

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

**August 10, 2015**

- 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 August 10, 2015, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Ric Oliva, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Tom Bennett, Treasurer; Dick Bergstrom, Jim Sorum and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Andy Kubas, Tamra Sieve, Jennifer McIntyre, John Weisser and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Ric Oliva moved, Tom Bennett seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC The Education Foundation of Bloomington recently hosted the Chip In for Schools golf tournament that raised approximately \$35,000 for the students of Bloomington. The funds will help to continue the Stipend program that makes it possible for students and staff to participate in opportunities for which there is no funding available. Also, the funds will support the Food for Thought program that supports students who cannot afford lunch but do not qualify for federal assistance. On behalf of the Education Foundation, Maureen Bartolotta thanked the sponsors and donors, the 120 golfers, 60 volunteers, and over 40 businesses that contributed prizes, and the 110 people who attended the dinner.
- Education Foundation
- Administrator Introduction Jennifer McIntyre, the new Executive Director of Special Education, was introduced by Assistant Superintendent Eric Melbye. Ms. McIntyre comes to Bloomington Public Schools with an extensive background of education and experience. Most recently, she was the Special Education Director for Intermediate School District 287.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Items
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on June 22, 2015.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Rescission of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers. Independent Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Reductions in Force.

- District Association Memberships 2015-16 c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the following association memberships for the 2015-2016 school year: Minnesota School Boards Association, \$13,544.00 and the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, \$11,758.00.
- MSHSL Membership 2015-2016 d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271(Board) delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletic and fine arts events (referred to in MN Statutes, Section 128C.01) to the Minnesota State High School League (League), and so hereby certifies to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by Minnesota Statutes. FURTHER RESOLVED, that John F. Kennedy High School and Thomas Jefferson High School, as member schools, are authorized to renew their membership in the League, at no cost, and authorizes participation in the approved interschool activities sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions. FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board adopts the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same as are published in the latest edition of the League's *Official Handbook*, on file at the office of the School District or as it appears on the League's website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities and that the administration and responsibility for determining student eligibility and for the supervision of such activities are assigned to the official representative identified by the Board.

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. *Grants*

- Library Services a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the acceptance of a grant totaling \$80,084 from the State Library Services. The grant is for the 2015-2016 school year.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Integrated English Literacy (IEL) and Civics grant award from the Minnesota Department of Education. Metro South Adult Basic Education was awarded an IEL Civics grant totaling \$95,212.55. The grant period is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

### 4. *Contracts/Agreements*

- MABE Database Service a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School 271 approves the renewal of the MLC Adult Basic Education MABE Database Service Agreement with Minnesota Literacy Council. This agreement will allow Metro South Adult Basic Education access to MABE software and companion files that meet current Minnesota and National Reporting System guidelines as of May 1, 2015. The fee for these services is \$15,150. The term of the contract is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
- Communication Services for the Deaf for ABE b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Service Provider Agreement with Communication Services for the Deaf of Minnesota (CSD). CSD will provide instructors for deaf ABE classes at the Community Services Campus in collaboration with Metro South Adult Basic Education and the Learning Exchange program. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Hennepin County/  
Research

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the research agreement with Hennepin County for the purpose of studying the effect poverty plays upon student outcomes with regard to high school completion and career readiness of its students.

MN State University  
Mankato for Teaching  
Fellow

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with the State of Minnesota on behalf of Minnesota State University, Mankato, to provide one (1) Teaching Fellow to replace a classroom teacher who shall serve on special assignment. The contract shall be in effect August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The District's financial obligation is \$10,892.53.

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf 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

United Way  
Grant for BCCA

Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$490,500 initiative grant from the Greater Twin Cities United Way to support the Bloomington Career and College Academy program. The grant period is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Greater Twin Cities United Way is providing funding to support four career pathways at the Bloomington Career and College Academy (BCCA) for the 2015-2016 school year. Enrollment will focus on younger grades and supporting them from 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, with the potential of adding 9<sup>th</sup> grade. A minimum of 50% of students will be low income as measured by the Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility and/or students of color.

The pathways include health sciences, information technology, building trades/construction and criminal justice/law enforcement. BCCA agrees to include key components in its academics such as offering college credits, an industry credential, career exposure activities, and learning opportunities with private or public sector employers. Progress reports will be due to United Way on July 31, 2016, which will include demographic results and meeting proposed targets and indicators.

Walser Foundation  
Grant for BCCA

Dawn Steigauf moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$50,000 grant from the Walser Foundation to support the Bloomington Career and College Academy program. The grant period is for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

This grant provides funding to support program implementation and general operating costs for BCCA.

HTC Instruction  
Contract for BCCA

Nelly Korman moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the contract with Hennepin Technical College to provide instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy program. The term of this contract is September 1, 2015 to June 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Hennepin Technical College (HTC) will provide instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy during the 2015-2016 school year. Course titles are Medical Terminology (3 credits), Emergency Medical Responder (3 credits) and Emergency Medical Technician (3 credits). Dates of instruction will follow the high school calendar, six (6) credits in the Fall and six (6) credits in the Spring. Cost of instruction will be \$2,700 per person for up to twelve (12) people. If more than twelve (12) people are enrolled, the cost will be \$2,400 per person.

Transportation  
Center Lease  
Second Amendment

Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) Second Amendment to Existing Lease with Sawitzke Enterprises, LLC doing business as A-1 Foam Specialties Company, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Space at the Transportation Center building on Lyndale Avenue has been leased since August 1, 2003, and the tenant was American Converters. The lease has been assigned to Sawitzke Enterprises, LLC dba A-1 Foam Specialties Company, Inc. The original lease was a seven-year lease with a three-year renewal option. An additional two-year agreement expired July 31, 2015. The second amendment, effective August 1, 2015, is for a three-year term with the option of canceling the final year if notice is given prior to July 31, 2016. Rent payment for months 1-36 is \$5,000 per month.

District 917 Long  
Term Facility  
Maintenance  
Program Budget

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Program Budget of Intermediate District 917 and authorizes the inclusion of a proportionate share of Intermediate School District's long-term facility maintenance projects in the District's application for long-term facility maintenance revenue. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board of Intermediate School District 917 has approved a Long-term facility maintenance program budget for its facilities for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$24,400.00. Member districts may include their proportionate share of the costs of the intermediate school district program in their long-term facility maintenance program revenue application, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education. Bloomington's portion for 2016-2017 is \$5,549.00.

This Long-Term Facility maintenance Program Budget replaces the Health and Safety Program Budget that was approved at the June 22, 2015 School Board meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 271, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board of Intermediate School District 917 has approved a long-term facility maintenance program budget for its facilities for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$24,400.00. The various components of this program budget are attached as Exhibit A here to and are incorporated herein by reference. Said budget is hereby approved.
2. Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.57, Subdivision 1, as amended, provides that if an intermediate school district's long-term facility maintenance budget is approved by the school boards of each of the intermediate school district's member school districts, each member district may include its proportionate share of the costs of the intermediate school district program in its long-term facility maintenance revenue application.
3. The proportionate share of the costs of the intermediate school district's long-term facility maintenance program for each member school district to be included in its application shall be determined by multiplying the total cost of the intermediate school district long-term facility maintenance program times a formula that weights two components equally between the member districts; total net tax capacity and Adjusted Marginal Cost pupil units. The long-term facility maintenance costs shall be funded through annual levy instead of issuing bonds. The inclusion of this proportionate share in the district's long-term facility maintenance revenue application for fiscal year 2017 is hereby approved, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Education.
4. Upon receipt of the proportionate share of long-term facility maintenance revenue attributable to the intermediate school district program, the district shall promptly pay to the intermediate school district the applicable aid or levy proceeds.

Policy 601.1

Jim Sorum moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of revised Policy 601.1, Graduation Requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

This policy was presented by Assistant Superintendent Chris Lennox for first reading on June 22. The School Board accepted the first reading with no modifications. Assistant Superintendent Eric Melbye presented the policy for second reading; no modifications were made.

Policy 208

Ric Oliva moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the first reading of revised Policy 208, School Board Policies. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 208, School Board Policies, defines how the School Board fulfills its responsibility of establishing and maintaining School Board Policies. The proposed policy revisions take into consideration the newly established School Board Policy Committee.

The School Board Policy Committee members are Ric Oliva, Tom Bennett and Jim Sorum. The committee met on July 16 to discuss procedural matters. Mr. Oliva will be the chair of the committee; he gave a summary of the first meeting. The committee reviewed Policy 208 and recommends the revisions presented for first reading. Once this revised policy has completed its second/final reading (August 24, 2015), the new procedure will take effect.

Policy 208.1

Tom Bennett moved, Ric Oliva seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the first reading of revised Policy 208.1, Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 208.1, Regulations, establishes a process for formulating, updating, and deleting Regulations. Regulations are guidelines of how Administration will execute the related District Policy. Administration recommends no change to the Policy.

The new School Board Policy Committee met on July 16 and as part of their review of Policy 208, School Board Policies, the committee also reviewed Policy 208.1, Regulations. In that no changes have been made, a new School Board review date will be affixed to Policy 208.1.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on meetings and activities they attended. Dawn Steigauf and Dick Bergstrom attended the Human Rights Commission and the City celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. One of the panel members was a graduate of Bloomington Public Schools. She shared that she had an excellent special education experience during her education in the District; highlighting the well done IEP process and accommodations provided. Ms. Steigauf attended the MSBA Summer Seminar, including a negotiations session. Dick Bergstrom attended a District 917 Board meeting; it was the organizational meeting and the Superintendent's contract was on the agenda. Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman reported on the MSBA District 4 breakfast at which a group of students talked about gender reassignment and barriers they face in schools. Dick Bergstrom, Tom Bennett and Dawn Steigauf represented the School Board at a booth at Summer Fete. Jim Sorum highlighted the many summer opportunities for learners through Bloomington Public Schools and City of Bloomington Park and Recreation. Maureen Bartolotta mentioned that applications for delegates to the MSBA Assembly are due. The Teamworks professional development session scheduled for September has been moved to November.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Fujitake reported on District activities. Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded to establish a Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations discussion on Monday, August 24, at 6 p.m. at the Educational Services Center.

As we look forward to the start of the 2015-2016 school year, new teachers will attend a workshop next week. Returning teachers' workshop week begins August 25. To kick off the new school year, the annual All Staff Back to School Celebration is Tuesday, August 25, at 8:00 a.m. at Jefferson High School.

The 2015-2016 school year starts before Labor Day. The first day for students in grades 1-12 is September 1; Kindergarten students have a modified day on September 1 and will begin classes on September 2.

Superintendent Fujitake highlighted the Education Foundation of Bloomington and the golf tournament. This is the first time the golf tournament was sold out with 120 golfers and this tournament raised the largest amount of money.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk