

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

August 9, 2021

- 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 August 9, 2021, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Chair Korman announced that the School Board meeting tonight is live and in-person and is being live streamed by BEC TV and will be replayed per the usual BEC TV replay schedule.
- Chair Korman stated: We acknowledge that Bloomington Public Schools rests on the traditional, ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota. The name of our state is Mni Sota Makoce, Land where the waters reflect the skies or clouds. Mni means water; Sota means clear, but not perfectly so, cloudy. Makoce means a place, land or country. Recognizing the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory we reside on and a way of honoring the Indigenous people.
- Members Present: Nelly Korman, Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Vice Chair; Heather Starks, Clerk; Beth Beebe, Treasurer; Directors Tom Bennett, Mia Olson, and Jim Sorum.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Dave Heistad, Rick Kaufman, and Jennifer McIntyre.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Nelly Korman moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC
- Eric Melbye
- Chair Korman introduced Dr. Eric Melbye who started July 1st as the new Superintendent of Bloomington Public Schools. Dr. Melbye is no stranger to Bloomington. Prior to his most recent position as associate superintendent for middle schools and student services in the Anoka-Hennepin School District, he served in Bloomington Public Schools as assistant superintendent (2015-19), executive director of student services (2010-15), and special education supervisor (2003-06). He also spent 16 years in a variety of teaching and leadership positions with the Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative in Chaska. Dr. Melbye earned his graduate, educational specialist, and doctorate degrees from the University of St. Thomas, and an undergraduate degree from Minnesota State University, Moorhead.
- Public
- Chair Korman reviewed the current procedure for recognizing comments from the public. Three people submitted comment forms concerning mask requirements for the new school year—Jennifer Becker, Danielle Kromer, and Vanessa Pompei.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting June 28, 2021, and the Special School Board Meeting July 19, 2021.

Personnel Actions

b. Licensed Personnel: Employments, Rescission of Licensed Teacher Hire, Rescission of Non-Renewal of Probationary Licensed Teacher. Independent Personnel: Employment, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Employments. Changes of Status.

2. *Field Trips*

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

3. *Policy Approval*
Policy 414

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 414, Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse.

Policy 510.5

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 510.5, Shared-Time Students.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Brainpop
2021-2022

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Brainpop Sales Order that includes Terms of Service to purchase Brainpop software for elementary and middle school students. This order is effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Newsela
2021-2024

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Newsela Sales Order that includes Terms of Service to purchase Newsela software for our middle schools and high schools. This order is effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Savvas
2021-2027

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the three Savvas Sales Orders that include Terms of Service to purchase Savvas software and textbooks for high school AP students. The software orders are effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027.

Discovery Education
2021-2027

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Discovery Education Sales Order that includes Terms of Service to purchase Discovery Education software for our middle schools and New Code Academy. This order is effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027.

Student Teaching
Metropolitan State
2021-2024

e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Metropolitan State University. The agreement will be in effect July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

Literacy MN/ABE
2021-2022

f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of the Literacy Minnesota Adult Basic Education Technology Services Agreement with Literacy Minnesota. This Agreement will allow Metro South Adult Basic Education access to SID software and companion files that meet current Minnesota and National Reporting System guidelines as of May 1, 2021. The fee for these services is \$19,855.50. The term of this Agreement is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Supplemental
Transportation Services
Addendums 2021-2022

g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Contract Addendums for supplemental student transportation services with the following companies: Special Education Student Transportation Routes to Septran, Inc., Bloomington, MN at \$ 111.71 per route.

Supplemental Student Transportation to Park Adams, Inc., St. Louis Park, MN at \$345.08 per route, *and* Septran, Inc., Bloomington, MN at \$269.73 per route. Charter Transportation (as needed) to Park Adams, Inc., St. Louis Park, MN at \$161.25 per route, *and* Septran, Inc., Bloomington, MN at \$92.98 per route. Short Term Routes to Collaborative Transportation, Inc., St. Paul, MN at \$40.89-\$100 per trip depending on multiple riders and TCT Inc., Mendota Heights, MN at \$69.75 per trip.

District 917 TEA
Services 2021-2022

h. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agreement with Intermediate School District 917 to provide increased services for Early Childhood Special Education. The Agreement is in effect August 9, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Project Lead the Way

i. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agreement between Independent School District 271 and Project Lead The Way (PLTW). The initial term of this Agreement shall begin as of the date of signing and shall end on June 30 of the following year; this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for additional contract years (July 1-June 30) unless a party provides notice to the other party, in writing, no later than April 1 preceding the commencement of the next contract year that it is not renewing the Agreement.

BIG Hockey Games/
Practices 2021-2022

j. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Rental Agreements between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 for the use of the Bloomington Ice Garden for Games and Practices for the Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School hockey season. The term of the Agreements shall be from November 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

4. *Finance*
Receipts &
Disbursements

Receipts and Disbursements for June 2021.

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

VI. PART B
Paraprofessional
Negotiations Update

Mary Burroughs, Executive Director of Human Resources, provided an update regarding paraprofessional negotiations for 2019-2021 contract indicating that the next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2021.

Dissolution of Debate
& Speech Cooperative
Sponsorships

Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves dissolving the Debate Cooperative Sponsorship and the Speech Cooperative Sponsorship for Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools effective with the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Kennedy and Jefferson principals and activities directors have mutually agreed to dissolve the Debate and Speech Co-ops. By dissolving these two co-ops it would allow more opportunity for both Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School students. Speech and Debate are not team events so there is no need to co-op. We will keep the same budget and the same number of coaches (run through Jefferson High School) as we have in the past so there aren't any negative ramifications. This actually reverts back to the way we used to compete (prior to the MSHSL changing their co-oping language) by splitting at sections/state and giving students more opportunity to compete in their home high school.

K-12 Summer Programs Update

The School Board received an update on K-12 Summer Programs. Presenters included: Dr. Jenna Mitchler, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer McIntyre, Executive Director of Student Services; Dr. Molly Coyne, Director of Learning Supports; and Carrie Lindgren, Elementary Special Education Coordinator. A few highlights: 1,237 students participated (820 in person/417 virtual), 100 staff members, four weeks of elementary programming, seven weeks of middle school programming, and three weeks of high school programming. Elementary students applied reading and math while learning more about our environment and community. Middle school students focused on reading and math skills and went on adventures with Galaxy. High school students recovered lost credits with all core courses offered. There were many exploring opportunities. Extended School Year (EYS)—188 students (113 elementary, 38 middle, 37 high school) and 79 staff (28 licensed and 52 paraprofessionals). Summer Enrichment Camps—Nine camp opportunities. Each camp was one four-day week of 3.5 hours per day. There were eight elementary offerings and three high school offerings; 57 students participated in one or more camps. Early Childhood provided inclusion opportunities for 29 ECSE students in EYS. With additional state funds, 23 students with IEPs were provided Summer School. Teams completed 32 preschool evaluations. CHOICE Academy served 144 students who completed 226 credits. The summer food service program, supported by federal and state funding, made it possible to provide 50,739 meals to our families at no charge.

MDE Authorized Representative IOwA

Mia Olson moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 designates Superintendent Eric Melbye as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for the Education Identity and Access Management (EDIAM) system with authority to assign job duties and authorize user access for MDE secure Systems for Independent School District 271- Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires that school districts annually designate an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) to comply with State Access Control Security Standard 1.0, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The IOwA will assign job duties and authorize users access to MDE secure systems for its local education agency (LEA). This School Board action will be forwarded to the Minnesota Department of Education as a matter of record.

Board Goals 2020-2021 Summary

Chair Nelly Korman provided a summary of the progress the School Board made on its 2020-2021 goals. The Board's role is in the areas of Governance and Policy, Operational Oversight, Policy, Community Engagement and Superintendent Relations. A few summary points: a refresh of the Strategic Plan was not started due to the focus needed on pandemic-related issues. Dr. Dave Heistad and Dr. Julio Caesar presented School Start Time research information to the School Board. Policy and curriculum work included a focus on cultural proficiency. Two Safe and Supportive Schools Plan updates were received by the Board. The Board took action on 24 policies with attention given to policies related to Safe and Supportive Schools. Policy revisions included gender neutral terms and a lens of equity. The School Board conducted a Superintendent Search, which included engaging the community.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Bennett reported on the Intermediate School District 917 School Board organizational meeting that included two new board members and new Superintendent Dr. Michael Favor. Officers were elected; Mr. Bennett was elected as Treasurer. He also will serve on the Personnel Committee, which includes negotiations. Beth Beebe, Mia Olson, and Heather Starks highlighted their takeaways from the MSBA Summer Seminar, particularly the AMSD survey of students and staff regarding going back to school. Heather Starks shared that tonight there will be an announcement of the Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Eric Melbye reported on his first month as Superintendent that included connecting with many staff, city officials, legislators, metro superintendents, civic organization leaders and community members. He shared information on reconnecting and refocusing for 2021-2022 with an update on the work of our district Pandemic Response Team. Back to school plans will be shared with staff and parents/caregivers next week. First day of school for students in grades 6-12 is Wednesday, September 8. The first day for students in grades K-5 is Thursday, September 9. First day for students in early childhood and preschool is Friday, September 10. There is a community engagement live virtual event on Wednesday, August 25, from 7:00-8:30 pm; tune into BEC TV. This back-to-school event will feature panelists sharing what parents can expect this fall.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Nelly Korman adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Heather Starks, Clerk