

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

April 9, 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 April 9, 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, 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 Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Triple A Award Jefferson senior Arthur Harris is the Minnesota State High School League Region 3 Triple A Award Winner—Academics, Arts and Athletics. The award recognizes seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field and in the fine arts. Along with participation in athletics and fine arts sponsored by the MSHSL, one of the criteria for selection is having a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- President's Award Volunteer Service Jefferson senior Brooke Hendricks has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama.
- Friend Weber Shandwick is a public relations firm located in Bloomington. The company has a history of supporting local non-profit organizations through pro-bono client relationships, mentorships, work projects and an annual daylong workshop designed to help non-profits effectively tell their stories.

The company's "Making A Difference" program includes "Weber Shandwick On Loan." The goal is not only to make a difference in their community, but also in the lives of its staff by providing them with opportunities to lead and effect change. Through the Volunteer Connection, Weber Shandwick has had 22 employees volunteer at Poplar Bridge Elementary since 2010. The volunteers read to Kindergarten students once a month, or more, as schedules allow. Volunteers also participate in reading with students in the Early Childhood Family Education program at Pond Center as part of a Chamber Community Outreach Committee activity. Weber Shandwick soon will begin working with another friend of the Bloomington Public Schools, The Brand Lab, that works with students at Kennedy High School. Weber Shandwick employees, Adrian Noble and Kimberly Crumley, shared their volunteer experiences.

Volunteer Recognition

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the attached proclamation (on file) declaring April 15-21, 2012, as Volunteer Recognition Week in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Representing the E-12 Volunteer Connection Programs were Debbie Belfry, Coordinator, and Sue Martell, Placement Specialist; and for the Adult Volunteer Connection are Gina Carpenter, Alternative Educational Coordinator, and Mary Jo Bayliss, Volunteer Connection Assistant Coordinator. Accepting this proclamation on behalf of the E-12 Volunteers was Dan Hallberg, and accepting for the Adult program was Clete Lipetzky. Representing PTSA Council was Linda Batterson and for Food Service, Susan Pauly and Debbie Pauly. These volunteers have served learners of all ages in Bloomington during the 2011-2012 academic year. Debbie Belfry and Gina Carpenter presented the annual update on their volunteer programs. Valley View Elementary "Rocking Readers" were honored with a "thank you" video.

Art Display

The art display is provided by students from Hillcrest Community School. The Art Specialist is Holly Rengstorf-Nelson.

V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident Student Agreements

Community Services Advisory

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on March 26, 2012.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement, Employments, Employment Correction. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2011-2012: Students entering Bloomington total 6 and students leaving total 13. For 2012-2013: students entering Bloomington total 1 and students leaving total 1.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the appointment of Kari Hemp to the Community Services Advisory Council.

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

Tim Culver 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

Demographic Projections Agreement

Tim Culver moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Letter of Agreement with Hazel Reinhardt Consulting Services (HRCS) to provide Demographic K-12 Public School Enrollment Projections. Motion carried unanimously.

The architect and program planning consultants assisting in the development of the District facility planning process have requested enrollment projections beyond the four years we currently use in our financial projections model. Administration recommends hiring a demographer to assist in the development of long-range projections beyond four years, and further, to contract with Hazel Reinhardt Consulting Services (HRCS) for long-term projections. HRCS is respected for its enrollment projections for other metro districts, and has provided projections for Bloomington Public Schools in 1998 and 2006. Services will be provided by HRCS for Demographic K-12 Public School Enrollment Projections as outlined in the proposal dated March 25th 2012. The proposed cost for this study is \$20,000. The demographer's report will be ready for review by May 31, and presented at the School Board Study Session on June 18, 2012.

Authorize 2012-2013 Expenditures

Dick Bergstrom moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes Administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2012-2013 school year. These purchases will not exceed 5% of the 2011-2012 General, Capital, Capital Projects Levy and Community Services budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

This preliminary authorization will enable the administration to begin purchasing items needed for the 2012-2013 school year.

The 2011-2012 budgets are:

General	\$104,985,022
Capital	\$3,434,503
Capital Projects Levy	\$2,916,884
Community Services	\$12,150,346

Integration Plan 2012-2015/
Budget 2012-2013

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Integration/Educational Equity Plan to be implemented in the fall of 2012 extending through the 2014-2015 school year contingent upon receiving funding from the Minnesota Department of Education.

The budget amount requested from the Minnesota Department of Education for FY13 is \$1,504,275.00. In the event of a decrease in funding, the contents of the plan and corresponding budget will be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Independent School District 271 has been identified as a racially isolated district, and Valley View Elementary and Valley View Middle Schools have been identified as racially isolated schools. In January 2012, administration began working on the Integration/Educational Equity Plan for 2012-2015, with input from principals, parents, students and the Community Collaboration Council. Additionally, a budget was developed to support the first year of the plan. The Integration / Educational Equity Plan 2012-2015 is the culmination of this collaborative work. The three-year plan and budget for FY 13 will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education and, if approved, will be implemented beginning in the fall of 2012. The plan was discussed in detail with the School Board at the March 26th Study Session.

Technology Update

The School Board received a technology update from presenters John Weisser, Director of Technology and Information Services, along with Technology Coordinators Sean Beaverson (Secondary) and Andi Bodeau (Elementary). The update included technology's role in the District's strategic plan, vision and mission as it supports the core components—student services, academic services and community services. An overview of the technology referendum resources was provided. Current work includes innovative classroom technology, Bloomington Apps, 2011-2012 GAIT initiatives, moodle, social media guidelines for staff, technology replacement plan and the MDE Technology Plan for 2012-2015. Next steps include web migration (as the website will be hosted by the District; work with SchoolFusion ends June 30), voice over IP transition planning, online content, information literacy, SMART Mentor Program, 21st Century Media Project, Internet Protocol Television and revision to policy 524 to reflect new areas of technology use.

Success Measures Proposed for 2012

The School Board has been reviewing the current Success Measures. As a follow up to the March 19 Study Session, Dr. Jim Angermeyr, Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, and Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations, presented the success measures proposed for 2012. Three new measures were added to Strategic Direction B: *Develop educational programs in response to research, best practices and market conditions*. The three new measures pertain to hybrid/online courses, Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) and Dimensions Academy. The new format of the success measures includes three years of results data. By consensus, the Board supported the Success Measures proposed for fall 2012.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arlene Bush reported on Intermediate District 917 Board activities. Nelly Korman highlighted the new format for conferences at Oak Grove Middle School, which worked well for parents.

Maureen Bartolotta invited Board Members to the MSBA District 4 meeting on April 11 at 7 a.m. at ESC. The Bloomington School Board will host the meeting. Bob Meeks from MSBA will speak about School Board Networking.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake highlighted District School Board and District activities. The School Board will meet with its Youth Advisory Council on April 16th at 5:30 pm at Oak Grove Middle School in the Media Center. This will be a meeting of both the high school and middle school student representatives. One of the topics will be the district-wide food drive, a collaborative effort with the PTSA Council. The food drive will take place May 7-11.

Administration requests a study session on Monday, April 16th at 7 p.m. Agenda items include: Intercultural Development Inventory results overview, website transition update and a Board Development topic determined by the Board Chair. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta, seconded by Arlene Bush. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the study session on April 16th, Administration requests a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta, seconded by Arlene Bush. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the closed session on April 16th, Administration requests a special meeting to ratify the proposed teacher contract. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta, seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

On April 23rd, there are regularly scheduled Board sessions—a meeting at 7 p.m. followed by a study session. Agenda topics for the study session include Elementary Curriculum--English/Language Arts K-5, Establishment of 2013-2014 Budget Reduction Amount, and Facilities Planning.

Administration requests a closed session at 6 p.m. on April 23rd for the purpose of negotiations discussion. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta, seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

The annual senior achievement recognition event will take place on April 12th at the Airport Hilton. This special night of recognition will honor the excellence and achievements of approximately 125 students selected from the Jefferson and Kennedy graduation class of 2012. Students were nominated for recognition by their parents, faculty, faith communities and other community members and organizations. A committee of faculty and community members selected the award winners.

Students are recognized in a variety of categories. Academic Excellence honors students who rank in the top 10% of their class. Other categories include Leadership, Artistic Excellence, Curricular Excellence and Volunteerism. A special thank you to our sponsors for this event: Mall of America, Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Hilton, Richfield Bloomington Credit Union Education Foundation of Bloomington, Noon Rotary, Daymakers Rotary, Sun Newspapers, Kennedy PTSA, Jefferson PTSA, and the Board of Education.

Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro who has been selected as Superintendent for District 197 beginning July 1, 2012.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk