

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

January 27, 2020

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the School Board meeting of Independent School District 271 was called to order by Chair Nelly Korman at 7:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present: Nelly Korman, Chair; Tom Bennett, Vice Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Clerk; Beth Beebe, Treasurer; Mia Olson, Jim Sorum, and Heather Starks. Student Representatives to the School Board: Shonte Brown and Ally Starks.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, Jennifer McIntyre, and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Tom Bennett moved to amend the agenda by adding a resolution for a proclamation for Paraprofessional Recognition Week. Dawn Steigauf seconded. Motion to amend the agenda carried unanimously. Tom Bennett moved approval of the agenda as amended, seconded by Beth Beebe. Motion carried unanimously.
- Per action taken by the Board on January 13, following the meeting tonight, there is a closed session for negotiations pursuant to M.S. 13D.03 to discuss the District's labor negotiations strategy related to the District's negotiations with bargaining groups.
- Chair Nelly Korman called for a motion to establish a closed session upon the conclusion of tonight's School Board meeting and the previously scheduled closed session, for the purpose of reviewing investigations, pursuant to M.S. 13D.05 subd. 2 (a) (3) to protect against disclosure of protected educational data. This closed session will commence upon the conclusion of the first study session. So moved by Tom Bennett, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proclamation (on file) declaring the week of January 27-31, 2020, as Paraprofessional Recognition Week in Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.
- Paraprofessionals Proclamation Jennifer McIntyre, Executive Director of Special Education, accepted the proclamation and highlighted the important role that Paraprofessionals play in ensuring educational success for our learners.

MSBA-District Award The Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference was held in January. The Bloomington School Board was presented with a District Award of Distinction – one of only five districts in the state to earn the award this year. This award is given to school districts having a majority of School Board members who have received 100 or up to 300 hours of MSBA training or advocacy credits.

MSBA-President’s Award Also at the Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference, the President’s Award was presented to Nelly Korman. This award recognizes School Board members who have completed 300 or more hours of MSBA meetings and activities.

Student Board Representatives Report Ally Starks reported that parent/teacher conferences at Kennedy were well attended, PTSA meeting topic is vaping, she highlighted the Battle of Bloomington Basketball, Kennedy High School is hosting the Bloomington Gold Show Choir competition— RIG will be performing. Winter spirit week is coming up. Ally and Shonte have received from Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) individual awards for speaking up and advocating for students as representatives to the School Board. The recognition awards event is on February 4 at Civic Plaza. Shonte Brown reported that last week was senior night for the Jefferson Boys’ Swim meet.

Public Three (3) students from Mr. Storlien’s classes at Jefferson attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of our 12th grade government classes; observing a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, or court proceeding.

V. PART A

1. Board Business

Minutes a. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the School Board held January 13, 2020; and Minutes of the Special Meeting held January 17, 2020.

Personnel Actions b. Administrative Personnel: Retirement. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments. Independent Personnel: Employment. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Retirement, Employments, Changes of Status, Transportation Quarter Hourly Averaging.

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

3. Contracts/Agreements

Student Teaching/ St. Catherine’s RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Saint Catherine University. The Agreement will be in effect from January 27, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

4. Finance

Donations a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations as indicated in the background in the amount of \$5,337.00.

Finance Reports b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of December 2019.

Receipts/ Disbursement c. Receipts and Disbursements for the month of December 2019.

