

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

February 8, 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 February 8, 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; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Tom Bennett, Dick Bergstrom and Ric Oliva.
- Members Absent Nelly Korman, Clerk.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs, Andy Kubas and Tamra Sieve.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to establish a closed session to follow the meeting for the purpose of negotiations discussion. So moved by Ric Oliva and seconded by Tom Bennett. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Jim Sorum seconded, approval of the agenda removing one of the fee items. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC 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. Tamra Sieve, Executive Director of Community Services, introduced Sharon Hengel, Human Resources Manager for Aspen Equipment. Aspen Equipment is devoted to education and has been a great partner for Bloomington Public Schools. Aspen Equipment was established in 1979 and currently has 140 employees. The company has donated \$10,000, which has helped offset programming costs at Bloomington Career & College Academy. Aspen Equipment has been instrumental in creating a manufacturing pathway for Bloomington students through the Bloomington Career & College Academy, which will begin in 2016-2017.
- Career & Technical Education Month Proclamation Jim Sorum moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) declaring February 2016 as Career and Technical Education Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

The proclamation was accepted by Debbie Belfry, District Career Development Coordinator. She indicated that students at Jefferson and Kennedy enrolled in career and technical education classes that include the areas of business and marketing education, Family and Consumer Science, technology, work-based learning programs and career counseling programs. Career and technical education programs allow students opportunities to earn early college credit while still in high school. Two Jefferson students—Jenna Klobucar and Kevin Nguyen—shared their experiences related to engineering courses and Project Lead The Way.

Students from Mr. Storlein’s government class at Jefferson were in attendance to observe the School Board meeting.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

MSHSL Designated
Representatives

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on January 25, 2016.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leave of Absence, Resignations, Employments. Administrative Personnel: Retirements. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the following representative designations to the Minnesota State High School League: Jefferson High School—Designated School Representative is Chad Nyberg and Designated School Board Representative is Jim Sorum. Kennedy High School—Designated School Representative is Matt Hanson and Designated School Board Representative is Jim Sorum.

2. *Field Trip Approval*

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

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

BEC TV

Smarter People
Planning, LLC

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 to participate in the promotion and development of Educational Access programming (BEC-TV) on the Bloomington cable television system.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a data sharing agreement with Smarter People Planning (SPP), LLC for the evaluation of the Career Academies funded by the Greater Twin Cities United Way for the term of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett 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

Instruction
Progress Report

Assistant Superintendent Eric Melbye updated the School Board on the Instruction piece of the three-component framework including Learning and Teaching, elementary standards, middle school curriculum work and high school technology curriculum. A Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Team has been formed that includes four principals (4), Q-Comp Coordinator, Technology Integration, Learning Supports, Gifted and Talented, Special Education, a Clerk and two lead TOSAs (Teacher on Special Assignment). The Assistant Superintendent provides the leadership for the team. Rachel Gens and Dr. Jenna Mitchler, elementary and secondary curriculum specialists, respectively, assisted with the presentation highlighting the Standards Advisory Team that has been formed to revisit how the District moves forward with standards-based, usable and viable curriculum. Middle school teachers have engaged in collaborative/cross district work pertaining to the cycle of continuous improvement. The high schools are piloting Personal Growth Plans in grades 9-12. Next Technologies for Learning is providing digital content release days for teachers supported by media directors and technology coordinators. Curriculum review is underway in two subject areas: Health and Physical Education (Phase 3) and Family and Consumer Sciences Education (Phase 1).

Learning Supports
Progress Report

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Supports, updated the Board on the areas included in this department; one of the components of the three-component framework. English Learners, Equity and Engagement and Health Services fall within Learning Supports. Jeanna Miller, Multi-Tiered Systems Coordinator, assisted with the presentation. Strategic partnerships include Scholastic, VEAP, the Sheridan Story, Hennepin County and the City of Bloomington. Learning Supports focuses on DuFour's four questions— what is it we expect our students to learn, how will we know when they have learned it, how will we respond when some students do not learn and how will we respond when some students already know it. Mr. Kubas highlighted work using “Plan, Do, Study and Act” and double loop learning. He emphasized the importance of Learning Supports being in the first stages of planning on how to provide assistance for a student. What lives in Learning Supports— Section 504; Title I, II, III; English Learners, RTI and Academic Interventions, ADSIS, PBIS and Behavior Interventions; McKinney-Vento; Targeted Services, Homebound Instruction, Pond Clinic, Safe and Drug Free, Student Wellness, Partnerships with Bloomington Public Health, Student Hunger Collaborative; and Social emotional learning.

