

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

March 9, 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 March 9, 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, and Jim Sorum.
- Members Absent: Heather Starks, Director.
Student Representatives Ally Starks and Shonte Brown.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, Andy Kubas and John Weisser.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Nelly Korman called for a motion to establish a closed session upon the conclusion of tonight's School Board meeting. 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 bargaining groups. So moved by Tom Bennett and seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Director of Technology and Information Services John Weisser provided background on the internship program. Technology Support Specialist Sam Rath provides the leadership for the interns. Mr. Rath highlighted the exemplary work of Jeanne Chan and Joshua Miller who were interns from December 2, 2019 to March 5, 2020. The students commented on the value of their experience.
- Support Services Employees Support Services employees are being recognized for their dedication and commitment. Director of Operations Tim Rybak shared that the Transportation Department consists of 135 professionals including bus drivers, bus assistants, office staff, shop personnel and management. The Buildings and Grounds Department staffs 104 professionals that include staff in central maintenance, custodians, clerks, and management. Dave Kusinski is the Assistant Director. Purchasing Agent Jennifer Hazel and Rynetta Renford, Production Manager, shared statistics of meal service and recognized the Food Service Department employees cooks and managers and office staff. The School Board expressed appreciation to all of the support services employees.

Joint Resolution U.S. Census 2020 Participation Dawn Steigauf moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) joint resolution of Bloomington Public Schools and the City of Bloomington encouraging participation in the 2020 United States Census. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Bryan Legrand, an English teacher at Kennedy High school, addressed the School Board regarding the effects of increased class size as a result of Right Sizing the Budget 2020-2021.

V. PART A

1. Board Business

Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting February 24, 2020.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Leave of Absence.

Personnel Actions

Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments.

2. Field Trip

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

3. Contracts/Agreements

Project SEARCH

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the amendment and extension of the Project SEARCH® Consulting Services and License Agreement by and between Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Independent School District 271 for the Adult Employment or High School Transition Program at Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport by Hilton in Bloomington through June 30, 2021.

Student Teaching Winona State

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Winona State University. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025.

NCC/Professional Technical Services

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Professional/Technical Services contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Normandale Community College and Independent School District 271 effective March 9, 2020 through June 5, 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

Computer Science Update

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, led the update to the School Board on the first year of implementation of the Computer Science program and a look forward. Staff members reporting on the program included Annie Schrader, Computer Science Specialist, and Poplar Bridge fourth grade teachers Jen Steffes, Sarah Dallum and Liz Vollbrecht who shared how the work matches with the strategic direction of the District. They highlighted their experiences as teachers in this Computer Science immersion and student experiences with Unplugged, Scratch, Makey Makey, Online Safety and Programming Spheros, and Projects. Three goals of the program focus on transferable skills to help students succeed, developing opportunities for students under represented so they see themselves as computer scientists, and helping students be excited about community, bringing agency and joy to their life.

In addition to working with the District's internal departments, the District has a strong external partnership with the University of Minnesota thereby having access to their expertise in computer science and providing an evaluation of the program. Computer Science for All in 2020-2021 – Elementary: building professional development for technology integrationists and principals. Middle Schools: students will receive one quarter of "Computer Science and Technologies." High Schools: new Computer Science courses will be written to be offered in 2021-2022. The deep track of Computer Science Immersion 2020-2021 – All grades K-5 at Indian Mounds and Poplar Bridge will receive one hour of Computer Science per week and additional integrated activities; currently providing in three grades—Poplar Bridge students in grades 3, 4 and 5 and Indian Mounds students in grades Kindergarten, 1, and 2. Middle School: A full year of Computer Science exploratory in grade 6 at Olson Middle School and one integrated core class.

Achievement & Integration New Three-Year Plan

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the 2020-2023 Achievement and Integration Plan and its budget for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$2,187,203.43. In the event of a decrease or increase in funding from the Minnesota Department of Education, the contents of the plan and corresponding budget will be adjusted accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 124D. Sections 861-862, Minnesota's Achievement and Integration program was established to help close Minnesota's academic achievement gap and increase integration opportunities for protected class students. Minnesota law passed requires all school districts receiving Achievement and Integration funding to submit a new three-year plan to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). The new Achievement and Integration plan must be aligned with the World's Best Workforce plan. Five goals have been identified. Each year a budget must be submitted to MDE for approval. The deadline for submission to the MDE is March 15, 2020. We have received input on our plan from key district stakeholder groups and have vetted our plan with leadership at the MDE.

Graduation Exercises 2021

Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes graduation exercises for the 2020-2021 school year on the following dates:

Kennedy High School, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Jefferson High School, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

FURTHERMORE, the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes the location for the 2020-2021 graduation exercises as the Minneapolis Convention Center and approves the Minneapolis Convention Center Permits for Occupancy for the aforementioned dates. Motion carried unanimously.

The Assistant Superintendent and administrators at Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools recommend the aforementioned dates for graduation exercises and the venue of the Minneapolis Convention Center. The occupancy permits have been reviewed by District legal counsel and insurance agent of record.

Middle School Athletics Update

Superintendent Les Fujitake provided an update on middle school athletics to the School Board on January 27. At that time, he requested and received from the School Board more time to present options for providing middle school sports as a result of Right Sizing the Budget. Tonight's update is similar to that time.

Last week, the Superintendent met with the Board Chair and Vice Chair and asked for more time for the development and preparation of options with a target date of presenting an option to the Board on April 6.

COVID-19
Update

Executive Director of Community Relations and Emergency Management Rick Kaufman and Health Services Supervisor Hannah Hatch updated the School Board on the preparation and response plans regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and work with Bloomington Public Health, Minnesota Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The following plans are currently operational: school closures; student absence and health monitoring; staff attendance guidelines, absence and health monitoring; continuation of learning plan, student exclusion guidelines for events, athletics and activities; school cleaning and sanitizing. Hannah reviewed the new attendance policy, which will now include modifications as recommended by the CDC: No incentivized attendance for the remainder of the year. Students not required to provide a medical provider's note for any influenza-like illness even if they reached the current excused absence threshold. Parents are encouraged to report student's absence. Attendance plan for staff. Plans under development include: school closure instruction plan, school closure employee requirements, transportation and food services. Communication plans includes frequent updates for staff and families, website updates, etc.

VII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Board member reported on meetings and activities. Beth Beebe highlighted the Bloomington Bookfest and recent tours of Bloomington Transition Center and Project SEARCH at Embassy Suites. Mia Olson reported on Bloomington United for Youth—now Youth for Youth; there is a fundraiser for Oasis for Youth event on May 1 to support the homeless; the event is no longer called Box City Vigil. The JETS Adapted Floor Hockey tournament is this weekend. Dawn Steigauf reported on the Pathways Advisory Committee meeting that included topics of the Safe and Support Schools plan and Visual Arts and Music curriculum. She attended *Newsies* performed at Olson Middle School. Nelly Korman reminded the public that Oak Grove Middle School will be presenting *Frozen* this week.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake shared upcoming sessions needed for the Board. Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded to establish the following sessions:
March 16 - professional development at 5:30 pm (MSBA training #1)
April 20 - professional development at 5:30 pm (MSBA training #2)
May 4 - study session at 6:00 pm for Facilities Master Planning
May 18 - professional development at 4:00 pm for equity conversations
Sessions to be held at the Educational Services Center. Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent gave a legislative update. The District is working with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requesting the MDE apply to the Federal government asking for ACT to replace high school MCAs for Reading and Math. The bill passed the House Education Policy Committee and has been forwarded to the House Education Finance Committee. Hopefully, the bill will receive a hearing.

IX. OTHER None.

X. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, Beth Beebe moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. A closed session followed the meeting.

Dawn Steigauf, Clerk