

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

**December 9, 2013**

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Tim Culver at 7:05 p.m. on December 9, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Dave Heistad, John Weisser, and Bruce Pappas.
- Attorney Present David Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda. Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to amend the agenda by adding Auditor Selection for 2013-14 to Part B, item number 7. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC The School Board recognized students for awards and accomplishments.
- Wendy's High School Heisman Award **Wendy's High School Heisman Award**  
Jefferson senior Timothy Larson has been selected as a Wendy's High School Heisman award winner from the State of Minnesota. High School Heisman award winners are selected based on excellence in academics, athletics and community involvement.
- Friends The School District is fortunate to have businesses and organizations supporting our learners and the community of Bloomington. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes our "Friends" of education.
- Bloomington Optimists Club**  
The Bloomington Optimists Club is an affiliate of Optimist International, which is a global organization dedicated to bringing out the best in children. The club's mission is to create programs that address the needs of youth in the area. Jim Guse and Chuck Ehlers highlighted some club programs. The club is most recognized for its annual Egg Hunt, Fishing Fair, Halloween Party, Citywide Garage Sale, Oratorical Contest and Essay Contest.

Introduction of Director Mary Burroughs is the new Director of Human Resources. Current director Bruce Pappas will retire late next month after seven years with the district. Burroughs has been the Director of Human Resources for Austin Public Schools since 2010.

School Board Members Four of the current School Board Members— Lyle Abeln, Arlene Bush, Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs will be ending their terms at the end of this month. Chair Tim Culver highlighted many of their activities and accomplishments over the years. Arlene Bush served as a School Board Member for thirty-two ½ years. Mark Hibbs served for twelve years. Tim Culver served nineteen years. Lyle Abeln served one year filling a vacant seat.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Items

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting on November 25, 2013 and
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Employments.  
Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014:  
One (1) student entering Bloomington Public Schools and one (1) student leaving.  
Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2014-2015:  
Three (3) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and zero (0) students leaving.
- d. Community Education Services Advisory Council Appointment  
Greg Boatman

Non-Resident

Student Agreements

2. *Field Trips Approval*

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

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

Student Teaching

Northwestern

University

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Northwestern University. The agreement will be in effect from November 15, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

Student Teaching

St. Olaf College

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with St. Olaf College. The agreement will be in effect from November 14, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

4. Finance

Continuing Authority

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorize the continuation of Board appointments and authorizations to begin January 1, 2014, and continue until the Board's organizational meeting January 13, 2014.

Arlene Bush Moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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

All Day Kindergarten

Assistant Superintendent Chris Lennox reviewed All Day Kindergarten Options A & B.

Options A & B

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board approves all day kindergarten at no cost for all families beginning September 2014, with no half day kindergarten option at either a central location or neighborhood school. Approves facility additions and renovations to accommodate all-day kindergarten sections at a cost of \$2,500,000.00. On roll call vote Dick Bergstrom, Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta, Tim Culver and Arlene Bush voted aye. Mark Hibbs and Nelly Korman voted nay. Motion carried 5-2.

Final 2013 Payable 2014 Property Tax Levy

Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proposed final property tax levy for the 2013 payable 2014 levy of \$48,691,279. BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that in the event of any changes to levy amounts by the Minnesota Department of Education, it is the intent of the School Board of Independent School District 271 to levy the appropriate amount as allowed by law.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, reviewed the levy process and timeline and provided an overview of the 2013-2014 adopted budget, which included revenues by source and expenditures by program for all funds, and General Fund revenues by source and expenditures by program.

PROPOSED 2013 PAYABLE 2014 LEVIES

Referendum	\$12,373,732
Referendum Other	8,881,360
Other	16,506,631
Community Services	1,599,135
Debt Services	9,330,421
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$48,691,279</u>

The Proposed 2013 Pay 2014 levy represents a \$567,807 increase from our 2012 Pay 2013 levy.

No one came forth to address the School Board regarding the Pay 2013 Levy. As required by law, the final certified levy will be submitted to the County Auditor by December 31, 2013.

Committed Funds

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves committed funds in the areas specified as follows:

Committed Funds:

1. \$235,000 for Worker's Compensation Insurance
2. \$220,637 for Third Party Medical Assistance
3. \$81,092 for Wellness Dollars
4. \$77,919 for Band Uniform and Instrument Replacement
5. \$10,027,568 for Operating Referendum
6. \$1,000,000 for Transportation Building
7. \$1,000,000 for Transportation Bus Purchase
8. \$2,944,736 for Transportation
9. \$2,317,902 for Severance Insurance
10. \$1,799,045 for Technology Replacement
11. \$1,000,000 for Energy Savings
12. \$250,000 for Security Systems
13. \$36,058 for Athletics and Activities
14. \$250,023 for Staff Development

Motion carried unanimously.

Operating Transfers-  
Community Service  
Fund

Tim Culver moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the operating transfers of \$780,070 from the General Fund to certain programs accounted for in the Community Service Fund for fiscal year 2012-13. Motion carried unanimously.

The annual process of financially closing a school year requires District Administration to make recommendations to the School Board to transfer resources between the District's accounting funds. Transfers are necessary because Community Service revenue is received combined with General Fund revenues. The District deposits and records all this combined revenue into the General Fund. A transfer is subsequently made to record the revenue in Community Service. For example, the majority of Metro South revenue is initially received in the General Fund along with the District's state aid payments. At year-end, a transfer of resources from the General Fund to the Community Services Fund is required to recognize the amount of state aid generated by Metro South students. Similarly, the District also makes transfers to recognize costs attributable to facilities such as Pond and Southwood Centers.

Acceptance of Audit Report

Dick Bergstrom moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts The Auditor's Reports from Kern, DeWenter, Viere, Ltd., which includes Audited Financial Statements, Audited Financial Statements of Student Activity Accounts and accompanying Communication Letters for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Mayer, KDV Partner, presented highlights of the audit report.

Bid Award – Samsung Chromebooks

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271: Accept the CDW Government LLC, Vernon Hills, IL bid of \$182,650 to provide 650 Samsung Chromebooks at Oak Grove, Olson and Valley View Middle Schools and approve the contract with CDW Government LLC to accomplish this purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Selection for 2013-14 Audit

Mark Hibbs moved, Lyle Abeln seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 directs Administration to solicit quotes for financial auditing services and completion of the 2013-14 audit. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom attended meetings of the Bloomington United for Youth and PTSA Council. He highlighted the Jefferson High School play Peter Pan, and Breakfast for Dinner at Oak Grove Middle School. Arlene Bush thanked everyone for her 32 ½ years of service.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that Administration requests a study session on January 6 at 6 p.m. to discuss 2014 organizational matters. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta and seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk