

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

October 12, 2015

- 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 October 12, 2015, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Ric Oliva, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Tom Bennett, Treasurer; Dick Bergstrom, Jim Sorum and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, and Jennifer McIntyre.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Ric Oliva moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC The School Board recognized and presented a Certificate of Achievement to Jefferson National Merit Scholars. Principal Kevin Groebner highlighted the program and the accomplishments of students achieving these designations.
- National Merit Scholars Three Jefferson students have been named Semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program for 2016—Eli Olson, Praveen Pallegar and Conner Sorensen. Upon completing some additional requirements this year, these students will be in the running for one of the merit scholarship awards that will be offered next spring. More than 1.5 million high school juniors entered the 2016 National Merit Program by taking the preliminary PSAT/National Merit scholarship qualifying test, which serves as an initial screening of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents one-half of one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. Commended students are recognized for exceptional academic promise demonstrated by performance on the qualifying test. Commended students represent five percent of students, nationally, who took the PSAT exam. Jefferson commended students are Wyatt Anderson, Catherine Dukelow, Emma Liddle, Dennis Neuenfeldt, Elaina Smith and Julia Sunnarborg.
- Lights On After School Proclamation Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the attached proclamation (on file) declaring the week of November 2, 2015, as “Lights On After School” week, the 16th annual celebration of after school programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Youth and Family Coordinator Russ Purdy accepted the proclamation. There will be a celebration on November 6th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Washburn Elementary School.

Friends

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. Superintendent Les Fujitake introduced Asad Aliweyd, the Executive Director of the **New American Academy**. The mission of the academy is to provide services to East African communities in the Twin Cities. Services include mentoring, tutoring, job readiness and leadership development. Mr. Aliweyd is active in nearby communities. Recently, he started a program after school working with Somali students at Oak Grove Middle School.

Staff

Gail Girard is the recipient of the Allen Burton Developmental Adapted Physical Education Leadership Award. The award honors and recognizes the outstanding efforts and contributions given to students with disabilities in the area of developmental adapted physical education. Ms Girard has demonstrated her leadership in a variety of roles both in school and out of school in order to provide learning opportunities and experiences for students.

District

Bloomington Public Schools has received the 2014-2015 Individuals With Disabilities Education Act Compliance Achievement Award from the Minnesota Department of Education. The award recognizes districts demonstrating compliance with the requirements of the Act and the related Minnesota Statutes and Rules noted during a compliance review. The achievement demonstrates commitment to implementing special education programs that meet or exceed requirements and are reflective of the administration school staff and community. New Executive Director of Special Education Jennifer McIntyre commended Eric Melbye and the special education staff of the District for their excellent work in achieving this prestigious award.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on September 28, 2015.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Employments, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Items

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*

PICA Agreements

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Amendment to the Letter of Agreement and License Agreement with Parents in Community Action, Inc. (PICA) originally approved by the Board on January 12, 2015.

Ric Oliva moved, Dick Bergstrom 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
MSHSL Foundation
Funds Application

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the application to the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation for grant funds to be used to pay athletic and activity fees for students who qualify. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and activities. The MSHSL Foundation offers grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students. Recognizing the value of students' participation in extracurricular activities, the District is applying for funds from the Foundation for various uses, including supplemental funding for students who qualify for free and reduced lunches and, thus, have fees waived. This resolution is submitted annually for School Board approval.

Guiding Change
Document RSB II

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Guiding Change Document for Right Sizing the Budget II. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board held a study session on September 28, 2015, to reaffirm the Guiding Change Document for the process of Right Sizing the Budget II. The document outlines why right sizing the budget is needed, results expected from the process, and a list of unacceptable means to accomplish right sizing of the budget. The School Board reaffirmed the six areas that are unacceptable means as Administration works to put forth a recommendation to the School Board to Right Size the Budget: We will not ...

- Violate the law, agreements or policies
- Increase safety risks
- Close school(s)
- Sell District property (assets)
- Consolidate two high schools into one
- Put in jeopardy any targeted state, federal funding for mandated programs (i.e. SpEd, Integration, etc.).

Director Oliva suggested that the School Board have a discussion about its priorities. It was concluded that this will occur during the Right Sizing the Budget II process.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

School Board members reported on meetings and activities they attended.

Dick Bergstrom highlighted the October 3rd School Board Retreat, a meeting of the Board's Community Engagement Committee, an Intermediate District 917 meeting, attendance at an MDE symposium entitled "Overcoming Systemic Racism," which he attended along with a team from Kennedy High School; assisted with Normandale Hills Elementary conference clean up, and attended the Jefferson High School production of "The Importance of Being Earnest." Jim Sorum reported on a meeting of the Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SECAC). This was the first SECAC meeting with new Executive Director of Special Education Jennifer McIntyre. Ric Oliva attended an Early Childhood Family Education Parent Advisory Council meeting. Upcoming events sponsored by this group include a fundraiser pizza night and a movie—Inside Out—night. Mr. Oliva provides the leadership for the School Board's Youth Advisory Council. The first will meeting will be with high school representatives of YAC on October 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Middle School in the Media Center. Dawn Steiguaf attended the Kennedy High School National Honor Society induction and the PTSA Council meeting. PTSA Council met at the Bloomington Career & College Academy (BCCA) at which attendees were provided with an update on the opening of the new academy. Information presented indicated that going forward 70% of the jobs will require education beyond high school and of that only 30% will require a college degree. BCCA provides alternate avenues for students to pursue and the opportunity to enter the work force earlier than a normal high school path. The PTSA Council will be partnering with the City of Bloomington for a winter clothing drive that will benefit elementary students in Bloomington. The Board Community Engagement Committee met and discussed having another joint meeting with the City Council and how to celebrate the upcoming centennial year of the Bloomington Public Schools.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Fujitake reported on recent speaking engagements where he gave an update on what is happening in the Bloomington Public Schools—a meeting of the Bloomington Retired Educators Association and an education forum at Peace Lutheran Church.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk