

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271
Bloomington, Minnesota**

September 14, 2009

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 271, was called to order by Chair Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2009, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Jim Sorum, Vice Chair; Maureen Peterson, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Chuck Walter.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Pat Geraghty, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton, Rick Kaufman, Stacy Colebrook-Robjent and Joan Bernard.
- Attorney Present Kingsley Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of September 11, 2001.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Arlene Bush moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC
- Forever Plaid The Jefferson Theatre Company will be performing *Forever Plaid* October 7-11. The four-man group of Tom Ward, Adam DeGonda, Dan Larson and Peter Ehlinger, performed a selection from the production.
- Friends The School Board recognizes the contributions made by organizations and business partners.
- Holman Law Office is a legal firm providing high quality legal services, especially in the area of education law. We are fortunate to have outstanding counsel to guide the District through a variety of issues. Kingsley Holman has served as legal counsel for the school district for almost 55 years and his son, David Holman, has served the District for approximately 33 years. Elaine Holman (wife of Kingsley) serves as the firm's Executive Assistant.
- The Education Foundation of Bloomington helps meet the educational needs of Bloomington students. Since 1986, the Education Foundation of Bloomington has supported the Bloomington Public Schools through various programs—classroom innovation grants, student success stipends, post-secondary scholarships, Food for Thought and Prodigy Awards for employees. The Chip In for Schools Golf Tournament is the annual fundraising activity.

Karyn Arazi, President of the Education Foundation of Bloomington, provided highlights about the organization's activities and the direct impact on our students. Addie Mattson and Mary Udseth, members of the Board of Directors, also were in attendance. Director Arlene Bush serves on the Board of the Education Foundation.

The Richfield Bloomington Credit Union (RBCU) is a districtwide business partner of the Bloomington Public Schools. RBCU is exemplary in its leadership in working with non-profits and charitable organizations. RBCU places tremendous importance on strengthening the community by donating employee time, supplies and financial contributions to deserving organizations. RBCU supports a variety of projects within our schools. Pat Brekken, President, and Andre Thibault, Vice President of Marketing, provided highlights of the Richfield Bloomington Credit Union activities and the direct impact on our students.

The School Board expressed appreciation to these organizations for supporting education, our students and the community of Bloomington.

Introduction of
New Administrators

Superintendent Les Fujitake introduced two new members of the District's administrative team – Joan Bernard, Director of Technology and Information Services, and Stacy Colebrook-Robjent, Director of Finance and Support Services.

Joan Bernard has served in various roles on the eLearning Team at Winona State University over the past five years. Most recently, she has been the Learning Systems Coordinator. Her primary responsibilities included aligning learning systems and faculty development activities to support technology initiatives supporting learners of the 21st century, serving on advisory committees to examine infrastructure needs and exploring emerging technologies. Joan Bernard began on August 17.

Stacy Colebrook-Robjent comes to us with over 14 years of senior management experience in finance, accounting, project management and most recently, school business and finance. This past year she served as the Business Manager of the Pine River-Backus School District. Stacy Colebrook-Robjent started in the District on August 31.

Students

Jefferson students were in attendance fulfilling requirements of a government class.

Citizen

Citizen Bill Lloyd addressed the School Board regarding school district procedures/policies regarding President Obama's speech to students. He plans to address the School Board in more detail at the next meeting.

VI. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on August 10, 2009.

- Personnel Items
 - b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments. Changes of Status.
Independent Personnel: Leave of Absence.
Classified Personnel: Rescind Termination, Retirements, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
 - c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2009-2010: Students entering Bloomington total 43 and 15 students leaving.

2. Grants

- Wal-Mart Foundation
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts a \$7,000 grant from Wal-Mart Foundation to fund the Initiative for Lasting Change (Reading at grade level by grade three).

3. Contracts/Agreements

- MABE Database Service with MN Literacy Council
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 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, 2009. 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 2009-2010 is \$7,582.40. The term of this agreement shall commence July 1, 2009 and end June 30, 2010.
- Safe & Drug Free Schools Leadership Services
 - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a contract with the City of Bloomington to provide leadership services by the City for the Safe & Drug Free Schools Program. This contract is for the period of September 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.
- Lutheran Social Service Truancy Intervention
 - c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a contract with Lutheran Social Service to provide truancy intervention related support services to students attending the Bloomington Public Schools. This contract is for the period of October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
- Storefront Mental Health Services
 - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a contract with Storefront Group, Inc. to provide mental health services to enrolled students with emotional behavioral disorders. The term of the contract is July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.
- Storefront Facilities/Ancillary Support
 - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves a contract for Storefront's use of District facilities, ancillary support and collaboration services. This contract is for the period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

4. Finance

- Student Teacher Reimbursement
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts reimbursement, in the amount of \$5,092.00 for the supervision of student teachers.

