

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

**February 24, 2014**

- 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 Dick Bergstrom at 6:30 p.m. on February 24, 2014, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Dick Bergstrom, Chair; Maureen Bartolotta, Vice Chair; Jim Sorum, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Tom Bennett, Ric Oliva and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Mary Burroughs, Tom Holton and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Dick Bergstrom announced that the Closed Session scheduled for tonight for the purpose of negotiations discussion will begin at 8:30 p.m. or upon the conclusion of the study session.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Ric Oliva seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC Tom Holton, Executive Director of Community Services, introduced two people from Bloomington who recently received awards for their accomplishments. Senator Melissa Halvorson Wiklund was the 2014 recipient of the Minnesota School-Age Care Alliance Award of excellence. The award is given to an individual, group or agency that has had a significant impact on the field of care and education for school-age children. Senator Wiklund was the chief author of a bill to allow school districts to receive higher childcare subsidy rates after demonstrating high quality after school accreditation.
- Dr. Karen Cadigan, Early Childhood Specialist, received the 2014 Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to an individual, group or agency that has significantly affected the quality of life for young children in Minnesota. Dr. Cadigan was recognized as the founder and director of the first Office of Early Learning for Minnesota, her leadership in the Race To The Top early learning challenge grant for Minnesota, research assistant and policy director at the University of Minnesota, family impact seminars and the development of The Wonder Years exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting "The Little Mermaid" March 6-8 with a performance for senior citizens on March 5. Co-directors Bryan Blessing and Shawn Stelton invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident

Student Agreements

2. *Field Trips Approval*

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

GTCUW Reading by

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Evaluation

A+ Driving School

City Easement

Indian Mounds

4. *Finance*

Donations

Finance Reports

Receipts &

Disbursements

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting on February 10, 2014.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Retirement, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Two (2) students leaving Bloomington Public Schools. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2014-2015: Eight (8) students entering and one (1) student leaving Bloomington Public Schools.

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

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached Agreement for Services with Greater Twin Cities United Way for Data Support for Reading by Third Grade Evaluation. The term of this agreement is January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with A+ Driving School to provide classroom and behind-the-wheel driving instruction to students in the Bloomington area. The term of this agreement is from February 25, 2014 to March 1, 2016.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School Bloomington 271 approves a City of Bloomington easement for sidewalk and bikeway purposes for the property located at 9801 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South (Indian Mounds Elementary School).

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$11,650.00.
- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of January 2014.
- c. Receipts and Disbursements submitted for January 2014.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tom Bennett seconded, approval of Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B

Budget Update  
2013-2014

Tom Bennett moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves adjusting the 2013-2014 budget for all funds by decreasing revenues by \$6,111,362 and increasing expenditures by \$15,333,041. Motion carried unanimously.

Annually, Administration proposes adjustments to update the current year budgets. The four major budget adjustment categories are: Prior Year Carry Over, Updated Information, Grants/Donations/Revenue and Other. Executive Director of Finance and Support Services Rod Zivkovich reviewed the timeline, budget revision categories and funds—capital and deferred maintenance, debt service, insurance and internal services, operating funds.

VII. BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS

Tom Bennett attended the Washburn Family Academy, which focused on cyber bullying and social media. That night the Academy coincided with the PTA meeting; it worked out well. There was discussion of having more cultural events and an after school Spanish class. Ric Oliva reported on the Board's Youth Advisory Council Task Force meeting. Efforts by the Board's Task Force are underway to increase student representation on the Council. A meeting with middle school representatives is scheduled for March 24 at 5 p.m. Mr. Oliva also reported on the Community Education Services Advisory Committee meeting. Nelly Korman is Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee. She reported on plans for a forum with Bloomington legislators on Saturday, March 15.

Dawn Steigauf attended the Oak Grove Elementary PTA Council, Valley View Elementary Valentine's Day Dance, wrestling sectionals at Kennedy High school, and the Safe and Drug Free Schools workshop at which the focus was on bullying—definition, prevention, etc. Annually, the Special Education Advisory Council presents special awards to staff or a student who go above and beyond in their efforts to help a student receiving special education services. Nomination forms will be available within the next month or so. She indicated that on the Special Education Advisory Council membership list approved at the last meeting, she was listed as the committee chair. She reported that another parent soon will be approved to fill that position. Jim Sorum attended MSBA officers training along with Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman. Jim Sorum highlighted the Normandale Hills Read-A-Thon which generated \$15,000 for the school. Dick Bergstrom attended the Olson Elementary PTA meeting and Normandale Hills Read-A-Thon celebration.

School Board members expressed appreciation to all those who attended and/or support their pancake breakfast benefitting the Education Foundation of Bloomington.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake asked for a motion to establish the School Board's Legislators Forum being held on Saturday, March 15, 8:00-9:30 a.m. in the Arlene Bush Board Room. So moved by Jim Sorum, seconded by Maureen Bartolotta. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2014 legislative session begins at noon tomorrow (February 25). Eric Melbye and Andy Kubas recently testified at a joint Senate/House Education Committee meeting. Their topic was English Learner programming. Dave Heistad has been invited by Senator Wiklund to testify to the Education Policy Committee regarding student mobility and its affect on student achievement – the date is to be confirmed but tentatively set for April 1. The Superintendent has been asked by ServeMinnesota to testify in support of a bill to provide additional state funds allowing ServeMinnesota to add more Minnesota Reading Corps members specifically focused on kindergarten services. The bill will be heard in the Senate on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. A study session and a closed session followed the meeting.

Jim Sorum, Clerk