

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
May 5, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the virtual Special Meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 271 was called to order by Chair Nelly Korman at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

**Roll Call**

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

Chair Korman announced that the School Board meeting is being conducted remotely via Google Meet, it is being live streamed by BEC TV and will be replayed per the usual BEC TV replay schedule.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Nelly Korman moved, Tom Bennett seconded, to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

**Superintendent Search**

The School Board interviewed two finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools— Dr. Eric Melbye and Dr. Brian Zambreno. Upon conclusion of the interviews and after a brief break, deliberations commenced. Summaries of reference checks were given by Heather Starks for Dr. Melbye and Beth Beebe for Dr. Zambreno. School Board members shared their thoughts of the strengths of each candidate. School Board members highlighted the value of the community survey results (1,077 responses) and results of the stakeholder group (30) interview feedback as they considered their decision.

Tom Bennett moved, Jim Sorum seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 extends the offer of an employment contract for the position of Superintendent of Bloomington Public Schools to Dr. Eric Melbye contingent upon the following: that a mutually-agreeable employment contract is negotiated and a criminal background check is completed with results acceptable to the School Board. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye.

During the meeting, Chair Korman contacted Dr. Melbye; he is humbled and honored to accept the position. Jim Sorum will work with legal counsel and the Executive Director of Human Resources regarding contract negotiations.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Jim Sorum moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to adjourn the Special Meeting. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Heather Starks, Clerk