

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

September 9, 2019

- 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 Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on September 9, 2019, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Vice Chair; Tom Bennett, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Nelly Korman and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to establish a closed session upon the conclusion of tonight’s meeting of the School Board, September 9, 2019. The meeting will be closed as permitted by section 13D.03 to discuss the District’s labor negotiation strategy related to the District’s negotiations with all bargaining groups. So moved by Tom Bennett and seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to establish a closed session upon the conclusion of tonight’s School Board meeting of September 9, 2019. The meeting will be closed as permitted by section 13D.05 for the purpose of Superintendent evaluation. So moved by Dick Bergstrom and seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to approve the agenda as amended, which removed the Agreement with Water’s Edge Counseling and Healing Center for 2019-2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS None.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business Minutes*
- Personnel Actions
- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held August 26, 2019.
b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
Independent Personnel: Resignation, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
2. *Field Trips*
- RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Grant*

Mn State Arts Board

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the 2020 Arts Learning grant awarded by the Minnesota State Arts Board. The Gifted and Talented Department was awarded \$26,469 for fiscal year 2020.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Joint Powers MNSCU DA High School at Normandale Community College

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) for the Dimensions Academy High School program located at Normandale Community College for the 2019-2020 school year.

MN State University Mankato Student Teaching 2019-2024

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Minnesota State University, Mankato. The agreement will be in effect August 26, 2019 to July 31, 2024.

Volunteers of America RSVP 2019-2022

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent of Independent School District 271 approves a Memorandum of Understanding between Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), sponsored by Volunteers of America of Minnesota and Independent School District 271, to assist in placing RSVP volunteers in Metro South Adult Basic Education classrooms.

Headway Mental Health Services 2019-2020

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with Headway Emotional Health Services to provide family community support and mental health services to students enrolled in special education identified as seriously emotionally disturbed and their families as defined in MS 245.4871, subdivision 6. This contract is for the period of September 3, 2019 through June 5, 2020.

Headway Facilities & Ancillary Support 2019-2020

e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with Headway Emotional Health Services to provide facilities, ancillary support and collaborative services to Bloomington Public Schools. This contract is for the period of September 3, 2019 through June 5, 2020.

Fraser Child and Family Center 2019-2020

f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the collaboration agreement with Fraser Child and Family Center to provide autism day treatment/mental health services to enrolled students in the early childhood special education program identified needing supports in the areas of autism. This collaboration agreement begins September 1, 2019 through June 5, 2020.

5. *Finance*

Tuition Rates 2019-2020

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes non-resident tuition rates to be charged for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

Kindergarten - Grade 6	per student	\$15,226
Grades 7 – 12	per student	\$18,271

Dick Bergstrom 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

Reserve Teacher Wage Increase

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the full day beginning wage rate for reserve teachers to be \$140.00 per day for the first 40 days and to be \$145.00 per day after 40 accumulated work days, and \$150.00 per day for Bloomington School retirees effective October 1, 2019. The \$15.00 incentive will continue for reserve teachers who work on Fridays. On roll call vote Beth Beebe, Jim Sorum, Dick Bergstrom, Maureen Bartolotta, Nelly Korman and Tom Bennett voted aye. Dawn Steigauf abstained. Motion carried.

This increase is necessary to retain the core of quality reserve teachers we employ, to attract high-quality new reserve teachers and to respond to a steady decrease of reserve teachers available for employment.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities including school visits and Back to School Celebrations at schools/sites. Dick Bergstrom expressed appreciation to the 2,000 staff members for their efforts in preparing for the first week of school. Beth Beebe highlighted the recent AMSD meeting at which Bill Morris of Morris Leatherman reported findings of a recently conducted public opinion survey.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake was appointed by Governor Dayton to the Workforce Development Council. The Council is comprised of 36 members; Superintendent Fujitake represents the K-12 sector. Workforce development is overseen and supported by DEED, the Department of Employment and Economic Development. DEED Commissioner Steve Groves is aware of the good work we are doing in our school district regarding career success and wants to visit.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Closed sessions for negotiations and Superintendent evaluation followed the meeting.

Tom Bennett, Clerk