

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

September 11, 2017

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the School Board of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Ric Oliva at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2017, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Ric Oliva, Chair; Tom Bennett, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas and Mary Burroughs.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Public Government Classes—Jefferson students from Mr. Storlein’s, classes attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of the 12th grade government classes; observing a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, court proceeding, etc.
- Moment of Silence Chair Ric Oliva asked for a moment of silence—Today marks the 16th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and the downing of Flight 93, which carried one of our own, Thomas Burnett, a 1981 graduate of Jefferson High School. Today, for the second time in two weeks, we are witness to the effects of a hurricane on families, schools and communities. The clean up and rebuilding continues. And, we are reminded of the dozens of forest fires currently burning across eight western states; the smoke and ash being felt and seen here in Minnesota. In all of these events, we have seen an incredible outpouring of support and acts of heroism. In the aftermath of events that shake our confidence in the order of things, our communities come together. United we stand. We pause now to remember the lives lost and fractured in all of these man-made and natural disaster events, and give thanks for the resilience of citizens, communities, states and a nation.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Actions
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on August 28, 2017.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Rescission of Leave of Absence, Resignations Employments, Employment—Correction.
Independent Personnel: Resignation, Employment, Employment—Correction, Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

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

3. *Grants*
Education Foundation of Bloomington RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts \$17,074.31 in grants from the Education Foundation of Bloomington to be used for selected educational projects and programs.

4. *Finance*
Tuition Rates 2017-2018 RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes non-resident tuition rates to be charged for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Kindergarten – Grade 6	per student	\$14,009
Grades 7 – 12	per student	\$16,811

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

Food Service
Contract
2017-2019

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approve and ratify the 2017-2019 Master Contract between Independent School District 271 – Bloomington, Minnesota, and the Bloomington Food Service Association. On roll call vote, Dawn Steigauf, Maureen Bartolotta, Jim Sorum, Tom Bennett, Ric Oliva and Nelly Korman voted aye. Dick Bergstrom voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

The District and the Bloomington Food Service Association reached a tentative agreement for the 2017-2019 Master Contract on July 17th, 2017, and the Food Service employees ratified the tentative agreement on August 29, 2017. This tentative agreement includes restructuring wage schedule, and improvements of 2.0% Steps 1-6 for 2017-2018 and 1.5% Steps 1-6 for 2018-2019, and retro pay. In addition, the tentative agreement includes the following:

- Longevity Pay – additional \$0.05 to 10L & 15L, and \$0.04 to 20L effective July 1st, 2018 (6.5)
- Previously agreed to out-of-network out-of pocket maximums for health insurance (7.2)
- Increased the District health insurance contribution both years and HSA contribution year two per IRS regulations (7.2 & 7.3)
- Increased holidays by one day effective July 1st, 2018 (8.6)
- Increased District provided Identity Protection an additional three years
- Standardized uniform allowance pay for all employees Class I – Class III
- Added MOU regarding Meet & Confer, and set topic of first meeting
- “Housekeeping”

The tentative agreement is within the allocations approved by the Board for contract.

Extended Year
2017 Update

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, and Deirdra Yarbro, Learning Supports Manager, updated the School Board on Summer 2017 programming—Extended Day and Extended Year, which is part of a system of supports to ensure all students are successful in their Pathway to Graduation. Olson Elementary Principal Paul Meyer was the principal for summer programs. Report highlights included: Extended Year student demographics are different than those in the regular school year. Students are referred to the program by teachers as they consider 10 indicators. Goals of the programming are to decrease in gaps: opportunity/equitable access, achievement, suspensions and increased student engagement. Essential components include small class size, parent/guardian engagement, consistent attendance, opportunities for individualized instruction, focus on academic language, experiential in design, highly engaging and focus on addressing the opportunity gap. Life and social skills development are areas of focus. Students were engaged; they liked the field trips that included the Science Museum and Nickelodeon Universe, science experiments, solar system research project, outdoor and hands-on activities and team building. Many school staff members volunteered to chaperone field trips. Parent engagement included an open house. Sixth grade students were grouped by attendance areas. A survey was conducted—100% of teachers reported the program was engaging for all, or most all, students and 90% of students with a goal to improve engagement met their goal. Outcomes include good attendance by engaged students and they learned. Next steps—each year data and programming are reviewed, efforts will be made to seek out those students referred who don't necessarily attend, and more to engage more employee volunteers. Changes will continue to be made to make a difference in the lives of students.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities including school visits and experiences and back to school nights and activities, including the referendum information tables hosted by staff (for information) and volunteers (advocacy). Dick Bergstrom attended an Intermediate School District 917 Board meeting. Topics included district goals and objectives and special education teachers are still needed to fill positions. Mr. Bergstrom is the District 917 representative to TIES; he attended the recent TIES Joint Powers meeting with its stakeholders. He mentioned PTSA meetings are beginning and school PTSAs are looking for members and volunteers. He reminded the public of the Bloomington Heritage Days Celebration on Saturday, September 16, starting with the parade. Dawn Steigauf attended a cupcake wars at Valley View Middle School, the Kennedy High School Show Choir pancake breakfast, and a rededication of the peace pole at Civic Plaza. Nelly Korman reported that she is a member of the Bloomington Lead initiative, a group of about 35 people who will be meeting for about nine months. Meeting topics and presentations vary. Recently, as part of the education segment, the topic was Bloomington Public Schools. Eric Melbye and John Weisser were the presenters. She highlighted a recent MPR program that talked about school boards in Minnesota not having many people of color. Ric Oliva highlighted the all staff Back to School Celebration and the great performance by the Jefferson Marching Band and Competition Cheer Team.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake reported that Mayor Gene Winstead joined him in greeting students, parents and staff at Olson Elementary on the first day of school.

The new Innovation Zone law passed in the 2017 legislative session. A nine-member advisory panel has been formed to review plan proposals and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Education. Dr. Dave Heistad has been invited to be part of the advisory panel.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk