

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota**

**MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2013
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2013**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the reconvened Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 271 on January 5, 2013, was called to order by Vice Chair Mark Hibbs at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota. Members Present: Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman. School Attorney Present: David Holman.

Vice Chair Hibbs indicated that the purpose for the reconvened Special Meeting was to select a candidate for the vacant Board seat due to Board Member (and Chair) Melissa Halvorson Wiklund being elected to the Minnesota Senate effective January 8, 2013. Her resignation from the School Board was effective as of January 7, 2013, leaving one year left of her four-year term.

Mr. Hibbs reviewed the vacancy process to date and the process for tonight stating that 13 applications were received and all were well-qualified candidates for the vacancy. The names of the finalists: Lyle Abeln, Mohamed Ismail, Ricardo Oliva, Jim Sorum and Dawn Steigauf. Prior to the interviews, Mohamed Ismail withdrew his name from consideration. The remaining four candidates were interviewed on Saturday, January 5, 2013. The process for the night: Board members will put forth the names of their top three candidate choices; votes will be taken. Should a subsequent round(s) be needed, each board member will submit one name and a vote will be taken. This process will continue, if needed, until one candidate is agreed upon for the appointment. The successful candidate needs a majority vote (at least four votes) of the Board. Board members discussion included rationale for their candidate choices. The process continued for eight rounds of voting. Results of the voting rounds are as follows:

- Round 1 Abeln and Oliva received votes from all 6 Board members.
 Sorum received 3 votes—Bartolotta, Bergstrom, Bush.
 Steigauf received 3 votes—Culver, Hibbs, Korman.

- Round 2 Sorum received 3 votes—Bartolotta, Bergstrom, Bush.
 Abeln received 1 vote—Hibbs.
 Oliva received 1 vote—Culver.
 Steigauf received 1 vote—Korman.

- Round 3 Sorum received 3 votes—Bartolotta, Bergstrom, Bush.
 Abeln received 2 votes—Hibbs, Korman.
 Oliva received 1 vote—Culver.

- Round 4 Sorum received 3 votes—Bartolotta, Bergstrom, Bush.
 Abeln received 2 votes—Hibbs, Korman.
 Oliva received 1 vote—Culver.

- Round 5 Sorum received 3 votes—Bartolotta, Bergstrom, Bush.
 Abeln received 2 votes—Hibbs, Korman.
 Oliva received 1 vote—Culver.

- Round 6 Abeln received 3 votes—Culver, Hibbs, Korman.
 Sorum received 2 votes—Bartolotta, Bush.
 Oliva received 1 vote—Bergstrom.
- Round 7 Abeln received 3 votes—Culver, Hibbs, Korman.
 Sorum received 3 votes—Bartolotta, Bergstrom, Bush.
- Round 8 Abeln received 4 votes—Bush, Culver, Hibbs, Korman.
 Oliva received 2 votes—Bartolotta, Bergstrom.

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 appoints Lyle Abeln to fill the Board vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Abeln will take the Oath of Office at the January 14, 2013, organizational meeting of the school Board.

Board members expressed appreciation to all candidates who applied and encouraged them to consider running for the School Board at the next election, which will be November 2013.

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk