

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

September 10, 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 September 10, 2012, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:28 p.m.); Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Dick Bergstrom and Nelly Korman.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Chris Lennox, Eric Melbye, Tom Holton, Dave Heistad, Rick Kaufman and Rod Zivkovich.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Tim Culver seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS The School Board recognized students for awards and accomplishments.
- Ridgeview Elementary students Jenna Stellmack and Angela Kunkel are national award winners in the 2012 InvestWrite Essay Contest. Jenna placed second with her “A Jarring Stock Talk” essay that explained how investing in stock and mutual funds are wise investments. Angela placed eighth for her “Don’t Get Your Crumbs on my iPad” essay showed the benefits of investing in two different mutual funds. Dimensions Academy teacher Tim Kaari highlighted the students’ accomplishments. This is the fifth time in six years that his fifth grade Math class placed in this national competition.
- Three Jefferson students earned a perfect score (36) on the ACT—Michael Blazanin, Grant Simonson and Samuel Wagner. Samuel Wagner also earned a perfect score (2400) on the SAT. Principal Steve Hill acknowledged the academic achievements of these students. Less than half of one percent of students who take the ACT or SAT college entrance exams received a perfect score last year. About 1.6 million high school students around the country take the college readiness tests each year. In 2011, 384 achieved a perfect core on the SAT and 734 received a perfect sore on the ACT.

Friend *The Bloomington Crow*—The mission of the Bloomington Crow is to provide a solution for Bloomington individuals to learn, share and connect with their community. “The Crow” publishes stories for the people living and working in the City of Bloomington, including school district news and highlights. Since July of 2010, it has published nearly 300 posts and over 100 videos. The Bloomington Crow also allows individuals, businesses and organizations to post their own information with text, video and/ or pictures. Everyone is invited to submit information to be shared. Gina Szafraniec is the founder and publisher of The Bloomington Crow.

Ms. Szafraniec also is involved with Heritage Days. She highlighted the celebration being held September 15.

Public Mr. Tom Kendall, Heritage Days founder, invited the community to celebrate Heritage Days. This is the third year of the event. This year’s event begins with a parade that starts at 10:30 a.m. The parade route is 95th Street between Third Avenue and Garfield Avenue. There are 120 entries. The festival will begin at 1:00 p.m.

V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

2. *Grants*
Hennepin County/
Organic Waste
Recycling

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on August 27, 2012.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Resignation, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Resignation Agreement and General Release of Claims.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington total 16 and 17 students leaving.

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the acceptance of a \$22,320 grant agreement from Hennepin County to be used for organic waste recycling.

Dick Bergstrom 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. BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Dick Bergstrom will attend the TIES Annual Meeting (September 12). He reported that Bloomington United for Youth is working to relaunch Central Grounds. He also indicated that as we finished the first week of school and look to keep our students safe, the public should be mindful of school crossing guards and that the stop arm on a bus serves as a red light.

Maureen Bartolotta will attend the Labor Management Committee meeting on September 12, which is the second meeting for this year. The District Curriculum Advisory Council will hold its first meeting of this school year in October. Tim Culver highlighted visits to schools and back to school events, including the Kennedy High School Hall of Fame event held August 30. Jefferson will hold its Hall of Fame event on September 14. Mr. Culver represents the Board at the Association of Metropolitan School Districts and serves on its Executive Board. He highlighted the Heritage Days parade; the School Board will be participating. The PTSA Council will hold its first meeting for this year on September 12. Monthly topics have been identified. The Bloomington Chamber is hosting an open house at The Works. *Mark Hibbs arrived at 7:28 p.m.* Arlene Bush is the Board representative to the Intermediate School District 917 Board. She highlighted the savings the District has realized due to the change in intermediate districts. Nelly Korman serves as the School Board representative to the Safe and Drug Free Schools Task Force. Melissa Halvorson Wiklund indicated that the Community Financial Advisory Committee will be meeting on September 17. She and Mark Hibbs are the School Board representatives on this committee. Deferred maintenance will be an agenda topic.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that Administration Requests a Study Session for Monday, September 17, at 7 p.m. Agenda topics include updates on Advanced Placement, the preliminary levy, and discussion of School Board Priorities. So moved by Maureen Bartolotta, seconded by Dick Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fujitake highlighted the Heritage Days celebration noting that all 15 of our schools and the Pond Center will be represented in the parade.

The new school year is off to a great start. One of our strategic partners, the Noon Rotary, provided 125 backpacks for the 17th consecutive year. There are 75 backpacks for Valley View Middle School and 50 for Indian Mounds Elementary.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to amend the agenda to include Authorizing Part-time Employment of a School Board Director. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. OTHER

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School 271 authorizes the District to employ Director Nelly Korman as a part-time language teacher for the District with earnings not to exceed \$8,000 in a fiscal year, exclusive of Board member earnings. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with statutes, M.S. 123B.195, Board Members' Right to Employment, the above authorization needs to have the approval of a majority of the members of the School Board at a Board meeting at which all School Board members are in attendance.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk