

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

**March 13, 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 March 13, 2017, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas, John Weisser, Dave Heistad, Jennifer McIntyre and Tamra Sieve.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC
- Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting “Hairspray”**  
March 23-25 with a performance for senior citizens on March 22.  
Co-directors Bryan Blessing and Shawn Stelton invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production. Also in attendance were Kevin Doheny, parent volunteer who created the hairdos for the production, and piano accompanist Judy Cooper.
- OGMS Play
- Friends **Quality Bicycle Products and Hope for Tomorrow**  
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. *Hope for Tomorrow* has been mentoring eighth grade students at Valley View Middle School and Oak Grove Middle School. Dr. Jamie Peters has been with Valley View Middle School since the program began there in 2010. He provided an overview of the mentoring program that includes a college and company component in the curriculum used for the program. He highlighted his work with *Quality Bicycle Products* (QBP). The company advocates that all of their employees provide volunteer service. QBP has been providing volunteers for this program for a number of years. Jared Fuller and Lisa Anderson, two QBP employees, highlighted the rewarding experiences in their work at Valley View Middle School through Hope for Tomorrow.
- Public A college student from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, attended the School Board meeting in fulfillment of a course requirement.

Tom Pelava, speaking on behalf of his spouse Gina Pelava regarding the situation with their kindergarten daughter, expressed disappointment with the District in working with this situation citing policies they both feel the District has violated and thereby the rights of their student as well as core values of the District. They have requested an apology from the Superintendent and expressed disappointment in the lack of response to an email sent to the School Board.

Anne Robertson updated the School Board on progress made for the Advisory Team; three members chosen by the Superintendent and three members chosen by the BFT President. She expects the first meeting will occur soon. She will be the elementary representative on the Advisory Team. She strongly recommended that the School Board hold both sides publicly accountable and requested that the Advisory Team agree, in writing, to a mission statement that has measurable goals and metrics for the Advisory Team and that the mission statement be brought to School Board for review. She also suggested that monthly updates be brought to the School Board to ensure meaningful progress is being made by the Advisory Team.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on February 27, 2017.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Employments.  
Independent Personnel: Resignation, Changes of Status.  
Classified Personnel: Terminations, Retirement, Resignations, 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*

Settlement & Release

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Settlement Agreement and Release between the parents of a special education student in Intermediate School District 917 and Independent School District 271 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign the Settlement Agreement and Release.

Student Teacher  
St. Ben's/St. John's

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. The agreement will be in effect from March 13, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

4. *Finance*

Finance Reports

Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of January 2017.

Maureen Bartolotta 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  
Achievement &  
Integration Plan  
2017-2020

Dick Bergstrom moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the 2017-2020 Achievement and Integration Plan and its budget for the 2017–2018 school year in the amount of \$2,007,539.41. In the event of a decrease or increase in funding from the Minnesota Department of Education, the contents of the plan and corresponding budget will be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 124D. Sections 861-862, Minnesota's Achievement and Integration program was established to help close Minnesota's academic achievement gap and increase integration opportunities for protected class students. Minnesota law passed requires all school districts receiving Achievement and Integration funding to submit a new three-year plan to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). The new Achievement and Integration plan must be aligned with the World's Best Workforce plan. Our deadline for submission to the MDE is March 15, 2017. Input on the plan has been received from key district stakeholder groups and the plan has been vetted with leadership at the Minnesota Department of Education.

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, highlighted the four goals of the plan and the objectives to meet the goals of the new three-year plan, which has been aligned with our equity vision and addresses components set forth in the World's Best Workforce legislation. The plan addresses Valley View Elementary and Valley View Middle schools being racially isolated schools. Mr. Kubas gave an overview of supports being provided to the students through programs such as AVID and Nobel.

MN State University  
Mankato/Nursing  
Student Agreement

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Agreement between Minnesota State University, Mankato and Independent School District 271. Effective dates for this agreement are July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, provided an overview of the two-year process to reach this Memorandum of Agreement with Minnesota State University, Mankato. The agreement provides one nursing student at a time supervised by an advanced practice registered nurse or nurse educator with experience in treating children and families, to provide pediatric and family primary care services within the District. Services will be available to the entire Bloomington community, however, special emphasis will be made to accommodate the children and families who are enrolled in and part of the Bloomington Public Schools. Plans for this five-year agreement have been in development for two-years. Taking the time to work through the planning was intentional in order to ensure what both organizations wanted to accomplish with the clinic. Phase 1 was community outreach and Phase 2 was decision making on the mission of the clinic. These phases are complete and we are moving to Phases 3 and 4, which is implementation of the plan and a dry run this summer. Clinic services will be free of charge. Any referrals needing to be made will be to other agencies/organizations providing free services.

- VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
- Dick Bergstrom attended a MSBA negotiations training session, a Westwood PTA meeting, and he highlighted the accomplishments of Kennedy's Rhythm in Gold for placing first runner up and the East Side Swingers for placing fifth runner up in a show choir competition held in Iowa. Kennedy also was recognized for best crew and for best sportsmanship for show choirs. Dawn Steigauf attended meetings of the Insurance Committee and the District Diversity Advisory Committee. She attended multiple events at Olson Elementary and highlighted the special recognition of a student during the school rally.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- Valley View Middle School will perform "Seussical Jr." at 7 p.m. March 23-25, and 2 p.m. March 25 in the school's auditorium.
- IX. OTHER
- None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
- There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. A closed session followed the meeting.

Nelly Korman, Clerk