- Gifts and Donations b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$33,186.30.
- Receipts/Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush moved, Tim Culver seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PART B

First Day Highlights

Dr. Nancy-Allen Mastro, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, provided highlights of the first week of school for the 2009-2010 school year. She highlighted activities going on in each school.

Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Update

Raymond Yu, Principal at Oak Grove Elementary School, and Joan Bulfer, City of Bloomington Public Health, reported on SHIP, a Statewide Health Improvement Program. The goal of SHIP is to help Minnesotans live longer, healthier lives by reducing the burden of chronic disease. SHIP focuses on improving the policies, systems and environment in which we live, work, learn and play. By concentrating on policy systems environment changes, SHIP aims to transform prevention strategies. Bloomington received one of ten implementation grants awarded to reduce tobacco use and exposure and prevent obesity in Minnesota across four settings: schools, community, worksites and healthcare. Bloomington Public Health wrote the application in partnership with Edina and Richfield Community Health Boards. Doug Langefels and Raymond Yu are serving as school district representatives to the City of Bloomington Public Health SHIP steering committee. The committee is working to integrate the health improvement work with our existing employee wellness and student Physical Activity and Nutrition (PAN) committees. The City of Bloomington Public Health is the writer and fiscal agent of the grant. Bloomington Public Schools, Edina Public Schools, and Richfield Public Schools are partners. Bloomington Public Schools will receive a half time, grant funded position to support school and district interventions. The project will focus on three behaviors: poor nutrition, physical inactivity and tobacco use. The funding will be in place for two years.

Athletic Conference Update

Steve Hill, current Chair of the Lake Conference Executive Committee Board and Principal of Jefferson High School, along with Ron Simmons, Principal of Kennedy High School, updated the School Board on the Lake Conference.

During the past school year of 2008-2009, the Classic Lake Conference, consisting of five schools; Wayzata, Minnetonka, Hopkins, Edina, and Armstrong voted to disband by removing Armstrong for the 2010-2011 school year. Armstrong was accepted by a northern conference. The remaining four schools applied to several other conferences and were denied acceptance. On June 15, a Placement Committee determined by the Minnesota State High School League took comments from all four schools and two conferences, including the Lake Conference.

The Lake Conference offered rationale to place two schools, Edina and Minnetonka, in the Conference and place the other two schools in the Northwest Suburban Conference. The Placement Committee made a recommendation to the League Board to place all four schools in the Lake Conference. These four schools and the Lake Conference did not agree with this recommendation. In July, Chaska and Chanhassen applied and were accepted for membership in the Missota Conference beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. On August 25, the MSHSL Board of Directors made the final decision to place all four schools into the Lake Conference.

On September 15, the Lake Conference Executive Committee will meet to review the MSHSL Board's placement decision. Conference memberships and formations of any new Conferences must be finalized by October 1, 2009, effective for the 2010-2011 school year. The Lake Conference and JHS and KHS have identified options, which include pulling out of the Lake Conference to form a new ten-member South Suburban conference—Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan and Eastview from District 196; Lakeville North and Lakeville South, Burnsville, Prior Lake, Jefferson and Kennedy. All high schools are current members of the Lake Conference, except Prior Lake, which is in the Missota Conference.

The four Classic Lake schools are located further west and north, which poses travel and distance problems for families and school district budgets. Reasons for Jefferson and Kennedy to go with the pullout option include transportation costs and level of competition. Schools in the South Suburban Conference are similar to Bloomington.

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mark Hibbs and Tim Culver reported on the AMSD meeting. Also attending the meeting was Arlene Bush and Superintendent Fujitake. Guest speakers were from the Minnesota Minority Education Partnership. Arlene Bush highlighted back to school events and activities and attendance at the Intermediate District 287 Board meeting. Tim Culver and Arlene Bush attended the MSBA Fall Area Meeting. Arlene Bush and Maureen Bartolotta have been elected as representatives to the MSBA Delegate Assembly in December. Jim Sorum and Chuck Walter are members of the Facilities Planning for Success Committee. The Committee soon will finalize recommendations. Tim Culver highlighted Dimensions Academy, which has grown in enrollment and has a waiting list in some grades. He highlighted marketing efforts by Wayzata Schools.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There is a School Board Workshop on September 21 at 6 p.m.

Tim Culver moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to establish a School Board Workshop on September 28 at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Walter moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to establish a School Board Meeting on September 28 at 7 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. One of the action items on the agenda will be the certification of the preliminary levy.

Fifteen (15) candidates, including the four incumbents, have filed for the four (4) School Board seats up for election. The election is Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The four candidates receiving the most votes will take office in January 2010.

X. OTHER

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Maureen Peterson, Clerk