

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

March 12, 2012

- 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 Melissa Halvorson Wiklund at 7:00 p.m. on March 12, 2012, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Chair; Tim Culver Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman.
- Member Absent Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda minus the Space Media License Agreement (VI. Part B. 1.), which will be moved to the March 26 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Fiddler on the Roof Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting “Fiddler on the Roof” March 14-17. Co-directors Bryan Blessing and Shawn Stelton invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production.
- Friend Transfiguration Lutheran Church (TLC) has been a partner with the Bloomington Public Schools since October of 2007. It started with the Reading Buddy Program. Volunteers read to Westwood Elementary students each week. The collaboration expanded in October of 2008 when the Pen Pal Program began with a third grade class writing to TLC volunteers. Focusing on relationships, community involvement and reading improvement, Westwood Principal Carolyn Hartwigen and TLC volunteers Marilyn Erickson and Sue Sharrow provided highlights of these two programs and how they benefit students and the adults.
- Presidential Scholar Program The United States Presidential Scholars Program is the highest possible honor graduating high school seniors in the United States of America.

The United States Department of Education and the presidentially-appointed White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects up to 141 students as Presidential Scholars: 121 in the academics and 20 in the arts. Graduating seniors who have scored exceptionally well on either the SAT or the ACT are considered for participation. The U. S. Department of Education examines the test records of students. Scores associated with the top 20 males and top 20 females are used to identify the candidates in each state. Jefferson students who have been invited to apply for the 2012 program are Ellen Norby (Academics) and Bryan Duerfeldt (Artistic). The students and Principal Steve Hill provided details of the program and what might be next for these students.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on February 27, 2012.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.

Non-Resident Student Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2011-2012: Students entering Bloomington total 5 and students leaving total 3. For 2012-2013: students entering Bloomington total 8.

2. *Field Trip Approval*

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

Arlene Bush moved, Tim Culver 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

Graduation 2013

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes graduation exercises for the 2012-2013 school year on the following dates: Kennedy High School, Wednesday, June 5, 2013 and Jefferson High School, Thursday, June 6, 2013. Futhermore, the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes the location for the 2012-2013 graduation exercises at the Minneapolis Convention Center and approves the Minneapolis Convention Center Permits for Occupancy for the aforementioned dates. Motion carried unanimously.

The Assistant Superintendent and administrators at Jefferson ad Kennedy High Schools have reviewed the 2012-2013 school calendar and recommend the aforementioned dates as well as the location for the 2013 graduation exercises.

Fees 2012-2013

Dick Bergstrom moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the following fees for the 2012-13 school year: Student Athletic, Student Non-Athletic Activity, Student Instrument User, Student Parking, and Student/Adult Activity Admission as per the attached fee lists (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

Student Athletic Fees

Administration recommends increasing the Athletic fees at the high school and middle school levels by the following amounts. Fees have not been raised since 2010. Raising fees helps offset increased labor, transportation and equipment costs. Bloomington's athletic fees currently are the lowest in the conference.

High School

- \$20.00 increase per each sport

Middle School

- No increase for football
- \$5.00 increase for Volleyball, Soccer, Wrestling
- \$10.00 increase for Cross Country, Track/Field
- Increase Athletic Fee Cap per individual student by \$40.00 to a maximum of \$410.00
- Increase Athletic Fee Cap increase per family by \$60.00 to a maximum of \$710.00

Student Non-Athletic Activity Fees

Administration recommends increasing Student Non-Athletic Activity fees for high school by \$10.00. Fees have not been raised since 2008. Raising fees helps offset increased labor, transportation and equipment costs. In addition, middle school students will pay a participation fee of \$20.00 for the middle school musical.

- Increase Non-Athletic Fee Cap per individual student by \$20 to a maximum of \$95.00
- Increase Non-Athletic Fee Cap per family by \$30.00 to a maximum of \$180.00

Student Instrument User Fees

Administration recommends increasing Full Year Instrumental Rental and Jefferson Drumline \$5.00. Summer rental fee for Jefferson was increased to align with Kennedy.

Student Parking Fees

Administration recommends increasing student-parking fees for Kennedy and Jefferson high schools from \$250 to \$255 per year or \$85 per trimester. Fees have not been raised since 2008.

Student/Adult Activity Admission Fees

Administration recommends that the current Student/Adult Activity Admission Fees for high school for the 2012-13 school year remain the same. Admission fee for middle school musical will be \$7.00.

- VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
Dick Bergstrom attended a new Board member orientation at TIES. Mr. Bergstrom is the Board's representative to the TIES organization. He also attended a Normandale Hills PTSA meeting and the Olson Middle School production of "Nottingham."
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted Board and District activities. On Monday, March 19, the School Board will meet with middle school representatives of its Youth Advisory Council. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Oak Grove Middle School Media Center. Administration requests a Study Session on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Agenda items include: Intercultural Development Inventory Introduction, Success Measures Update and Board Development (topic from the Board Chair). Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, to establish the study session. Motion carried unanimously.
- Minnesota Association of School Administrators (MASA) is a professional organization of Minnesota's school leaders for students. Each year, MASA recognizes members for their contribution to public education. This year, MASA has named Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro, Assistant Superintendent, an Outstanding Central Office Leader. She will be honored for exhibiting a willingness to risk, possessing strong communications skills, being a progressive change agent, and having high expectations for herself and others at a statewide recognition ceremony to be held during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 15-16, 2012.
- Congratulations to Rick Kaufman and the Community Relations Department. Bloomington Public Schools earned a STAR Award from the Minnesota School Public Relations Association for Print Publications—the Early Learners Academy Informational Packet and Brochure. The award will be presented at the local conference on March 16.
- A new Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment has been selected. Dr. David Heistad comes from the Minneapolis Public Schools where he holds a similar position. Dr. Heistad's contract will be submitted for Board approval on March 26 and he will be introduced to the School Board that evening. Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro provided the leadership for the selection process.
- IX. OTHER
None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the School Board, Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk