

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

February 24, 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 24, 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 Representative: Ally Starks.
- Member Absent: Student Representative Shonte Brown.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, 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. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF/PUBLIC
- OGMS Play Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting “Frozen” March 12-14 with a performance for senior citizens and veterans on March 11. Music teacher Bryan Blessing invited the public to attend. Student actors performed a musical selection from the production. Over 90 students will be a part of “Frozen.” Also in attendance was parent volunteer Kevin Doheny, who created the costumes and stage design for the production.
- Proclamation Public Schools Week Heather Starks moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 joins Governor Tim Walz in proclaiming February 23-29, as Public Schools Week. Motion carried unanimously.
- Student Representative Reports Ally Starks shared Kennedy activities and highlights: AAA nominees, state wrestlers, orchestral festival, ACT testing, Science Olympiad, RIG performance March 13-14, and the basketball game resulting in Jefferson’s 54-51 win over Kennedy.
- Public 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.

V. PART A

1. Board Business

Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting February 10, 2020.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employment. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Actions

2. Field Trip

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

3. Finance

Donations

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$39,468.71.

Finance Reports

- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of January 2020.

Receipts/

Disbursements

- c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of January 2020.

Beth Beebe moved, Dawn Steigauf 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

AIPAC Compliance

Documentation/

Resolution of

Concurrence

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Resolution of Concurrence by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota. Statute 124D.78 states School Boards and American Indian schools must provide for the maximum involvement of children enrolled in education programs, programs of elementary and secondary grades, special education programs and support services. Accordingly, the board of a school district in which there are 10 or more American Indian children enrolled and each American Indian school must establish a parent committee. If a committee whose membership consists of a majority of parents of American Indian children has been or is established according to federal, tribal or other state law, that committee may serve as the committee required by this section and is subject to, at least, the requirements of this subdivision and subdivision 2.

The American Indian education parent advisory committee must develop its recommendations in consultation with the curriculum advisory committee required by Section 120B.11, subdivision 3. This committee must afford parents the necessary information and the opportunity to effectively express their views concerning all aspects of American Indian Education and the educational needs of the American Indian children enrolled in the school or program. The committee must also address the need for adult education programs for American Indian people in the community. The board or American Indian school must ensure that programs are planned, operated and evaluated with the involvement of and in consultation with parents of children served by the programs.

The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) has submitted a vote of concurrence for the 2019-2020 school year. The main reason the committee voted for concurrence this year is the great work of Assistant Superintendent Jenna Mitchler and Curriculum and Instruction Director Rachel Gens who have been addressing concerns related to the recommendations from the 2018-2019 vote of non-concurrence. The committee noted a disparity in the Math test scores and attendance for American Indian students in comparison to other student populations. The committee asks that the District identify American Indian students not meeting annual growth and those not proficient in Math in order to target Math tutoring to those students.

Safe & Supportive
Schools Report

Dr. Jenna Mitchler, Assistant Superintendent, presented to the School Board a report on the Safe and Support Schools plan design thinking process—Empathy, Define, Plan and Ideate, Do (Prototype and Test), Study (Reflect) and Act. The plan sets forth the following timeline:

Summer—*Develop/Review Process*—Design Team and Metrics Team.

Fall—*Determine Metrics & Empathize*—Needs Statements

Fall & Winter—*Define*—Access and Equitable Supports through MTSS

Winter—*Plan & Ideate*—Considerations

Winter & Spring—*Prototype & Test New Ideas*—Projects Forming around five (5) Areas of Need

Spring—*Study & Reflect*—Share Outcomes

Safe and Support Schools Metrics will focus on Pathways to Career and College—Pre-School Ready, Kindergarten Ready, On Course for Elementary Success, Middle School Ready, High School Read and College and Career Ready.

Student Behavior
Mid-Year Report

Dr. Jenna Mitchler, Assistant Superintendent, updated the School Board and the public per the District's agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) on our Behavior Support Plan and progress, which was signed March 28, 2018. The School Board received a Discipline Plan report in August. By September 1 of each year a report to MDHR includes strategies employed, metrics to measure success and outcomes from the past year. A mid-year update is to be given, which is being given tonight. The philosophy of the District is that keeping students in class is essential to ensuring their readiness to thrive in our rapidly changing world. Therefore, our behavior support system will be proactive in developing positive behavior support process, be culturally intelligent, only use removal from class and/or school as a last resort, guide building level decision making in regards to student misconduct. School Board responsibilities include a review and update of relevant policies, review of out-of-school suspension (OSS) data and the support discipline plan and report to MDHR.

Updates for 2019-2020 include a review of the PAUSE program: identify patterns of re-referral/multiple infractions, identify patterns regarding disproportionality in referrals by student group; determine what additional support is needed. Emphasis on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS); Professional Development—values, beliefs and assumptions; site BLTs to monitor discipline data (OSS and PAUSE) and adjust supports through the year as needed. Mid-Year Outcome numbers were shared for total Out of School Suspensions (OSS) as well as by student groups.

Student Parking
Fees 2020-21

Dawn Steigauf moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Parking Fees for Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School at \$270 per year (\$90 per trimester) for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended that the parking fee remain unchanged. Since students often pay this fee, there is a large elasticity of demand. As price increases participation decreases. Therefore, often there is a zero sum gain when increasing these prices. More Students are taking PSEO and Career & College courses and there will be more internship opportunities. Often students need to use cars to participate in these programs. Increasing parking fees would counter our encouragement of students to participate in these programs. Fees help pay for the cost of the parking lot attendance and maintenance.

Student Instrument
User Fees 2020-21

Jim Sorum moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Instrument User Fees for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended that current instrument user fees remain the same. Fees are used for high school uniforms and instrument replacement. There is no fee for elementary school students.

Student Athletic
Fees 2020-21

Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Student Athletic Fees for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

As part of Right Sizing the Budget for 2020-2021, the activities department at Jefferson and Kennedy recommended, and the School Board approved, a \$50 increase in student athletic fees. As part of Right Sizing the Budget 2020-2021 process, Administration is exploring options for middle school sports. There is a \$5.00 increase to Adaptive Athletic Fees. There is no increase for the Strength & Conditioning Program. Student and family maximum fees have been eliminated.

Student Activity
Fees 2010-21

Beth Beebe moved, Heather Starks seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Activity Fees for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

As part of Right Sizing the Budget for 2020-2021, the activities department at Jefferson and Kennedy recommended, and the School Board approved, a \$40 increase in student activity fees. Also, as part of the Right Sizing the Budget recommendation, the maximum fee for both student and family have been eliminated effective with the 2020-2021 school year.

Student/Adult
Admission Fees
Fees 2020-21

Tom Bennett moved, Heather Starks seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student/Adult Admission Fees for Activities for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommended that current student/adult fees for activities remain the same.

Board Community
Engagement Plan
Updated

Dawn Steigauf moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the updated School Board Community Engagement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

One of the School Board goals for the 2019-2020 school year includes the implementation of the Community Engagement Plan. The plan was first adopted in 2010-11 with revisions adopted by the School Board June 23, 2014, and December 10, 2018. The purpose of the Community Engagement Plan is to encourage School Board members – individually and collectively – to collaborate and dialogue with stakeholders and advocate on behalf of Bloomington Public Schools. Accordingly, the School Board endeavors to inform, consult, involve and collaborate as part of its community engagement activities. With two new school board members this year (Mia Olson and Heather Starks), both who now serve on the Board Community Engagement Committee along with Dawn Steigauf, the plan has been reviewed and updated. Additional components include districtwide food drive, start time study, U.S. Census 2020, and employee recognitions. The committee discussed the role of school/board member ambassadors to schools. Guidelines will be shared with the School Board.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Board member reported on meetings and activities. Tom Bennett reminded the public that Tuesday, February 25, is caucus night; Normandale Hills is hosting a learning festival on Friday night. Dawn Steigauf reported that the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council reviewed its guidelines and plans for recruiting new members for the committee; she now is the Board representative to the Education Foundation of Bloomington and attended a training session; she visited schools and highlighted the “Balloons on Broadway” parade and “100 Days of Learning” at Indian Mounds. Heather Starks highlighted the new “Sonic” movie that featured movie writers who are former graduates—Patrick Casey from Kennedy and Josh Miller from Jefferson—who got their start at BEC TV “Why R U Up?” programming. Beth Beebe reported on tonight’s meeting of the high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council—large attendance at this meeting, students discussed the districtwide food drive March 16-20 and their work toward an ambassador program whereby students exchange schools to learn about each other.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Last week was School Board Recognition Week. Superintendent Les Fujitake thanked School Board members for their dedication and commitment to all of our learners and our community and especially to their families who share them with us.

Congratulations to Katrina Van Ruyven (Valley View Middle School) who has been selected as one of 36 semifinalists for the 2020 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Finalists will be announced in the coming weeks, with the Teacher of the Year announced May 3.

The Legislature uses the budget forecast to set its budget numbers. The budget forecast will be released on Thursday.

IX. OTHER None.

X. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, Dawn Steigauf moved, Beth Beebe seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dawn Steigauf, Clerk