HTC Contract
PSEO for BCCA
Nursing Asst/
Home Health Care

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College to provide PSEO instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy during the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Hennepin Technical College (TC) will provide Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy (BCCA) during the 2015-2016 school year. HTC will provide courses and access to learning resources, select and assign faculty with appropriate academic credentials to teach agreed upon college courses, and will award college credit to students upon successful completion of courses. Grades/transcripts will be provided to the District at the end of each trimester. HTC will notify the District of those students who fail to meet minimum eligibility for college, provide notification of students' attendance and any conduct issues. The District will provide uniforms, textbooks and other required course materials, assume all travel cost and arrangements, recommend and authorize enrollment/course selection for eligible high school students at the college. In addition, the District will provide instruction space for courses, attend to notifications from faculty on student attendance and conduct issues and communicate this with students and parents. The District will be billed by HTC at the rate of \$2,900 per credit for course instruction and \$1,650 administrative fee per course.

Security Improvements
ESC, OGMS, PD, SW

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the following 12 bids for security improvements at ESC, OGMS, Pond and Southwood:

1. Maertens-Brenny Construction Company, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$91,000
2. George F. Cook Construction Company, Golden Valley, MN bid of \$314,000
3. Empirehouse Inc., Mounds View, MN bid of \$158,535
4. RTL Construction, Shakopee, MN bid of \$50,969
5. CD Tile & Stone, Blaine, MN bid of \$69,000
6. Minnesota Acoustics, Inc., Maple Grove, MN bid of \$17,200
7. Acoustic Associates, Inc., Minneapolis, MN bid of \$77,000
8. Steinbrecher Painting Company, Princeton, MN bid of \$24,290
9. Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection, St. Joseph, MN bid of \$17,280
10. Northern Air Corporation, Vadnais Heights, MN bid of \$95,200
11. Siemens Industry, Inc., Shoreview, MN bid of \$14,700
12. Premier Electrical Corporation, Brooklyn Park, MN bid of \$246,000

And authorizes administration to enter into contracts with the above vendors to accomplish this work. Be it further resolved, that Independent School District 271 rejects the bid received for the job scope of Sealants and authorizes the Administration to rebid this scope as well as the job scopes of Steel and Roofing and Flashing for which no bids were received.

Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in the 2016-17 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of updates, repairs and replacements including: masonry, steel, roofing, mechanical, electrical, paint, sealants, drywall, flooring, fire protection, and windows at ESC, OGMS, Pond and Southwood for a total of \$1,175,174. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Security Improvements
Washburn

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the following 16 bids for security improvements at Washburn Elementary School:

1. Maertens-Brenny Construction Company, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$200,000
2. South Central Erectors, Inc., Rochester, MN bid of \$74,500
3. Meisinger Construction Co. Inc., So. St. Paul, MN bid of \$514,900
4. Horizon Roofing & Sheet Metal, Waite Park, MN bid of \$89,250
5. Berwald Roofing Co., Inc., St. Paul, MN bid of \$173,237
6. Val Pro Windows, LLC, St. Paul, MN bid of \$315,833
7. RTL Construction, Inc., Shakopee, MN bid of \$299,969
8. CD Tile & Stone, Inc., Minneapolis, MN bid of \$67,300
9. Sonus Interiors, Inc., Minneapolis, MN bid of \$188,350
10. Acoustic Associates, Inc., Golden Valley, MN bid of \$177,000
11. Steinbrecher Painting Company, Princeton, MN bid of \$49,000
12. Strategic Equipment, Inc., St. Cloud, MN bid of \$99,750
13. Lance Service, Inc., New Hope, MN bid of \$198,200
14. Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection LLC of St. Joseph, MN bid of \$108,400
15. Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Burnsville, MN bid of \$4,097,000
16. Bloomington Electric Company, Bloomington, MN bid of \$1,013,000

And authorizes administration to enter into contracts with the above vendors to accomplish this work. It is further resolved that the bids received for the job scopes of Steel, Sealants, and Temperature Controls are rejected and the Administration is authorized to rebid those job scopes.

Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2016-17 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of updates, repairs and replacements including: concrete, masonry, steel, roofing, mechanical, electrical, paint, sealants, drywall, flooring, fire protection, and windows at Washburn Elementary for a total of \$7,665,689. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. The District's attorney and insurance agent of record have reviewed the AIA A132/CMA standardized contract, which will be used with each contractor.

Bid Award/Alt
Facility Projects
Jefferson Activity Center

Dick Bergstrom moved, Jim Sorum seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the following bids for alt facility projects at Jefferson High School Activity Center:

1. Pioneer Power, St. Paul, MN bid of \$709,623
2. Siemens, Shorewood, MN bid of \$115,600
3. Continuity Electrical Contractor, Andover, MN bid of \$116,000

And authorizes administration to enter into contracts with the above vendors to accomplish this work.

Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in the 2016-2017 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of dehumidification at the Jefferson High School Activity Center and totals \$941,223.

- Pioneer Power, St. Paul, MN will provide mechanical work
- Siemens, Shorewood, MN will install temperature controls
- Continuity Electrical Contractor, Andover, MN will provide electrical work

Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. The District's attorney and insurance agent have reviewed the AIA A132/CMA standardized contract, which will be used with each contractor.

Bid Rejection
H.S. Outdoor
Track Rehabilitation

Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 rejects the bids received for high school outdoor track rehabilitation, and approves publically re-advertising for new bids for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration has reviewed the bids that were received on January 11, 2016, for the High School outdoor track rehabilitation project. At this time, it is our recommendation that the bids received be rejected, and that we publically re-advertise for new bids for this project. Inspec is a consultant coordinating vendor solicitation for this project. Inspec will be expanding their efforts to involve a larger number of vendors with the intent of creating a more competitive bidding environment. We would like to begin soliciting re-bids immediately upon Board approval, so that work on this project may commence during the summer months. Funding for these projects is from Alternative Facilities Fund.

Sale of Sports
Equipment

Dawn Steigauf moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, the following:

Whereas, Independent School District 271 has surplus used youth football equipment that is unused; and

Whereas, Independent School District 271 attempted to dispose of this equipment by soliciting bids from potential buyers, but no bids were received; and

Whereas, the Bloomington Athletic Association is a non-profit organization serving the youth of Bloomington and it has expressed interest in receiving the equipment from the District;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that Independent School District 271 approves the sale of said used equipment to the Bloomington Athletic Association pursuant to the terms set forth in the attached Sales Agreement (on file); and that the Board authorizes its Chair and Clerk to sign this Agreement on behalf of the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

A suggestion was made by the Bloomington Athletic Association (BAA) to incorporate the District's middle school football program into the city league. The city has youth levels including third through seventh grade. By adding eighth grade to the city program, the city will have a complete youth football program available.

Graduation Fee
2016

Ric Oliva moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the graduation fee of \$60.00 per student for Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

District administration, in consultation with high school administration, recommended no increase to the graduation fee for students who will graduate in June 2016. The fee remains at \$60.00 per student. Per MN Statute 123B.37, graduation fees are not charged for graduation caps, gowns and diplomas.

Student Parking
2016-2017

Dick Bergstrom moved, Ric Oliva seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes Student Parking Fees for Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School \$270 per year (\$90 per trimester) for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Currently, Bloomington high school students are charged a trimester fee of \$90.00 to park their vehicles on school parking lots, or a total of \$270 per year. Administration recommended that the parking fee per trimester for the 2016-2017 school year remain at \$90.00 a trimester.

Student Instrument
User Fee 2016-2017

Dawn Steigauf moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes Student Instrument User Fees for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended that the current Instrument User Fees for the 2016-2017 school year remain the same. The District established a committed fund balance for high school uniforms and instrument replacement. These committed funds are generated through these fees. No changes are recommended to existing fees. A fee increase was considered, but given the current financial environment, it is believed an increase at this time would result in fewer students participating in various activities. The potential loss of revenue from lower participation rates would likely offset increases that would result from higher fees. Programs are managing to keep costs in line with current revenue. Moreover, participation in activities is considered a key component to closing the achievement gap.

Participation in activities has a strong correlation to academic success. When students are engaged in activities, they have more positive attitudes toward school. A fee increase will inordinately impact students from low socio-economic backgrounds. Although we may have to raise fees in the future, the longer we can keep fees at current levels, the longer we will be able to give a wider range of students the opportunity to participate in the excellent activities program we offer our students.

Student Athletic Fees 2016-2017

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Athletic Fees for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously

No changes were recommended to existing student athletic fees. A fee increase was considered, but given the current financial environment, it is believed an increase at this time would result in fewer students participating in various athletic activities. The potential loss of revenue from lower participation rates would likely offset increases that would result from higher fees. Programs are managing to keep costs in line with current revenue.

Student Non-Athletic Fees 2016-2017

Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Non-Athletic Fees for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

No changes were recommended to existing student non-athletic fees. A fee increase was considered, but given the current financial environment, it is believed an increase at this time would result in fewer students participating in various athletic activities.

Closed Session Report

The School Board, Superintendent and members of Cabinet, along with District's legal counsel, met in Closed Session on Monday, January 25, 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: Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council, School Board Youth Advisory Council (high school representatives), School Board Policy Committee, MSBA Leadership Conference and activities, custodial negotiations, BAA appreciation banquet for volunteers, Olson Middle School Student Council, District 917 activities, Labor Management Committee, PTSA Council, and Bloomington Gold competition (show choirs). Upcoming event: Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) recognition on February 9.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Fujitake reported on District activities. The state economic forecast will be released the first week in March. The 2016 Legislative Session begins March 8. The Legislative Committee of the School Board will host a forum with Bloomington legislators.

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to establish the School Board Legislative Forum on Thursday, February 25, at 6 p.m. at the Educational Services Center in the Arlene Bush Board Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Fujitake and Dr. Dave Heistad have been meeting with legislators—Senators Charles Wiger and Melissa Wiklund and Representatives Sondra Erickson and Jenifer Loon—regarding Pathways to Graduation research and Personal Growth Plans.

Dr. Joyce Ester, President of Normandale Community College, recently met with the Superintendent and indicated that she and her staff will be working on a strategic plan that will align with the District's strategic plan to help our students be successful.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to establish a School Board Retreat on Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at the Bloomington Chamber Office. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. A closed session for negotiations followed the meeting.

Nelly Korman, Clerk