

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

August 8, 2011

- 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 Chuck Walter at 7:00 p.m. on August 8, 2011, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Chuck Walter, Chair; Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Mark Hibbs and Jim Sorum.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Bruce Pappas and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC The District is fortunate to have businesses and organizations supporting our learners and the community of Bloomington. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes our "Friends" of education.
- Friends **Oasis for Youth**
According to the Wilder Foundation Research on Homelessness in Minnesota, on any given night, an estimated 550 – 650 unaccompanied youth aged 17 and under are without shelter in Minnesota. While there were some beds available in Hennepin County, none were located in the south suburbs. There are homeless youth in Bloomington, Richfield and Edina. Oak Grove Presbyterian Church was willing to share its space to create a daytime drop-in center for youth. This enabled an evaluation of the need for shelter for homeless youth, while providing youth some respite, caring and connection with existing services and existing emergency overnight beds. Oasis for Youth Drop-In Center opened its doors on July 12, 2010; founded on the belief that all youth are valued and deserve to have safe and stable housing with access to appropriate services in their communities in order to complete their education. Students who do not worry about housing do better in school. Oak Grove Middle School served as a pilot for these services and resources.

Members of the Oasis Leadership Team—Leslie Stiles, Marilyn Donoho and Beverly Bliss—highlighted two additional housing programs that have been implemented—emergency overnight stays and short term stays (a maximum of five days in one of the community’s churches).

KHS SkillsUSA
National Awards

Ten (10) Kennedy High School students traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to participate in the 47th National Leadership and Skills Conference sponsored by SkillsUSA. Debbie Belfry, Career Development Coordinator, highlighted the event and introduced Scott Etzel, the Chapter Advisor. There were 94 competitions with 5,400 high school and college students participating with 15,000 people attending the conference. Sophie Konewko was a Gold Medallion winner placing first in the category of Customer Service. Placing 8th in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies was the team of McKenzie Auers, Paulena Lem, Mahlet Makonnen, Gina Shuck, Shelby Spurlin, Anna Zaho and Emily Zaho. Also attending the national event were Cory Schroeder, a Minnesota Secondary State Officer, Parliamentarian; and Michaela Mahon, who participated in the Extemporaneous Speaking category.

CAAAC

The new Citizens Activities/Athletics Advisory Committee held its organizational meeting July 18th. Brian Fell, Jefferson High School Activities Director, introduced Nels Erickson and Joy Smith, newly elected Co-Chairs of the committee, who highlighted the first meeting of the committee.

NSPRA Award

The National School Public Relations Association selected the Bloomington Public Schools for a Gold Medallion Award for the Elementary Neighborhood School Renewal Project (ENSRP) process. A key component for being awarded the Gold Medallion was the inclusion of the community throughout the process, particularly the community conversations and public forums, the website and email communications. The ENSRP co-chairs were Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro, Assistant Superintendent; and Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations. Jaclyn Swords, Community Relations Specialist, provided the website support and communications aspects of the process. The ENSRP co-facilitators were Cynthia Bemis Abrams and Nels Erickson.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on July 11, 2011.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Part Time Teacher Program, Teacher Hourly Terminations, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Part Time Teacher Program. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2010-2011: Students leaving Bloomington total 8. For 2011-2012: Students entering Bloomington total 14 and students leaving total 7.

2. Regulations

- Revised Regulation 503.2 Student Assignment/Transfers a. Revised Regulation 503.2, Student Assignment/Transfers, removes the transition language regarding the Elementary Neighborhood School Renewal Project. For secondary students, the oversight of the transfer process has been moved from the Executive Director of Student Services to the Assistant Superintendent. No changes were made to the Policy.
- Revised Regulation 509 Student Enrollment b. Revised Regulation 509, Enrollment of Resident and Nonresident Students, removes language referring to the Elementary Neighborhood School Renewal Project. No changes were made to the Policy.

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

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

- Food Catering a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the continuation of providing catering services to Nativity of Mary School for the 2011-12 school year and authorizes Administration to renew a catering agreement with Nativity of Mary School.
- Minnesota State University, Mankato b. 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, 2011, until June 20, 2012. The District's financial obligation is \$10,060.06.
- Children's Dental Services c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes extending the terms of both the Letter of Agreement and License Agreement dated April 12, 2010, with Children's Dental Services to provide professional services within Independent School District 271 to August 31, 2013.

3. *Grants*

- United Way/WBA a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the second half of a \$78,500 grant from the Greater Twin Cities United Way and the We Believe Alliance to support the Initiative for Lasting Change for school year 2010-2011.

4. *Finance*

- Gifts/Donations a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$12,985.44.
- Receipts/Disbursements b. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board.

VI. PART B
District 917
Health & Safety
Program Budget

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Health and Safety Program Budget of Intermediate District 917 and authorizes the inclusion of a proportionate share of Intermediate School District 917's health and safety projects in the District's application for health and safety revenue. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board of Intermediate School District 917 has approved a health and safety program budget for its facilities for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$21,368.00. Member districts may include their proportionate share of the costs of the intermediate school district program in their health and safety revenue application, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education. Bloomington's portion for 2011-2012 is \$5,660.00.

Extending
Probationary
Period

Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Employment Agreement between the District and probationary teacher April Whittlef, extending probationary period. Motion carried unanimously.

April Whittlef currently is employed as a probationary teacher by the District. Said teacher will complete her probationary period and acquire continuing contract rights unless non-renewed before July 1, 2011. Said teacher has voluntarily agreed to extend her probationary period to allow for the principal in her new building to further evaluate her performance. The purpose of the agreement is to extend the probationary period of said teacher through the 2011-2012 school year, thereby waiving her right to the acquisition of continuing contract rights for that period.

Policy 510.1

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the first reading of Policy 510.1 Student Eligibility in Co-Curricular Activities. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration presented an update of Policy and Regulation 510.1 Student Eligibility in Co-Curricular Activities for the purposes of aligning eligibility guidelines to changes in the high school schedule to a six-period day. The changes were discussed with the School Board at the July 25 Study Session and will be put forth for second reading on September 12.

K-12 Law Impact

Superintendent Les Fujitake presented information to the School Board on the process to update financial management plans. The presentation was a high altitude perspective on practices and major plan concepts as the impact of the K-12 law continues to be assessed and financial management practices are reviewed and updated. Details will be discussed at future Board sessions.

Director Hibbs expressed concern that as we move forward with financial considerations, we need to maintain focus on what needs to be accomplished. The Board has discussed the importance of Early Childhood, Pathways to Graduation and some things need to be determined as untouchable--critical to the mission of the District; and certain things may need more money applied to them. The School Board will need to set values and continue to move forward with quality, cost-effective programs.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maureen Bartolotta reported on Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) activities. The Box City Vigil is a subcommittee of BUY and is an annual event held at the state capitol. This year's event raised \$800. At the last meeting, BUY presented a check in the amount of \$800 to Oasis for Youth.

Board Chair Report on Closed Session

On Monday, July 18th, the Board of Education met in Closed Session for the purpose of starting the evaluation process regarding Superintendent Les Fujitake. Board Members at that time turned in their evaluation documents and during this session a report was presented by the Evaluation Committee to the entire Board. Discussion was held regarding Appendix 1 of the Superintendent's contract, which included six performance goals.

Chair Walter asked for a motion to convene a Closed Session for Monday, August 15, at 6 p.m. to finish the Superintendent evaluation and at that time, the Board will enter into a dialogue and discussion with the Superintendent over all aspects of performance evaluation. The motion was moved by Maureen Bartolotta and seconded by Melissa Halvorson Wiklund. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There is a Board Study Session scheduled on August 22 at 6 p.m. Updates include Network for Excellence in Teaching (NExT) [Mankato/Bush Partnership], Financial Planning Model Update, Budget Adjustment Options and Facilities Planning.

A joint meeting of the School Board and City Council has been scheduled for September 8, 2011, at the Mall of America. Guest speakers include Hennepin County Commission Chair Mike Opat and two people from the City of Minneapolis--Mike Christenson, Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Mayor Rybak. The guest speakers will talk about why education and student achievement are valued within their organizations.

As we look to the start of the 2011-2012 school year, schools will be holding back to school events and open houses towards the end of August. September 1 is a night most of our schools elementary schools are hosting activities. Please check school websites for information.

The first day of school for the 2011-2012 school year is Tuesday, September 6 for grades 1-12. Kindergarten has a modified schedule that day and will begin on September 7.

Chair Walter noted that per Minnesota Statute 13B.05, the Board will convene after adjournment of tonight's regular meeting, in Room 601, in Closed Session for phase two of the Superintendent's performance evaluation, at which time a determination will be made later tonight if the Board needs to adjourn and reconvene again on August 10th to conclude its business.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Maureen Bartolotta moved, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk