

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

February 27, 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 February 27, 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. Student Board Representative Allie Andersen.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, Tamra Sieve and John Weisser.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to amend the agenda by adding Legislative Priorities 2017 to Part B. Motion to approve the amended agenda carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Allie Andersen, Jefferson High School student representative to the School Board, reported that the Board Student Advisory Council has been meeting every few weeks gathering information how to effectively reduce class size. She highlighted activities at Jefferson including: Student Council sponsored blood drive, JAG Corps benefit dinner is March 6, varsity cheerleaders competed in national competition in Florida and placed first for game day routine, Jefferson Hockey Team is Metro West conference champions. Science Olympiad team placed first at regional competition. The Wind Ensemble performed for the Minnesota Music Educators Association conference. Jefferson, Kennedy and Richfield students gathered to talk about equity. Prom is May 12. Student directed one-act play is March 23-24. Athena award winner is Molly Roach. Four seniors— Robert Martz, Connor Meany, Ashley Neuenfeldt and Cheri Wang—advanced to the finalist round of the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Trimester finals are March 9-10.
- Student Board Representatives
- Public Jefferson students from Mr. Carlson’s class attended the School Board meeting in fulfillment of a 12th grade government course requirement.
- Representatives from the Somali Parent Network and the Latino Parents Association expressed shared concerns regarding their lack of input on the proposed new policy on student rights and the revision on the harassment and violence policy. They also expressed continued concern for a safe school environment citing specific incidents.

Tom Pelava spoke to the situation with his kindergarten daughter and expressed disappointment with the District in working with this situation. Mike Poke appeared in support of Mr. Pelava and his personal situation and concerns expressed by previous speakers relating to safe school environment.

Anne Robertson read a letter on behalf of Wendy Marczak, President of the Bloomington Federation of Teachers, regarding the Advisory Team, and suggestion to engage an outside consultant to build relationships between teachers and administration.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on February 13, 2017, and the Special School Board Meeting on February 21, 2017.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Resignations, Employments. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignation, 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. *Contracts/Agreements*

NIHCARewards/
Money Movers

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the NIHCARewards Agreement between MoneyMovers, Inc. and Independent School District 271 to process Activity Center member rewards.

Club Agreement/
Health Partners

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Participating Club Agreement between HealthPartners, Inc. and Independent School District 271 to offer rewards to participating HealthPartners members who complete the monthly workout requirement.

HTC Occupancy
Renewals

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of three Occupancy Agreements between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The Occupancy Agreements are effective from January 3, 2017 through June 8, 2017.

4. *Finance*

Donations

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$8,709.34.

Finance Reports

b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of December 2016.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B

Awarding Sale
of General
Obligation Facilities
Maintenance Bonds
Series 2017A

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, the following:
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 271,
State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. At a meeting held January 23, 2017, this Board determined to sell and issue general obligation bonds of Independent School District No. 271 (the "Issuer" or the "District") in the total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$24,915,000 (the "Bonds").
2. The Board, having been advised by Ehlers & Associates, Inc., its independent municipal advisor, has determined that this issue shall be privately sold after receipt of written proposals, as authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, as amended. The Board has publicly received and considered all proposals presented in conformity with the Terms of Proposal contained in the Official Statement, which are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects and are incorporated herein by reference as though fully specified in this paragraph. The most favorable of such proposals is ascertained to be that of Meisorow Financial, Inc., Chicago, Ill (the "Purchaser") to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$24,915,000 plus interest accrued to settlement, and upon the further terms and conditions set forth in the Terms of Proposal contained in the Official Statement and this resolution. Said proposal is hereby accepted and the sale of the Bonds is hereby awarded to said Purchaser.
3. The Chair and Clerk are authorized and directed to endorse an acceptance on both copies of the most favorable proposal and to send one copy to the Purchaser. The Treasurer is directed to retain the good faith deposit of the Purchaser pending delivery of the Bonds and payment therefor, and the good faith deposits of other proposal makers shall forthwith be returned to them.

Motion carried unanimously.

In 2012, the District provided the School Board with options to address the District's preferred maintenance needs. The School Board approved at their December 10, 2012 meeting a \$15 million a year Alternative Facility Plan to address stated needs. Administration, working with our financial consultant (Ehlers), determined the best way to fund these projects was through a combination of pay-as-you go levy and Alternative Facility Bonds. The financing plan is to sell bonds every other year for ten years. This will help the District fund two years of projects without incurring issuance cost each year. This is the second Bond Issue under this plan. The District and our financial advisor will review our option biannually. The resolution in its entirety is on file at the District Office and is considered part of these minutes.

Awarding Sale
of General
Obligation Taxable
OPEB Refunding Bonds
Series 2017B

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, the following:
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 271,
State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. At a meeting held January 23, 2017, this Board determined to sell and issue general obligation taxable OPEB refunding bonds of Independent School District No. 271 (the "Issuer" or the "District").

2. The Board, having been advised by Ehlers & Associates, Inc., its independent municipal advisor, has determined that this issue shall be privately sold after receipt of written proposals, as authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, as amended. The Board has publicly received and considered all proposals presented in conformity with the Terms of Offering contained in the Official Statement, which are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects and are incorporated herein by reference as though fully specified in this paragraph. The most favorable of such proposals is ascertained to be that of J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC, NY, NY, (the "Purchaser") to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$11,470,000 plus interest accrued to settlement, and upon the further terms and conditions set forth in the Terms of Offering contained in the Official Statement and this resolution. Said proposal is hereby accepted and the sale of the Bonds is hereby awarded to said Purchaser.
3. The Chair and Clerk are authorized and directed to endorse an acceptance on both copies of the most favorable proposal and to send one copy to the Purchaser. The Treasurer is directed to retain the good faith deposit of the Purchaser pending delivery of the Bonds and payment therefor, and the good faith deposits of other proposal makers shall forthwith be returned to them.

Motion carried unanimously.

The primary reason for this refunding is to reduce our annual school debt service levy beginning in Pay 18. The resolution in its entirety is on file at the District Office and is considered part of these minutes.

American Indian
Education Transmittal
of Resolution

Nelly Korman moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Resolution of Concurrence by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota. Statute 124D.78 states School Boards and American Indian schools must provide for the maximum involvement of children enrolled in education programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades, special education programs and support services. Accordingly, the board of a school district in which there are 10 or more American Indian children enrolled and each American Indian school must establish an American Indian education parent advisory committee. If a committee whose membership consists of a majority of parents of American Indian children has been or is established according to federal, tribal or other state law, that committee may serve as the committee required by this section and is subject to, at least, the requirements of this subdivision and subdivision 2.

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, and Heather Deutschlaender, Chair of the American Indian Parent Advisory Council (AIPAC) for Bloomington schools, along with Patty Vettenheimer, and Anita Eckert, reported to the School Board approval of the Transmittal of Resolution, which will be sent to the Minnesota Department of Education, along with the following:

The American Indian Parent Advisory Council (AIPAC) for Bloomington Schools voted yes (concurring that BPS is meeting the needs of its American Indian students) on the Transmittal of Resolution.

We agree that the District is working to meet the needs of our students. We acknowledge that progress has been made according to the standardized test results we viewed and have hopes for continued growth. We support all efforts to close the opportunity gap in our school system. We recognize and welcome the upcoming expansion of after-school enrichments such as the offering of Chess at Valley View Elementary. Let's continue these efforts!

Recommendation—We would like to recommend that the District promote the history and culture of Minnesota's Indigenous people. We believe that increasing awareness of indigenous cultures benefits every student's learning. We propose recognizing the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day. The concept of Indigenous Peoples Day has been recognized in Minneapolis since 2014 and most recently the State of Minnesota in 2016 as they joined many other cities, states and school districts across the nation. We hope to create awareness of the community's contributions by dedicating a day to celebrate not only the history of Indigenous peoples, but also their living descendants and cultures, showcasing that Indigenous people are not just a moment in history, but a part of today's world.

Chair Oliva responded that on behalf of the School Board, he commended the American Indian Parent Committee for its continued support and collaboration with the District to meet the unique educational and cultural needs of American Indian heritage. He also commended Hiedi Hecker, Indian Education Coordinator, and Lisa Turgeon, Indian Education Support, for their leadership and program development. The School Board appreciates the American Indian Parent Committee's request to increase awareness of indigenous cultures with the proposal to declare the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Mr. Oliva committed that the request will be studied and there will be a response and recommendation at a later date.

NTL: Flexible Learning
Space Update
JHS/KHS

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, reviewed the elements of Next Technology for Learning (NTL)—Digital Content, Anytime, Anywhere Learning, and Personalized Data—and looked at flexible instruction. Through the Education Foundation of Bloomington and a grant they received from American Family Dreams: Foundation of Innovation Grants, Poplar Bridge and Jefferson and Kennedy high schools will have new spaces ready for the 2017-2018 school year. Principals Andy Beaton and Jaysen Anderson highlighted plans for flex spaces at their respective schools. Kennedy will have blended learning/flexible learning spaces that encourage student choice of time, pace, path and place. New spaces capacity is 160 students. Flex spaces will include Media/Learning Commons and College and Career Center. New spaces capacity at Jefferson is 200 students. Spaces will be created for small group collaboration, large group instruction, independent work and quiet study. These flexible learning spaces provide teachers more opportunities for team teaching and interdisciplinary teaching.

RSB 2017-2018
Finalized List of
Budget Adjustments

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Right Sizing the Budget List of Budget Adjustments of \$1.0 million as listed below, and directs administration to develop the 2017-2018 budget using these adjustments to meet Right Sizing the Budget target.

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| 1) Staffing Reductions | \$752 thousand |
| 2) Budget Shifts | \$250 thousand |

Motion carried unanimously.

On January 23, 2017 the Board approved a resolution that gave Administration a guide for developing a recommendation for adjustments to meet the target. The projected impact of the resolution was a \$1.0 million budget adjustment for 2017-18. Administration provided the current recommendations at that time. This resolution is the final Administration recommendation to meet Right Sizing the Budget target for 2017-2018. Administration will use the approved list (on file) to build the 2017-2018 budget, which will be presented to the School Board for approval in June.

Policy Review

The Board Policy Committee—Tom Bennett (Chair), Jim Sorum and Ric Oliva—met on February 9, 2017, to review new and revised policies.

Superintendent Fujitake apologized for not sharing the draft policies with the Latino Parent Association and Somali Parent Network before the meeting and suggested the removal of three policies from tonight's agenda with a plan to bring them back at the March 13 meeting, or later, so there is time for review by the Latino Parent Association and the Somali Parent Network.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to remove from tonight's agenda New Policy 545, Student Rights; Revised Policy 413, Harassment and Violence; and Revised Policy 609, Religion in the Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 457

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 457, Respectful Workplace. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of new Policy 457, Respectful Workplace, is to maintain a positive learning and working environment where individuals are treated with professionalism and respect. The policy states that employees shall not be subjected to disrespectful behavior from co-workers, parents/guardians, or people doing their work in the District. The accompanying regulation was reviewed and presented for information.

Policy 510.4

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 510.4, Participation of Nonenrolled Students in Bloomington Public Schools' Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 510.4 is to provide guidance for administrators, staff, parent and guardians regarding children who are not enrolled in Bloomington Public Schools. The revised regulation accompanying this policy was presented for information.

Policy 501.5

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 510.5, Shared-Time Students.

The purpose of Policy 510.5 is to address non-public or home-schooled students to be enrolled part-time in Independent School District 271. The revised regulation accompanying this policy was presented for information.

Policy 606

Dawn Steigauf moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 606, Instructional Materials Selection.

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to amend the revised policy removing all references to textbooks. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Oliva called for the vote on the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 606 is to provide direction for selection of instructional materials. The revised regulation accompanying this policy was presented for information.

Policy 606.1

Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 606.1, Procedure for Handling Questioned Materials. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of the Policy 606.1 is to provide direction in handling questioned materials issues. The revised regulation accompanying the policy was presented for information.

Policy 606.2

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the deletion of Policy 606.2, Instructional Materials Center Circulation of Materials.

With the recent construction in the Curriculum Center within the Educational Services Center, the Instructional Materials Center has been greatly reduced and relocated. Single copies of in-use materials exist within the Curriculum Center for review but are not available for circulation. Policy 606.2 is not an MSBA mandatory policy and no MSBA model policy exists. The accompanying regulation for this policy also will be deleted.

Policy 550 Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the deletion of Policy 550, Student Handbooks. On roll call vote Maureen Bartolotta, Jim Sorum, Ric Oliva, Nelly Korman and Dick Bergstrom voted in favor. Tom Bennett and Dawn Steigauf voted against. Motion carried 5-2.

Policy 550 is not an MSBA mandatory policy and no MSBA model policy exists. Assistant Superintendent Eric Melbye indicated that although the policy, and accompanying regulation, will be deleted, schools still will have student handbooks.

Policy 707 Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 707, Transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 707, Transportation, provides guidelines for a safe and effective transportation system. The policy has been reviewed and there is no change to the current policy. There has been a change to Regulation 707.1, Transportation of Public School Students, which is presented for information. The change in the regulation reflects wording regarding walking distance for students eligible for transportation service. The walking distance was changed in 2009 as part of a budget process. The School Board's Policy Committee reviewed the regulation revision and concurred with the language update that reflects current practice.

Policy 806 Maureen Bartolotta moved and Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 806, Use of School Facilities. Motion carried 6-0. (Tom Bennett was not in the room for the vote).

The purpose of Policy 806 is to provide guidance for the use of school facilities by school organizations, the city, community agencies and organizations, businesses and citizens. The regulations ensure facility use is available to the community on an equitable basis and establish the processes and procedures for requesting the use of a facility, user classification, scheduling priority, supervision requirements, limitations of use, fees, personnel and equipment rates and payment of fees. The accompanying revised regulation was presented for information.

Policy 303 Dawn Steigauf moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 303, Superintendent Selection. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 303 is to convey to the school community that the authority to select and employ a Superintendent is vested in the School Board. This new policy follows MSBA model policy. The proposal to adopt this policy was recommended by Tom Bennett, Chair of the Board Policy Committee, and supported by the other committee members, which are Ric Oliva and Jim Sorum. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Girls Badminton
Cooperative
Sponsorship

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a cooperative sponsorship for the Kennedy and Jefferson Girls Badminton program effective with the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) allows two or more member schools to form a cooperative sponsorship for an activity and/or sport when student participation numbers at schools are not sufficient to field a team. Kennedy and Jefferson high schools have agreed to cooperative sponsorship of the Girls Badminton program for the 2016-2017 school year. Kennedy, with the greater number of Badminton participants, will serve as the host school and the team will compete as the Kennedy Eagles. Under MSHSL bylaws, we are petitioning bylaw 403.00 so that we can compete in regular and post season as one team. The high schools currently have cooperative agreements for Alpine Ski, Competition Cheerleading, Dance, Girls Golf, Girls Hockey, Gymnastics, Nordic Ski and Wrestling. All schools in the Metro West Conference approved the request. The cooperative sponsorship application will be submitted to the MSHSL for approval, which must be granted prior to the start of the Badminton season on March 6, 2017.

Report of Closed
Sessions

The School Board, Superintendent and members of Cabinet, met in Closed Session on January 23 and February 21 for the purpose of discussing negotiations for all bargaining units. No School Board action was taken or required.

Legislative Priority

Jim Sorum moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the legislative priority for the 2017 legislative session that supports an increase in the state's basic formula allowance (per pupil funding) by at least the underfunding of \$626. Motion carried unanimously.

An adequate and stable funding system for schools is essential to ensuring successful academic outcomes for all students. The Board Legislative Committee—Nelly Korman (Chair), Dawn Steigauf, Ric Oliva—supports an increase in the state's basic formula allowance (per pupil funding) by at least the underfunding of \$626.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Due to the late hour and there is a study session following this meeting, School Board members did not report on their various meetings and activities.

Maureen Bartolotta invited everyone to attend the Bloomington Public Schools Centennial Celebration being held on Friday, May 19, hosted by the Education Foundation of Bloomington. The early bird price of \$50 a person has been extended through March 10.

Ric Oliva acknowledged receipt of correspondence from two students. One pertained to homework and the other a petition regarding school start times.

- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- There is a School Board professional development session at 6 pm on March 13—Equity Conversations. Administration requested a motion to establish a Closed Session upon the conclusion of the regular meeting of the School Board on March 13, 2017. 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 Maureen Bartolotta. Motion carried unanimously.
- IX. OTHER
- None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
- There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. A study session followed the meeting.

Nelly Korman, Clerk