Dawn Steigauf moved, Beth Beebe seconded, approval of Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B
Bid Award/
VVMS Mechanical
Improvements
Phase 2

Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the following twenty bids for mechanical improvements Phase 2 at Valley View Middle School:

1. Maertens-Brenny Construction Company, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$659,000
2. Construction Systems, Inc., Maple Plain, MN bid of \$71,374
3. Red Cedar Steel Erectors Inc., Menomonie, WI bid of \$44,900
4. Kellington Construction, Inc., Minneapolis, MN bid of \$409,000
5. Central Roofing Company, Minneapolis, MN bid of \$56,750
6. Kendell Doors and Hardware, LLC, Mendota Heights, MN bid of \$35,837
7. Envision Glass Inc., Roseville, MN bid of \$140,444
8. Custom Drywall, Inc., St. Paul, MN bid of \$99,895
9. Super Set Tile & Stone, LLC, Plymouth, MN bid of \$200,000
10. Sonus Interiors, Inc., Golden Valley, MN bid of \$85,000
11. Floors By Beckers, Inc., St. Cloud, MN bid of \$88,900
12. Steinbrecher Painting Co., Princeton, MN bid of \$124,900
13. Olympic Lockers and Storage Products Inc., Minneapolis, MN bid of \$114,012
14. The Centre Stage Mfg. Co., Sauk Centre, MN bid of \$38,500
15. Seating and Athletic Facility Enterprises, LLC, Ellendale, MN bid of \$28,636
16. Peterson Sheet Metal Inc., Bemidji, MN bid of \$2,955,000
17. Siemens Industry, Inc., Shoreview, MN bid of \$426,000
18. Summit Fire Protection Co., St. Paul, MN bid of \$398,800
19. Bloomington Electric Co., Bloomington, MN bid of 989,000
20. Bloomington Electric Co., Bloomington, MN bid of 70,000

Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2019-20 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of updates, repairs and replacements including: concrete, masonry and earthwork, steel materials and erection, carpentry, roofing, doors, frames and hardware, entrances, storefronts and curtain walls, drywall, tile, ceilings and acoustical treatments, resilient flooring and carpet, paint and wall coverings, metal lockers, gymnasium equipment, bleachers, mechanical, temperature controls, fire suppression, electrical, and low voltage at Valley View Middle School and total \$7,735,630. Project completion expected by the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Associate
Membership
District 288

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 resolves as follows:

1. That Independent School District No. 271 authorizes the Superintendent or designee to apply for associate membership in Intermediate 288;
2. That, upon the approval of the associate membership request of Independent School District 271, by the Intermediate District Governing Board, said associate membership in the Intermediate District shall begin July 1, 2020.

3. This agreement limits Independent School District 271 obligation to only the direct costs of students attending Intermediate District 288. As an associate member of Intermediate District 288, Independent School District 271 is not a voting member of Intermediate District 288 and, therefore, is not bound by the terms of the Intermediate District 288 Joint Powers Agreement. Independent School District 271 neither pays for nor builds equity in property, debt, or other assets or liabilities of Intermediate District 288.

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Education and Finance Executive Directors have been exploring additional options to serve our special education students in combination with Intermediate 917. The opportunity to have an associate membership with Intermediate 288 allows the District to meet the needs of our students in a timelier basis.

Policy Review

The Board Policy Committee (Tom Bennett, Jim Sorum and Heather Starks) met on January 14, 2020 to consider new and revised policies presented by administration. Policies presented to the committee have been reviewed by the District's legal counsel.

Policy 419

Dawn Steigauf moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 419, Tobacco-Free Environment: Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 419 was reviewed and updated as a part of our routine policy review process. This revised policy follows the MSBA model policy with some modification to align with Bloomington Public Health and recommended procedures for how the District will respond to violation(s) of the policy. Additions to the MSBA model policy include, detailed definition of "Imitation Tobacco Product" and procedures for when a student is in violation of the policy. The District will work with the Bloomington Police Department and Bloomington Public Health for continued support of violation of the policy and education for students and families on the impact and harm of using tobacco and vaping. There is no regulation accompanying this policy.

Policy 503

Beth Beebe moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 503, Student Attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 503 is to establish the rules and procedures for student attendance. This policy was reviewed by district and school staff who examined current practices, policies of neighboring districts, and made a number of recommendations. Updates include definitions of excused absences; procedures for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and students with individualized programs; notification of policy and procedures, tardy rules, absences for co-curricular activities, and withdrawal from school. There is no regulation accompanying this policy.

Policy 506 Dawn Steigauf moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 506, Student Discipline. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 506 is to establish the District establishes a Code of Student Conduct and disciplinary action options that minimize loss of student instruction time due to misbehavior, and to ensure that students are aware of and comply with the District's Code of Student Conduct. This policy was reviewed by district and school staff, including principals at all levels, parents and students. Updates include changes for gender-neutral pronouns, inclusion of the word "families" and clarification of the purpose of the policy. This is a mandatory policy according to the Minnesota School Boards Association. The accompanying regulation is included for information.

Policy 514 Heather Starks moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 514, Bullying Prohibition. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 514 is to ensure a system is in place to prevent and respond to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, reprisal, retaliation, and other similar disruptive and detrimental behavior. This policy was reviewed by district and school staff, parents and students and found to be in alignment with district priorities. Language that aligns with the district safe and supportive schools focus was incorporated in the purpose of the policy. This is a mandatory policy according to the Minnesota School Boards Association. There is no accompanying regulation.

Policy 721 Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 721, Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 721 is to ensure compliance with the requirements of the federal Uniform Grant Guidance regulations by establishing uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal grant awards received by the school district. This is a mandatory policy according to the Minnesota School Boards Association. There is no accompanying regulation.

Policy 721.1 Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Policy 721.1, Grants (formerly Policy 623). Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of Policy 721.1 is to ensure that the School Board approves commitments related to grant awards. There were no changes to the policy except for the new policy number. The accompanying regulation and grant authorization form are included for information.

RSB/
Middle School
Athletics Report

The School Board has taken actions on all proposals for Right Sizing the Budget for 2020-2021 except middle school athletics. Following up on the School Board's request for administration to explore other options, Superintendent Les Fujitake provided a list of nine (9) options that have been or continue to be explored. Administration is targeting a Board meeting before spring break (March 23-27) to present options.

Examples of options: possibly starting a 7-12 athletic program, BAA partnership option, partnership with the City, intramural option with the Galaxy after-school program, or a combination of any of those options.

Televised
Study Sessions

Heather Starks moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the live telecasting of all School Board meetings (regular and special) and study sessions by BEC-TV. Motion carried unanimously.

Televising School Board sessions allows the public to follow the work of their elected School Board, and to hold the District and School Board accountable for their actions. Historically, Board meetings have been televised live and rerun on BEC-TV.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Board member reported on meetings and activities. Tom Bennett reported on a District 917 Board meeting and highlighted BUY awards presentation on Tuesday at 6 pm at Civic Plaza. Heather Starks (now the former Chair of the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council (BPSAC), reported that the group met on January 22; Dennis Kane now will provide the leadership for BPSAC. Nelly Korman and Dawn Steigauf also are members of BPSAC. There is a legislative preview hosted by the League of Women Voters and BPSAC on January 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Fire Station #1. All five Bloomington legislators will be in attendance to share their priorities for the 2020 legislative session. Mia Olson and Heather Starks attended MSBA new board member training Phases I and II and the Leadership Conference. Mia Olson accompanied Dawn Steigauf to a meeting of the Special Education Community Advisory Council; she will be the Board representative to that committee. Mia Olson highlighted the South Suburban JETS floor hockey games coming up on March 13-14 at Jefferson. Beth Beebe and Nelly Korman attended an AMSD meeting. Beth Beebe visited early childhood programs at Pond Center. She reported that the high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council met tonight and one of the topics was a budget discussion. Nelly Korman highlighted the MSBA Leadership Conference and the session for school board directors of color.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake requested a motion to establish a study session of the School Board on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m. Agenda topics include: Start Time Study, Facility Master Planning and Board Professional Development. So moved by Tom Bennett, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.

This week elementary schools will begin hosting Kindergarten registration events for families of incoming Kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. Closed Sessions followed the meeting.

Dawn Steigauf, Clerk