

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

September 16, 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 September 16, 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; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich and Tom Holton.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, approval of the agenda.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS 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.
- Friends
- Applebee’s values the neighborhoods in which they do business; striving to foster strong relationships within the community to make a difference by giving back. The company has seen clear and tangible results through their efforts in supporting programs that care for children and improve education. John Williams, General Manager of the Applebee’s on Lyndale, highlighted a few collaborative efforts with the school district, such as being a business partner with Indian Mounds and supporting a “Dining to Donate” event which supports costs for various fees/activities and “A is for Apple,” in which discounts can be earned for high academic achievement by students. Applebee’s also provides “Friday Night Live” at football games, which is a discount opportunity for fans who catch an Applebee’s football thrown into the crowd. Mr. Williams also is involved with the community of Bloomington. Many of the activities of the Heritage Days celebration take place in the Applebee’s parking lot. He invited everyone to attend the Heritage Days celebration on Saturday, September 21st.

Business &
Community Support

On behalf of the Bloomington Public Schools, Debbie Belfry works with business partners and the many volunteers. Ms. Belfry provided an overview of partnerships at work—businesses and the community assisting with providing school supplies for the new year. A few examples: Bloomington Noon Rotary “Pack to School” filled 50 backpacks for Indian Mounds and 75 backpacks for Valley View Middle. Christ The King Lutheran Church members did clean up and gardening at Olson Middle School and Jefferson High School, will be providing academic volunteers and is conducting a staff recognition program. Radisson Blu distributed 170 backpacks throughout the District reaching our earliest learners and all grade levels. Various school supplies were provided by Thomson Reuters to Indian Mounds and Valley View Elementary; Wal-Mart Corporate Office to Oak Grove Elementary; Avtex to Oak Grove Middle School. Thermo King hosted “Stuff The Bus,” which was the largest school supply collection this year received by VEAP; a total of 3,398 students received a new backpack filled with school supplies; approximately one-third of those students were Bloomington students.

South Metro ABE

Metro South ABE has been named a 2013 Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program of Excellence by the Minnesota Department of Education and the Literacy Action Network. Tom Holton, Executive Director of Community Services, highlighted the leadership of Tamra Sieve, program director, and her staff. Metro South ABE met all of the target learning goals set by the Minnesota Department of Education and is the top scorer in all but one category. Metro South is one of three ABE programs in the state to earn the Program of Excellence award. This designation qualified the program as finalist for the Minnesota Department of Education’s Programs of Excellence Guaranteeing Adult Students Unlimited Success (PEGASUS) Award. Ms. Sieve highlighted the rigorous process for the award and expressed appreciation to her entire staff for their part in earning the award.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on August 19, 2013 and August 26, 2013.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Employments, Part Time Teacher Program, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Retirement, Resignation, Employment, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Forty three (43) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and thirty five (35) 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).

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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

Community Services
Campus Lease

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, is leading a District team in conversations with HUB about a lease and parking easement extension. Hub Properties (HUB) owns the former Lincoln High School and adjacent parking lot. HUB leases a majority of the facility to General Dynamics, and other portions to a Montessori preschool and Community Services, which houses its offices and Metro South Adult Basic Education classrooms. The lease is in force through December 31, 2015, and extends the Bloomington Stadium parking easement until December 31, 2015. HUB aligned the terms of the District's lease to that of General Dynamics' four-year lease. Last month, HUB officials expressed an interest in allowing the district to break from aligning its lease with General Dynamics' lease end date. Significant progress has been made in conversations and a new opportunity exists—additional space for programming is possible. Chris Lennox, Assistant Superintendent, indicated that this new opportunity may be helpful regarding recent legislation pertaining to all day kindergarten. Administration will be developing plans and sharing information with the Board as talks progress. At the next School Board meeting, the preliminary levy certification will be brought for action. With this new opportunity in mind, the preliminary levy will include a placeholder for a lease levy for possible additional space. There would be no tax increase to a median sized home in the District. The final levy cannot be more than the preliminary levy submitted. The final levy certification will be adopted December 9.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom reported attendance at various PTSA meetings and back to school events as well as the Kennedy High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductions at the football game.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted recent visits by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan this past July as part of a series of events that Secretary Duncan hosted across the country to draw attention to President Barack Obama's proposal to dramatically expand funding for early learning programs and the recent visit by NEA President Dennis Van Roekel who visited Hillcrest Community School and Olson Middle School as part of his national back-to-school tour. Mr. Van Roekel discussed the many challenges facing educators and students as they return to school, implementation of Common Core State Standards, and the importance of early childhood education and school safety and security plans.

The next School Board meeting is September 23 at 7 p.m. There will be no study session.

The Jefferson High School varsity volleyball team will host a Veterans Night on Thursday, September 19. Veterans are invited to join the varsity team before the match at 6 p.m. for refreshments and photos with the team, and a commemoration to honor the commitment of all veterans. Veterans will receive free admission to the match. Earl C. Hill American Legion Post 550 has supported the Jefferson volleyball program and recently made a generous donation to the program for new uniforms.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk