

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

September 23, 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 September 23, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th 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, Bruce Pappas, 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 Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, approval of the agenda.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC School nurses addressed the School Board regarding negotiations. Mary Settergren, Susie Duncan, Jennifer Hayes, Diana Eckstrom and Kathy Distel, expressed their frustrations of being under valued and overworked, the negotiations process and being without a contract settlement for 815 days. They plan to rally at 6 p.m. on October 14th.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes
- Personnel Items
- Non-Resident Student Agreements
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on September 16, 2013.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Employment, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Employments. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Eight (8) students entering Bloomington Public Schools and twenty-five (25) 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. *Grant/Contract* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the acceptance of a \$12,681 grant agreement from Hennepin County to be used for waste recycling.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Insurance Renewals RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271, for the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014, renews the District's insurance: Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance policies with WRM America Insurance Company—annual premium \$352,516; School Leaders Legal Liability policy with Darwin National Assurance Company—annual premium \$42,085; Equipment Breakdown Coverage with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America—annual premium \$10,659; Employee Fidelity Coverage with National Union Fire Insurance Company—annual premium \$12,003; Storage Tank Impairment Liability policy with Admiral Insurance Co.—annual premium \$9,835; Identity Fraud Expense Coverage with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America—annual premium \$5,731; and International Travel Coverage with ACE American Insurance Co.—annual premium \$3,250.

5. *Finance*

Donations a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations as indicated in the background in the amount of \$15,171.29.

Student Teacher Supervision b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts reimbursement in the amount of \$3,445.00 for the supervision of student teachers.

Receipts/ Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush 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

Integration Plan 2012-2015 Revised Budget 2013-2014 Mark Hibbs moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the revised Integration Revenue budget for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2013 State Legislature enacted a law that changed the funding guidelines for the Integration Revenue program. As a result of these funding guideline changes, our District's 2013-2014 revenue generated from the Integration Revenue program increased from \$1,504,275 to \$1,945,613. Therefore, our District needs to submit a revised 2013-2014 budget to address this revenue increase. The additional funds will focus on expanding services to PreK programming and support for Pathways to Graduation. After School Board approval, the revised 2013-2014 budget will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education for action.

The Community Collaborative Council soon will be developing a new Integration Plan that will come to the School Board for approval by March 15, 2014. Achievement and Integration are the main focus for developing a new plan.

Preliminary Tax Levy
Certification
Proposed 2013
Payable 2014

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the property tax levy for the proposed 2013 payable 2014 levy of \$48,830,642.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of any changes to levy amounts by the Minnesota Department of Education, it is the intent of the School Board of Independent School District 271 to levy the appropriate amount as allowed by law. The state requires that districts use the term "Maximum" on the certification sheet to allow these corrections to the levy.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2013 PAYABLE 2014 LEVIES

Referendum	\$12,266,483
Referendum Other	8,988,609
Debt Services	9,330,421
Community Services	1,605,666
Other	16,639,463
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$48,830,642</u>

The 2013 payable 2014 levy is proposed at a 1.5% increase over the 2012 pay 2013 levy. Annually, the School Board is required to certify a preliminary levy. This year, the District is required to submit this certified preliminary levy information to the county by September 30, 2013. This certified preliminary levy information will be used by the county to generate property tax notices that show parcel specific tax impact for each taxpayer in our district for the coming year. These notices will be mailed in November 2013. The final levy cannot be more than the preliminary. This preliminary levy includes a placeholder dollar amount for space options for all day kindergarten programs per new legislation. Opportunities for space at HUB Properties may help to create spaces within elementary schools for additional kindergarten space needs by moving other programs to that location. The final levy will be certified by the School Board on December 9, 2013. This final certified levy information will be used by the county to calculate actual property taxes payable in 2014.

[Proposed increases: City 3.22% and County 8%.]

NEXT Technologies
for Learning
Communication Tools
The HUB

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, along with Katrina Mezera, Technology Projects Coordinator, reviewed the communications tools component of NEXT Technologies for Learning as programming emphasizes digital content; anytime, anywhere learning; and personalized data. The update highlighted personalizing student data and using assessment data to help prepare students to be college and career ready. Data sources were highlighted—calendars, google docs, student data site and use of the HUB by teachers and parents.

Todd Walsh, Oak Grove Middle School eighth grade Phy Ed and Health teacher, demonstrated how he uses the HUB to obtain information for his classes to individualize instruction using a variety of reports that can be generated and the many benefits to the students and parents to access a variety of information about classes, homework, class projects to name a few. Recent statistics indicate that parents and students are using the HUB. During the first two weeks of school 707 parents and 2,295 students logged into the HUB. There have been 1,510 calendars from staff members connected to the HUB. The HUB is just one year old but has great momentum as a tool for engagement. Teachers are investing their time and are seeing good returns.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Arlene Bush attended a CORE meeting at Jefferson, an Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council meeting at Pond and visited her three liaison schools. She also highlighted the School Board's participation in the Heritage Days parade. Dick Bergstrom attended the Parent Advisory Committee meeting at Pond. Tim Culver reported on the Community Services Advisory Committee meeting.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake expressed appreciation to all those who participated in the Heritage Days parade and celebration; it was a great memory builder.

Superintendent Les Fujitake and Olson Elementary Principal Paul Meyer were presenters at the AWMIN—African American Women-Men In Need, a non-profit organization. The forum was held at the Urban League.

Valley View Elementary, Valley View Middle School and Kennedy High School principals, along with other district staff, met with the property manager of the Georgetown apartment complex. Over 150 students live in the complex. Over the years, our schools and the Office of Educational Equity have worked with the manager and residents to provide learning supports for the children residing in the complex. Meeting participants agreed to continue the exploration for collaboration opportunities.

IX. OTHER

The Board session scheduled for September 28 with Dennis Cheesebrow regarding organizational development has been delayed until the School Board has an opportunity to discuss what is to be accomplished at the session. The Board also discussed the commitment of the proposal presented by the consultant and timing of the session considering the upcoming School Board election.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Mark Hibbs moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Adjournment was at 9:10 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk