

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
January 17, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Special Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 271 was called to order by Chair Nelly Korman at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020, at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Roll Call

Members Present: Nelly Korman, Chair; Tom Bennett, Vice Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Clerk; Beth Beebe, Treasurer; Mia Olson, Jim Sorum and Heather Starks. Administration Present: Les Fujitake. Attorney Present: David Holman.

Approval of the Agenda

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Right Sizing the Budget 2020-2021

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves rescinding the action taken on January 13 to eliminate two non-required Middle School Courses—World Language and Tech Ed/Computer Science—for Right Sizing the Budget 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The non-required courses that were not eliminated at the January 13 meeting were FACS and Reading. Some members of the School Board wished to rescind action taken at the January 13 School Board meeting in order to have further discussion and to clarify the procedure for determining the elimination of two courses. Thus, the reason Chair Nelly Korman called for a special meeting.

School Board members shared comments related to the courses and highlighted additional information received this week, which included a Middle School Non-Required Courses Chart that provided how the four non-required courses—Tech Ed/Computer Science, Reading, FACS and World Language—aligns with our Strategic Plan (Pathways to Graduation), how this alignment has been represented to the community, how they relate to the District's long-term operational plans, and the potential impact if eliminated.

Chair Nelly Korman outlined the process for determining the two courses to be eliminated. The name of each course was called separately in alphabetical order—FACS, Reading, Tech Ed/ Computer Science, World Language. Each Board member indicated yes for the two courses they wished to keep. Board members were called upon to vote in alphabetical order. By unanimous (informal) vote of 7-0 on each course, Board members chose to keep FACS and Tech Ed/Computer Science and eliminate Reading and World Language.

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves to eliminate two non-required Middle School Courses—Reading and World Language—for Right Sizing the Budget 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Dawn Steigauf, Clerk