

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

January 25, 2016

- 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 January 25, 2016, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Tom Bennett and Dick Bergstrom.
- Members Absent Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Ric Oliva.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to cancel the study session scheduled to follow the meeting and establish a closed session to follow the meeting for the purpose of negotiations discussion. So moved by Tom Bennett, seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC
- The Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference was held January 14-15 and part of the conference was a Recognition Luncheon at which MSBA presented its annual awards. Dawn Steigauf received the Directors Award for 2015-2016. This award recognizes members who have completed 100 or more hours of attendance at MSBA and NSBA sponsored meetings and activities over a four-year period. The Bloomington School Board is one of six in the state to receive a District Award of Distinction from the Minnesota School Boards Association. This award recognized school boards where a majority of its members have received at least 100 hours of board training.
- Kent Karjala addressed the School Board raising awareness of the Bloomington High School Mountain Bike Team and his desire to work with the school and district to attain club status for the team.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- a. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the School Board on January 11, 2016.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Resignation, Employments, Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

2. *Field Trip Approval* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

Evaluation Agreement
InsightWorks LLC RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 BCCA approves an Agreement for Evaluation with InsightWorks, LLC to conduct Return on Investment research evaluating our career and college work.

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 \$22,218.40.
- Finance Reports b. Statement of Revenue and Statement of Expenditures for the months of November and December 2015.
- Receipts/ &
Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the months of November and December 2015.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf 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

Skyward
Agreement

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Skyward. Motion carried unanimously.

TIES is sunsetting its Student Information System (TSIS) to focus on fewer projects and it is likely TIES will make changes in the Finance and HRPay systems. Right Sizing the Budget process has moved us to evaluate and research cost savings in software systems. Following an analysis of Finance and HRPay systems, Bloomington Public Schools will begin the transition to the Skyward Information System in the summer and fall of 2016, with a cutover on or about January 1, 2017. There will be substantial feature improvements and significant cost savings with this new system.

Right Sizing the
Budget II List of
Adjustments 16-17

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Right Sizing the Budget List of Budget Adjustments of \$2.5 million as listed below, and directs administration to develop the 2016-17 budget using these adjustments to meet Right Sizing the Budget target.

- 1) Staffing Reductions \$807.4 thousand
- 2) Operational Adjustment \$752.0 thousand
- 3) Budget Shifts \$950.0 thousand

Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board held a study session on November 23, 2015, to discuss and develop a target for the process of Right Sizing the Budget. On December 14, 2015, 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 \$2.5 million budget adjustment for 2016-17. The School Board discussed administration's preliminary recommendations to meet the target at study sessions on November 23, 2015. The resolution above is the final administration recommendation to meet Right Sizing the Budget target for 2016-17. Administration will use the approved list (on file) to build the 2016-17 budget, which will be presented to the School Board for approval in June.

Legislative Plan &
Priorities 2016

The 2016 legislative plan and priorities were presented by Nelly Korman, Chair of the School Board Legislative Committee; Tom Bennett and Dawn Steigauf also are members of the committee. Proposed legislative priorities include: *Adequate Education Funding*—Basic formula funding should be tied to inflation. *Adequate Funding for Mandates*—Reduce the Special Education Cross-subsidy by 25%. *Early Learners (Pre-K)*—Funding to expand access to quality early childhood programs. *Commitment to Educational Research*—Amend current Innovation Zone statute to permit more flexibility for school districts to test and research innovative educational ideas and concepts. *Quality Compensation (Q Comp)*—Continue funding of Q Comp, the voluntary state grant program enacted by the Minnesota Legislature in 2005. *Vacancy in Office of a School Board Member*—Repeal amended statute for filling a school board vacancy, and return to the old law.

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to accept the legislative plan and priorities as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Korman indicated that a forum with legislators is being planned for February. The 2016 legislative session begins March 8. The committee will provide periodic updates and a year-end report following the session.

Closed Session
Report

The School Board, Superintendent and members of Cabinet, along with District's legal counsel, met in Closed Session on Monday, January 11, for the purpose of discussing negotiation parameters. No School Board action was taken or required.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

School Board members reported on meetings and activities they attended including attendance and/or participation in the following: school visits and PTA meetings, spaghetti dinner and performances at Jefferson, middle school student council meetings, PTSA Council speaker series event, MSBA Leadership Conference and activities, Labor Management Committee meeting, custodial and teacher negotiations sessions, District 917 Board meeting, January 25 district-wide professional development day and a family engagement session at Valley View Middle School. Upcoming events: Bloomington United for Youth recognition on February 9 and Bloomington girl's hockey pancake breakfast on January 31. Announcement that Senior Achievement Recognition nominations forms are available on the website. The event is April 5.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Fujitake indicated that the School Board will meet with high school representative of its Youth Advisory Council on February 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Oak Grove Middle School.

On February 1st at 6:30 p.m., each of the middle schools—Oak Grove, Olson and Valley View—will host an Open House. Parents and guardians of current fifth grade students are invited to attend the Open House at the middle school your child will attend next year.

Superintendent Fujitake and Dr. Dave Heistad met with Commissioner Larry Pogemiller from the Office of Higher Education to discuss partnering on research work related to SLEDS (Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System).

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. A closed session for negotiations followed the meeting.

Nelly Korman, Clerk