

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

February 10, 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 February 10, 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.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS Eight (8) students from Mr. Storlien's class 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.
- Public Ric Oliva addressed the School Board regarding Board Policy 707, Transportation, and, specifically, the section pertaining to the Pay-to-Ride option for open enrolled students. This option has been in place for a number of years. This year, just prior to the start of school, parents were notified that it was no longer an option. However, the option was extended for the remainder of this school year but is not going to be available next year. Mr. Oliva requested that the School Board review this section of the policy to allow the continuance of this option.
- V. PART A
1. *Board Business*
- Minutes
- Personnel Actions
- BPS Advocacy Council
- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting January 27, 2020.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Leaves of Absence, Resignation, Employments, Correction. Administrative Personnel: Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Stephanie Johnson as a new member of the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council (BPSAC) and confirms previously approved members to continue per the attached list (on file).
2. *Field Trip*
- RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the field trip per the attached list (on file).
- Dawn Steigauf moved, Tom Bennett 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

Custodial/
Maintenance/
Transportation
Contract
2019-2021

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approve and ratify the 2019-2021 Negotiated Contract between the School District and the Custodial, Maintenance and Transportation Employees SEIU Local #284. Motion carried unanimously.

The District and The Custodial, Maintenance and Transportation Employees SEIU Local #284 reached a tentative agreement for the 2019-2021 Master Contract on January 8, 2020, and membership ratified the tentative agreement on January 29, 2020. The tentative agreement includes salary schedule improvements of 2.0% for 2019-2020 and 2.0% for 2020-2021. In addition, the tentative agreement includes the following:

- Increases to Schedules C of \$0.01 both years of contract
- Addition of \$0.10 to 20L each year of contract
- Additional stipend amount for standby drivers, Class B licensure and Construction Lead
- Previously agreed to out-of-network out-of pocket maximums for health insurance per IRS regulations (7.2)
- Increase to the District health insurance contribution both years and HSA contribution second year (7.2 & 7.3)
- Language clarification throughout contract and "Housekeeping" changes

MSHSL Foundation
Grant Application
Form B

Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the Administration at Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation requesting financial support for their high school student captains and coaches to participate in ten (10) Leadership Seminars. The School Board supports the resolution attached to the grant application, which will be signed by the Chair and the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

The grant application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation requests funds of \$3,500 for each high school to support participation by student captains and coaches in ten (10) Leadership Seminars with Kevin King of Premier Team Building Solutions during June and July 2020. A "Form B" grant application has been completed for each high school to be submitted by February 15, 2020.

Legislative
Priorities 2020

Dawn Steigauf moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves legislative priorities for the 2020 legislative session per the attached position papers that include addressing the following: reducing assessments by having ACT replace MCAs, relieving special education teachers from paperwork and meetings by creating a Special Education Information System (SEIS), stabilizing education funding, allowing School Boards levy authority for referendum renewals, increasing Special Education and English Learner funding, increasing the levy for Safe and Supportive Schools to allow hiring additional counselors, social workers and other school support staff and increasing early childhood funding for Voluntary Pre-K and School Readiness Plus programming.

WHEREAS, locally elected school boards are positioned best to represent their students, staff, parents and community members and address local needs and challenges; and WHEREAS, each school district faces unique needs which depend on a variety of factors including demographics, geography and district size; and WHEREAS, just like legislative leaders, locally elected school boards are held accountable through Minnesota's elections process; and WHEREAS, school board policies at the local level are enacted only after a comprehensive, legal and open process; and WHEREAS, under Minnesota's Open Meeting Law, school board business generally occurs in meetings that are scheduled, publicized and accessible to members of the public; and WHEREAS, preservation of local control in Minnesota has yielded statewide benefits, such as Minnesota scoring higher on average than our national peers on the ACT college entrance exam in 2019; and WHEREAS, one-size-fits-all mandates stifle innovation and creativity and consume staff time and resources; and WHEREAS, more than 30 bills to restrict local decision-making were introduced in the 2019-20 biennium thus far; and WHEREAS, excellence in student achievement for all Minnesota students guides the work of the school board. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT DISTRICT 271, Bloomington Public Schools, supports local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that restricts the ability for locally elected school boards to respond to the needs of their districts, students and communities.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board Legislative Committee developed priorities for the 2020 legislative session. Legislative priorities were discussed at the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council meeting. Attached (on file) are position statements for specific requests for legislative action. Additional position items may be brought to the School Board after February 10, if needed. The School Board also supports the Minnesota School Boards Association resolution granting school districts local decision-making authority .

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board member reported on meetings and activities. Dawn Steigauf reported on the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council (BPSAC) meeting and legislative forum co-hosted with the League of Women Voters. She announced that the Board Community Engagement Committee will be meeting on February 12 . Tom Bennett reported on a District 917 Board meeting. He was sworn in as a new Board member. Agenda items included legislative priorities. He will serve on District 917 committees: calendar and insurance. Mia Olson and Beth Beebe highlighted visits to schools/programs, student performances, and the meeting of the middle school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council. Guest speakers from VEAP and the PTSA Council talked with the students about the annual district food drive March 16-20. Jim Sorum attended a PTSA Council meeting held at Civic Plaza. Artistry, community programs and summer programs were discussed. Heather Starks reported that Normandale Hills Principal Andy Vollmuth was the recipient of the West Suburban Division Leadership Award given by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association at their conference last week. Nelly Korman reported on the AMSD legislative preview and a meeting with Justice Alan Page regarding a constitutional amendment. Board members highlighted the recent Bloomington United for Youth awards celebration at which Ally Starks and Shonte Brown were recipients in the Individual Youth Recognition category.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake extended congratulations to the Jefferson Cheer Team for winning the large school, Division 1, Game Day National Championship in Florida. We look forward to recognizing the Cheer Team at an upcoming Board meeting.

Congratulations to three of our Bloomington teachers who are candidates for the 2020 Minnesota Teacher of the Year: Jeff Levine (Jefferson High School), Katrina Van Ruyven (Valley View Middle School) and Sarah Weber (Kennedy High School). They are 3 of 134 candidates from across the state for the 56th Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award, organized by Education Minnesota. There are 400 school districts in Minnesota. Semi-finalists and finalists will be announced in the coming weeks with the Teacher of the Year announced May 3.

The 2020 legislative session convenes tomorrow. Superintendent Fujitake will be meeting with Rep. Mike Howard regarding carrying our Special Education Information System (SEIS) bill, Rep. Heather Edelson who will carry our ACT bill, and Rep. Jim Davnie, Chair of the House Education Finance Committee. The Superintendent, along with Dave Heistad and Julio Caesar, met with Commissioner Dennis Olson of the Office of Higher Education to share research information about student achievement and attainment. The Superintendent will be meeting with Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker and Deputy Commissioner Heather Mueller regarding projects the District will be working on with the Minnesota Department of Education.

The Kennedy High School automotive program is going through a renaissance. Thank you to Luther Automotive and Freeway Ford, each donated a car to help revive the automotive program.

IX. OTHER

Chair Nelly Korman called for a motion to establish a School Board Professional Development Session on Monday, February 18, at 5:30 pm. So moved by Dawn Steigauf and seconded by Beth Beebe. Motion carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Dawn Steigauf, Clerk