

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

**November 25, 2019**

- 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 November 25, 2019, 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; Dick Bergstrom, Vice Chair; Tom Bennett, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Nelly Korman, and Dawn Steigauf. Student Representatives Ally Starks and Shonte Brown.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs, Andy Kubas and Jennifer McIntyre.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta called for a motion to establish a closed session upon the conclusion of tonight’s School Board meeting of November 25, 2019. The meeting will be closed as permitted by section 13D.03 to discuss the District’s labor negotiation strategy related to the District’s negotiations with all bargaining groups. So moved by Dick Bergstrom and seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Dick Bergstrom moved, Beth Beebe seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC The Jefferson Theatre Company presents “A Christmas Carol” November 30, December 1, 5, 6 and 8 directed by Laura Schmit and Gaby Schmit. Sixty students comprise the cast and crew for the holiday show. Student actors from the production performed a musical selection.
- JHS Theatre
- Friend The School Board recognized Gil Williams as a Friend of the Bloomington Public Schools. Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching, highlighted the many ways in which Mr. Williams supports our learners in the Bloomington Public Schools and the community of Bloomington and has been doing so for many years. A few examples include supporting VEAP, Meals on Wheels, and Artistry. He is the President of the Bloomington Community Foundation. Due to his personal generosity, students have had experiences they might not have had--all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Valley View Middle School had the opportunity for a one-week session on how not to be a stranger to somebody else with Wing Young Huie and field trips to Richardson Nature Center for Valley View Elementary and Valley View Middle School students. Mr. Williams was a School Board member in 1969-1970. Valley View Elementary students in grades 3 and 4 made a “Thank You Mr. Williams” video that was played during this recognition.

Student Board  
Representative  
Reports

Ally Starks reported on Kennedy High School Activities—end of the trimester and finals concluded, winter sports started, KHS Holiday Show December 5-7, KHS was host to inspirational speaker Reggie Dabbs, BSAC first Unity/Glow Dance promoting the theme of One Bloomington was held November 22 at Oak Grove Middle School for Jefferson and Kennedy High School students, 500 tickets were sold, 50 students helped set up for the dance, sponsors included the Education Foundation of Bloomington, Kennedy Community Alliance and JAG Den. Thirty percent of dance profits will go to VEAP plus food collected at the dance. BSAC hopes the dance will be an annual event.

Shonte Brown reported on Jefferson High School Activities—JHS received \$2,500 from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association for a drop-in study program for students to receive additional support from teachers and tutors. The JETS placed third in the state adapted soccer tournament. Isaac Harold was selected as a member of the Wells Fargo All-Tournament Team, “A Christmas Carol” is being presented by Jefferson Theatre Company. Shonte shared her vision as a leader of BSAC--a work in progress is a possible intra-district exchange of a JHS and a KHS student, trading schools for a day.

Public

None.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held November 12, 2019.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Retirement, Employments, Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Resignation Correction, Employments, Changes of Status, Transportation Quarter Hourly Averaging.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointments of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) citizen members roster for the 2019-2020 school year as attached (on file).

Personnel Actions

PAC Membership  
2019-2020

2. *Field Trips*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the field trip per the attached list (on file).

3. *Grants*  
Bloomington Crime  
Prevention Association

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts grants totaling \$20,000 from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association (BCPA) for school district crime prevention activities during the 2019-2020 school year.

4. *Agreements/Contracts*

HTC/Nursing Assistant  
Classes at Metro South

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Customized Training Income Contract between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The contract is effective December 10, 2019 through March 5, 2020.

A+ Driving School

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves renewing the agreement with A+ Driving School to provide classroom and behind-the-wheel driving instruction to students in the Bloomington area. The term of this agreement is from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

- RecDesk c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between RecDesk and Independent School District 271 for the use of RecDesk software at the District activity centers for membership management. The initial term of this agreement will be December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020. This agreement may be renewed for additional one-year terms.
- Student Teaching/  
North Central University d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with North Central University. The agreement will be in effect from November 25, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

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 \$15,005.94.
- Finance Reports b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of October 2019.
- Receipts/Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements for the month of October 2019.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Beth Beebe 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

- High School Graduation Fee 2019-2020 Dick Bergstrom moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the graduation fee of \$60.00 per student for Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

District administration, in conjunction with high school administration, recommends no increase to the graduation fee for students who will graduate in June 2020. The fee remains at \$60.00 per student. Per Minnesota Statute 123B.37, graduation fees are not charged for graduation caps, gowns and diplomas. The fee covers transportation, facility rental and security.

- Policy Review The Board Policy Committee (Tom Bennett, Jim Sorum and Beth Beebe) met on November 19, 2019 to consider new and revised policies presented by administration.

- New Policy 899 Jim Sorum moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 899, Service Animals and Therapy Dogs in Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

New Policy 899 establishes procedures for the use of service animals and therapy dogs by students, employees, and visitors within school buildings and on school property, on school buses or at school activities.

- Revised Policy 427 Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 427, Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 427 will be administered by the Executive Director of Special Education. Language has been added to further define the considerations and general parameters for how workloads will be determined for special education teachers who provide services to children with disabilities 60 percent or less of the instructional day. There is no accompanying regulation for this policy.

Revised Policy 603

Dawn Steigauf moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 603, Curriculum Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 603 provides direction for continuous review and improvement of the District's curriculum. This is a mandatory policy according to the Minnesota School Boards Association. There is no accompanying regulation.

Revised Policy 606

Nelly Korman moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 606, Instructional Materials Selection. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 606 provides direction for selection of instructional materials. The accompanying regulation was reviewed. An additional agreed upon edit was recommended by the Board Policy Committee. The revised regulation reflects that edit.

Revised Policy 720

Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves changes to Policy 720, Vending Machines. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 720 provides governance of vending machines installed in district facilities. The accompanying regulation was reviewed and revisions made.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities— Normandale Hills students' two-day trip to Camp Audubon, the Board Student Advisory Council Jefferson and Kennedy unity/glow dance, MSBA Coffee and Conversation, breakfast for parents/special friends at Indian Mounds and Ridgeview, Pond Center family night, Special Education Community Advisory Council meeting, AMSD meeting, and the MSBA Pre-Delegate Assembly.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake reported that the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) will be presenting the President's Award to Nelly Korman during the Leadership Conference in January. The award recognizes School Board members who have completed 300 or more hours of MSBA training and activities.

Administration requests a School Board study session on Wednesday, December 11, at 6 pm in the Arlene Bush Board Room. Jamie Verbrugge will present city/community information. So moved by Dick Bergstrom and seconded by Beth Beebe. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. A closed session followed the meeting.

Tom Bennett, Clerk