

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

**November 23, 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 November 23, 2015, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> 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, Mary Burroughs, Andy Kubas, Dave Heistad, Tamra Sieve, and John Weisser.
- 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 Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation proclaiming December 10, 2015, as Human Rights Day in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.
- Human Rights Day Proclamation Bloomington Human Rights Commissioner Jared Leese accepted the proclamation. Mr. Leese highlighted the Omar Bonderud Award recognition being held on December 7 at Bloomington Civic Plaza.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*  
Minutes
- Personnel Items
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on November 9, 2015.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Termination, Resignation, Employment, Change of Status. Independent Personnel: Employment. Classified Personnel: Retirements, 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. *Grants*  
Bloomington  
Community Foundation
- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$10,000 grant to fund the "Make Tracks to Kindergarten" summer program offered by the Early Childhood Family Center.

- Walmart Foundation            b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 Approves the acceptance of a grant totaling \$2000 from Walmart Foundation to Independent School District 271 for AVID.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

- NCC for Volunteer Connection            a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Normandale Community College, and Independent School District 271 for Volunteer Connection. The agreement is effective for five years as of the date of signature.
- Right to Construct Permit with City            b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Right to Construct Permit with the City of Bloomington for work to be performed at Jefferson High School and Olson Elementary School.
- COMPAS, Inc. for Hillcrest            c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Agreement between COMPAS, Inc., and Independent School District 271 for Hillcrest Community School. The term of the Memorandum of Agreement is effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

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 \$11,620.00.
- Finance Reports            b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of October 2015.
- Receipts/ & Disbursements            c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of October 2015.

Ric Oliva 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

ECFE & Preschool Program Fee Changes 2016-2017

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proposed fee changes for Early Childhood Family Education and Preschool programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Services presents a resolution when proposing fee changes for Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Early Learners Academy (ELA), Kids' SAFARI and School Readiness programs. This year's resolution proposes no increase for ELA and Kids' SAFARI programs. The last fee change for these programs was effective for the 2015-2016 school year. The proposed rates will be effective for the 2016-2017 school year. The fees were presented to and received support from the Bloomington/Richfield Early Childhood Family Center Parent Advisory Council. The fees are competitive with neighboring districts' programs.

The ECFE and Preschool program rate structure in 16-17 proposes to:

- Reduce the number of tiers from 5 to 4 by eliminating one tier because of low participation in tier 3.
- Change the criteria for qualifying for the proposed new tier 4 from 261% to 250% of poverty to follow state and federal guidelines.

The ECFE program is being reduced from 16 weeks to 15 weeks to accommodate staffing that will be providing increased parent education services to the preschool program.

programs will now be called the Preschool program. The following changes will be made to the programming.

- Expansion of preschool programming
  - 5 day/2.5 hour program previously offered only to low-income families for free now is open to all families on a sliding fee scale.
  - Limited busing will be provided to students enrolled in the 5 day/2.5 hr. program on a sliding fee scale that matches the fee structure.
  - A 3 day/5.75 hr. program option will be added for 4 year olds.
  - There now is a 2 day program option for 3 years olds and a 3 day program option for 3 and 4 year olds.

Long Term Facility  
Maintenance Program  
Ten Year Budget

Ric Oliva moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) Ten Year Long-Term Facility Maintenance Program Budget and authorizes the current amount to be included in the District's long-term facility maintenance projects application for longer-term facility maintenance revenue. Motion carried unanimously.

A change in legislation requires the School Board to approve a ten year long-term facility maintenance program budget for its facilities to be able to levy for the Alternative Facilities pay-as-you-go, Debt Service on Alternative Facilities Bonds and Health and Safety funding for the 2016-2017 school year. The total of \$7.4 million for 2016-2017 was approved in the preliminary levy in September and will be in the final levy in December. The Health and Safety Program budget now will be included in the Alternative Facilities budget.

## VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on meetings and activities they attended. Several board members attended the Veterans Day Breakfast at Civic Plaza, flagraising ceremonies at our schools on Veterans Day, the Open House at the Bloomington Career and College Academy and the Ridgeview Annual Breakfast.

Dick Bergstrom attended PTA meetings at Olson Middle School and Poplar Bridge, Signing Day at Kennedy High School, Voices Heard roundtable (police officers listening to students), and participated on a District 917 interview committee for marketing. Ric Oliva attended a principals negotiations session and a meeting of the ECFE Parent Advisory Council.

Nelly Korman reported on the AMSD Legislative Committee; the AMSD legislative platform will be presented at the December 4 meeting. The Board's Legislative Committee will be meeting to discuss and develop focuses for the 2016 legislative session, which will be shared with the full Board. Planning will begin for a forum with local legislators in February. Nelly Korman reported that a grade three Bloomington robotics team placed second in division competition and third in the tournament. Jim Sorum reported that the Board's Superintendent Evaluation Committee will be meeting to outline process/forms to be used for Superintendent performance review 2015-2016. That information will be shared with the full Board. Dawn Steigauf and Tom Bennett attended the MSBA Pre-Delegate Assembly at which MSBA develops its legislative platform for the upcoming session. The Board Community Engagement Committee met; in January the committee will start working on the centennial celebration year of 2016-2017. Ms. Steigauf also attended Data Day at Washburn, PTA meetings at Hillcrest and Wasbhorn, participated in a teacher negotiations session. Ms. Steigauf also highlighted the display wall at Hillcrest honoring veterans and the flag inside of a plaque that was presented to Hillcrest by a parent. The flag, in tribute to Hillcrest, had been flown over headquarters of a U.S. Army Battallion at Camp Buehring, Kuwait on April 2, 2015. Tom Bennett reported that the Calendar Committee will be meeting again to consider another calendar option. Once the committee finalizes its recommendation, the 2016-2017 school calendar will be brought to the School Board for action. Maureen Bartolotta announced that the School Board will receive MSBA's District Award of Distinction at the 2016 Leadership Conference in January. To achieve the award, a majority of current board members have received either the MSBA President's or Directors' Award.

#### VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Fujitake reported on the visit of Lt. Governor Tina Smith and Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius, as well as other commissioners from MDE, Offices of Higher Education and DEED. Administration shared the vision for bringing to life the World's Best Workforce legislation and the District's Pathways to Graduation.

Superintendent Fujitake has been invited, and has accepted, to serve on the Itasca Project College and Career Readiness Task Force. This is a nonpartisan, employed-led alliance comprised of regional CEOs, public and nonprofit leaders and the Governor, the Mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Chair of the Metropolitan Council and leaders from the University of Minnesota and MNSCU. The group seeks to address regional economic issues that affect competitiveness and quality of life in the Twin Cities region and to make the Twin Cities among the most vibrant and economically competitive regions in the nation.

Last week, Superintendent Fujitake gave a presentation to residents of Friendship Village who were interested in what is happening in the school district, education and student achievement.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. A study session followed the meeting.

Nelly Korman, Clerk