieve their fitness and wellness goals. Monthly fees will be charged to private personal trainers based on the number of clients being served. The numbers of clients is calculated based on signed agreements with the personal trainers.

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund expressed appreciation for the revised agreement being brought to the Board at the same time as the facility use fees for the trainers. She did express a concern that the amount of the fees may be burdensome to personal trainers who have small numbers of clients and there is not enough information regarding how the tiers will affect trainers. Tom Holton indicated that a goal for the activity centers is to recover costs and be self-supporting. Staff will continue to listen to the trainers and monitor activity to determine the impact to personal trainers.

Extended Field
Trip Jefferson

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for the Traveling Speech Team to participate in a Speech Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Motion Carried unanimously.

Jefferson teacher Scott Seiling submitted the Extended Field Trip Application for students to travel to Fort Lauderdale Florida from January 12-16, 2012, for the purpose of participating in a Speech Tournament.

Extended Field
Trip Olson Middle

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for the 8th grade Science students from Olson Middle School to participate in a trip to YMCA Camp Widjiwagan in Ely, Minnesota. Motion Carried unanimously.

Olson Middle School teacher Greg Gilbert submitted the Extended Field Trip Application for 8th grade students to travel to Ely, Minnesota from February 21-24, 2012. Students will receive instruction at the destination site for four (4) days. The purpose of the trip is to provide a wilderness experience, group building and environmental education. Board approval is needed for these trips per regulation 610. Field trips that exceed three days are approved by a separate resolution submitted for Board action (Part B of the agenda).

Bid Award/
Asphalt/Pavement

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Midwest Asphalt Corporation, Minnetonka, Minnesota bid of \$144,000 to provide pavement replacement at Oak Grove Middle School and Olson Middle School and crack filling and seal coating at the Transportation Center and authorizes administration to enter into a contract with Midwest Asphalt Corporation to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our State approved Alternative Facilities Plan. The parking lots being repaired were identified in our five-year assessment needs plan and the work will involve pavement replacement, crack filling and seal coating. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Extending
Probationary
Period

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Employment Agreements between the District and probationary teachers Katherine Knight, Laura Nelson, and Nicole Sandvig, extending their probationary periods. Motion carried unanimously.

Katherine Knight, Laura Nelson, and Nicole Sandvig are currently employed as probationary teachers by the District. These teachers will complete their probationary periods and acquire continuing contract rights unless non-renewed before July 1, 2011. These teachers have voluntarily agreed to extend their probationary periods to allow for further evaluation of their performances, due to unusual circumstances created by the Elementary Neighborhood School Renewal Project. The purpose of the agreements is to extend the probationary periods of these teachers through the 2011-2012 school year, thereby waiving their right to the acquisition of continuing contract rights for that period.

Board Chair Report
on Closed Session

On Monday, June 27th, the School Board met in Closed Session regarding development and implementation of a negotiations compensation strategy for the Administration of Bloomington Public Schools. Further discussion will be held at a date to be determined.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Each School Board member is an ambassador to two or three schools. School Board members reported on school activities and events at their liaison schools as well as committees for which they are the Board's representative. Arlene Bush reported that she attended her last meeting of the Intermediate School District 287 Board and tomorrow night she will be attending her first meeting of the Intermediate School District 917 Board.

Chuck Walter reported that the Evaluation Committee of the Board (Chuck Walter, Jim Sorum and Melissa Halvorson Wiklund) met prior to tonight's meeting to set up a protocol and timeline for the annual evaluation of the Superintendent and discussion of contract. The Board will convene in Closed Session for those purposes on July 18th and August 8th.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Administration requests a Board Study Session on July 18.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to establish a Board Study Session on July 18th at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The July 18th study session topics include Pathways to Graduation, Update on the Six Period Day and Facilities Planning.

There is a Study Session scheduled for 6 p.m. on July 25. Topics include OEE Annual Evaluation Report, Transfer Survey Report and Transfer/Enrollment Policies Review and Facilities Planning.

The first meeting of the Citizens Activities/Athletics Advisory Committee is scheduled for July 18. Jim Sorum is the Board's representative to this committee.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Maureen Bartolotta moved, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk