

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

**August 19, 2013**

- 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 Tim Culver at 7:00 p.m. on August 19, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Tom Holton, Rick Kaufman and John Weisser.
- Attorney Present David Holman.  
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Arlene Bush seconded, approval of the agenda. Mark Hibbs moved, Lyle Abeln seconded, to move Part A item 4, Regulation 503.2 Student Assignments/Transfers (for information), to Part B of the agenda for Board discussion. Motion to amend passed unanimously. Motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS Dennis Kane and Gini Bergstrom, two of the tri-chairs for the Citizens for Safer, Smarter Schools, thanked Chair Culver and the School Board for their leadership in seeking a referendum for school safety and security and to support technology education. They encouraged voters to be informed on the question before them on November 5. The citizen group is working to promote the referendum—*Yes4BPS*—to ensure keeping students and staff in a safe environment and continue the quality education provided by the Bloomington Public Schools as our learners move into the world of technology. Mr. Kane and Ms. Bergstrom emphasized that voter turnout is the key for a successful outcome to the ballot question. Dick Bergstrom is the third member of the Tri-Chairs.
- V. PART A  
1. *Board Business*  
Minutes
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on July 22, 2013.

- Personnel Items
  - b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Part Time Teacher Program, Changes of Status, Recission of Non-Renewal of a Probationary Teacher. Administrative Personnel: Resignations, Change of Status. Independent Personnel: Employments, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
  - c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Seventeen (17) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and eight (8) students leaving.

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

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

- MABE Database Service
  - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 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, 2013. The fee for these services is \$11,557.95.
- Children's Dental Services
  - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Letter of Agreement and License Agreement with Children's Dental Services to provide professional services within Independent School District 271.
- Minnesota State University, Mankato for Teaching Fellow
  - c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement 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 agreement shall be in effect August 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. The District's financial obligation is \$10,140.00.
- Headway Mental Health Services
  - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with Headway Emotional Health Services to provide mental health services to enrolled students with emotional behavioral disorders. This contract is for the period of August 20, 2013 to June 26, 2014.
- Headway District Facilities & Ancillary Support
  - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a contract for Headway's use of District facilities, ancillary support and collaboration services. This contract is for the period of August 20, 2013 to June 26, 2014.

Arlene Bush 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

Regulation 503.2  
Student Assignment  
and Transfers

Tim Culver moved, Mark Hibbs seconded, to approve changes to the regulation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A change was made to Section II. C. 3. b. regarding middle school limitations. "Transfers will be limited to achieving an enrollment balance between the middle schools. When one school's *total* enrollment exceeds the other by more than 75 students *or when the enrollment at an individual grade level reaches 290 students*, transfers for educational choice will be closed (in the larger school). Principals may use discretion to exceed this limit when extenuating circumstances occur, subject to approval by the Assistant Superintendent."

The language changes to the regulations were made to address the enrollment balance between grade levels in relation to the total school enrollment. This language is specifically provided to assure that appropriate class sizes are maintained within each grade level of the middle schools. We want to assure that each of our schools can maintain a structural balance grade by grade within the allowable total enrollment difference. There was no change to the policy.

Bid Award/  
Supplemental Student  
Transportation

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts bids for supplemental student transportation sources as follows:

- Special Ed Routes to Septran, Inc., Bloomington, MN at \$198.35 per route.
- Regular Routes to Lasor Transportation, Inc., St. Louis Park, MN at \$282 per route.
- Field Trips and Charters to Minneapolis & Suburban Bus Company, Inc., Minneapolis, MN at \$149.91 per trip.
- Short Term out-of-District Routes to Twin City Transportation, Inc., Mendota Heights, MN at \$42.27 per trip.
- Early Reading First Program to Septran, Inc., Bloomington, MN at \$29.75 per trip.

And approves contracts with the above companies to provide these services. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Increment  
Financing Extension

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached resolution authorizing the City of Bloomington and its Port Authority to extend the duration of the Authority's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) No. 1-I (Bloomington Central Station) through December 31, 2039. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVING 2013 MINNESOTA LAWS, CH. 143, ARTICLE 9, SECTION 11, PARAGRAPH (b), RELATING TO THE BLOOMINGTON CENTRAL STATION TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

BE IT RESOLVED By the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 (the "School District") as follows:

1. It is hereby determined that:

(a) 2013 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 143, Article 9, Section 11, paragraph (b) (the "Bloomington Central Station Extension") authorized the City of Bloomington (the "City") and the Port Authority of the City of Bloomington to extend the duration of the Authority's Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-I (Bloomington Central Station) through December 31, 2039;

(b) the Bloomington Central Station Extension is effective upon approval by a majority vote of the City Council of the City (the "City Council"), a majority vote of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board"), and a majority vote of the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 (the "School Board"), and filing a certificate with the Minnesota Secretary of State, all in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1782 and 645.021, subd. 3; and

(c) the School Board has determined that is in the best interest of the School District and its residents to approve the Bloomington Central Station Extension.

2. The Bloomington Central Station Extension (attached as Exhibit A hereto), is hereby approved in all respects.

3. School District staff are authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the City for filing with the Secretary of State.

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013 by the School Board of Independent School District No. 271.

EXHIBIT A  
MINNESOTA LAWS, 2013, CHAPTER 143, ARTICLE 9,  
SECTIONS 11

Sec. 11. Laws 2008, chapter 366, article 5, section 26, is amended to read:

Sec. 26. BLOOMINGTON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; FIVE-YEAR RULE.

(a) The requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 469.1763, subdivision 3, that activities must be undertaken within a five-year period from the date of certification of a tax increment financing district, are increased to a ~~ten-year~~ 15-year period for the Port Authority of the City of Bloomington's Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-I, Bloomington Central Station.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 469.176, or any other law to the contrary, the City of Bloomington and its port authority may extend the duration limits of the district for a period through December 31, 2039.

(c) Effective for taxes payable in 2014, tax increment for the district must be computed using the current local tax rate, notwithstanding the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 469.177, subdivision 1a.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Paragraphs (a) and (c) are effective upon compliance by the governing body of the City of Bloomington with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivision 3. Paragraph (b) is effective upon compliance by the governing bodies of the City of Bloomington, Hennepin County, and Independent School District No. 271 with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.1782, subdivision 2, and 645.021, subdivision 3.

Community Survey  
Results

Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations, introduced Bill Morris and Peter Leatherman of Decision Resources, the firm that administered the community survey. Dr. Morris indicated that the survey findings continue a trend of very positive results. The perceptions of the school district on a host of indicators continue to be among the highest seen in any school district over the past seven years. Bloomington parents and residents have high praise for the school district's quality educational programs, sound financial management and job performance of leadership and classroom staff, according to results of the latest community survey. Respondents also indicated strong support for the district's Capital Projects Levy referendum that will go before voters on November 5, 2013. Likely voters cited the importance of education, the no tax increase if the referendum is approved, and the proposed school safety and technology plan recommendations as reasons for favoring the referendum. Among the key findings:

- The District's job performance by employee groups reflected continued positive ratings, including Teachers/Instructional Staff (90% positive rating, up from 84% a year ago), School Board (78% compared to 70% in 2012), and Administration (78% up from 68%).
- Respondents also gave high marks for the district's financial management: 67% rated it excellent or good, while 25% said only fair or poor. Dr. Morris said this is the highest evaluation of any school district in the metro area, and within the top three in the state.
- 87 percent of residents rate the district's technology as Excellent (16%) or Good (71%), while over 90 percent agree it is important to education.
- 79 percent of likely voters indicated they were supportive of the district's proposed Capital Projects Levy referendum to fund school safety and security and technology plan recommendations.
- Reasons for voting in favor of the referendum included: Education is important (36%), Needed (17%), No tax increase (17%), Security is important (5%), Children in schools (4%), and Technology is important (2%).

- All demographic groups showed strong support for the referendum, but Dr. Morris said it was very important for the district's supporters to continue to provide information and encourage parents and others in support of the referendum to vote on Election Day.

Board discussion included methodology used, margin of error, composition of the random sample of 400, accuracy of the curve etc. Director Hibbs inquired as to the level of confidence of the referendum being passed if the District's bargaining groups do not take an active role in promoting the referendum and were seen as neutral on the question. Dr. Morris was confident that the survey results indicated community support and expressed surprise that teachers would not be supportive. Mr. Kaufman indicated that the position of neutrality would be problematic.

Rtl/Learning  
Supports Update

Goals of Learning Supports are to improve achievement for all students, improve stakeholder involvement and satisfaction, improve organizational and instructional effectiveness and improve financial performance. Assistant Superintendent Chris Lennox, Executive Director of Student Services Eric Melbye, District Mentor and Rtl Specialist Jeanna Miller and Learning Supports Coordinator Kate Pehacek presented an overview of Learning Supports and how it addresses student barriers to success along the Pathways to Graduation as well as context for the relationship with Rtl (Response to Intervention). Components of Learning Supports includes a full continuum of interventions in all areas—classroom-based approach, support for transitions, family engagement for learning, community supports, crisis assistance and prevention and student and family interventions. The focus for 2013-2014 is mapping at each school—seeking redundancies and gaps, creating priorities for using the information, along with planning for continuous school improvement.

Closed Session  
Report

Chair Culver reported that there was a closed session on July 22 for the purpose of the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. The School Board will be finalizing the 2012-2013 evaluation.

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board establish a Closed Session on August 26, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation 2012-2013 and negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom attended the summer musical, *Singin in the Rain*, held at Kennedy High School and Family Night at Pond Center. Tim Culver reported on AMSD activities, which includes a survey for upcoming legislative focuses.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that the next School Board meeting is August 26. There will be no study session. Report items from the study session have been added to the meeting agenda.

As we kick off the new school year, the all staff back to school celebration will be held August 26 at Kennedy High School.

The 2013-2014 school year begins for students on Tuesday, September 3 for grades 1-12. Kindergarten students begin on September 4.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk