

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

September 27, 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 September 27, 2021, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- 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; Tom Bennett, and Mia Olson.
- Member Absent: Jim Sorum.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Mary Burroughs, John Weisser and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Nelly Korman moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Student School Board Representatives
- Student representatives for the 2021-2022 school year introduced themselves. Janie Andersen is a Jefferson junior and Mya Marube is a Kennedy senior. Both students are serving their first year on the School Board. Each student shared a brief biography including why they wanted to serve in this capacity.
- Oath of Office
- District Legal Counsel David Holman administered the Oath of Office to the new student representatives to the School Board.
- Student representatives will attend School Board meetings on the fourth Monday of each month and participate in discussion of Board meeting agenda items. Student representatives on the School Board are non-voting members. The student representatives will give reports about school activities. Also, as student representatives to the School Board, Janie Andersen and Mya Marube will co-lead meetings of the high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council (BSAC).

Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation

Mia Olson moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) declaring Monday, October 11, 2021, as *Indigenous Peoples' Day* in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Indigenous Peoples' Day, also known as Native American Day, celebrates and honors the Indigenous Peoples of North America. On October 7, 2016, Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day for the State of Minnesota.

The proclamation was accepted by Gina Aulwes, Chair of the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC).

Student School Board Representative Reports

Janie Andersen shared Jefferson activities and highlights: students enjoy being in-person at school, Pathfinders welcoming new students and available to assist underclassmen, pep rally held outside, activities fair showcasing a variety of clubs available at JHS, homecoming coronation, spirit week activities and the upcoming homecoming football game and dance.

Mya Marube shared Kennedy activities and highlights: students return to in-person learning is a positive, fall sports have begun with a strong start—soccer, football, volleyball—show choir started this week, and looking forward to homecoming activities next week with the football game on Friday, October 8.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Eric Melbye called for a motion to establish a School Board Retreat on Wednesday, October 6, at 4:15 pm to discuss Superintendent and School Board goals and facilities. The retreat will take place at Civic Plaza. So moved by Beth Beebe, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.

Four Bloomington seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. Alexander Kiner, Jamie Melville and Joseph Shetaye from Jefferson High School, and Isaac Stein from Kennedy High School are candidates for merit scholarships to be awarded early next year. More than 1.5 million high school juniors enter the National Merit Program each year by taking the Preliminary SAT, which serves as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists includes the highest scoring entrants in each state and represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors. Participation in the Ridgeview World Peace Pole unveiling, visited Olson, Ridgeview, and Valley View Elementary schools along with athletic games at the high schools. Attended the Education Foundation of Bloomington (EFB) quarterly meeting and was offered the opportunity to discuss partnership opportunities with EFB. Met with the Board Legislative Committee as we consider possible resolutions for MSBA consideration. Inducted into the Bloomington Noon Rotary. The Reconnect and Refocus plan is updated as needed. The update from the last meeting raised some questions regarding city case rates and district actual cases. This past week we had 28 confirmed cases among students, spread between our sites. Our mitigation strategies remain in place; a larger update on our data will be brought forth in October. Looking forward to homecoming football games; Jefferson on Friday, October 1 and Kennedy on Friday, October 8.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting September 13, 2021.

2. *Field Trips*

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

3. *Grants*
MDE Programming
Grant for ABE
2021-2022

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$425,560 Strengthen Adult Basic Education Programming Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education. The grant allocation is for school year 2021-2022.

CLSD Grant
Amendment
2021-2022

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Amendment from the Minnesota Department of Education to add funds and extend the grant dates to be effective September 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Creative Marketing
Solutions 2021-2022

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Marketing Contract between Ignition Creative Services and Independent School District 271. The contract provides Metro South Adult Basic Education with a marketing plan aimed at recruiting students and building full class capacity. The plan includes a budget of \$100,000. The term of this contract is October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Savvas/Biology
Software
2021-2023

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Savvas Sales Order that includes Terms of Use to purchase Miller & Levine Biology software for high school students. This order effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Recover Health of
Minnesota

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the 2021-2022 Contract for Services with Recover Health of Minnesota, Inc. to provide one-to-one staffing for the Special Education Department. This contract is effective from September 28, 2021 and shall remain in effect until June 4, 2022 unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

Maxim Healthcare
Staffing Solutions
Amendment

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 has had in effect the Staffing Agreement with Educational Institution and Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. DBA Maxim Staffing Solutions since September 2019 and approves the Amendment to the Agreement for the increase in rates for nurses with an RN or an LPN license. This agreement is in effect for the time period of the original contract and automatically renews at the end of each subsequent year unless terminated.

5. *Finance*

District Insurance
Renewals 2021-2022

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271, for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, renew our District's insurance: Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance including Auto and Umbrella policies with WRM and American Family Home Insurance Company; annual premium \$333,592.07. Educators Errors and Omissions and Employment Practices Liability policy with Greenwich Insurance Company; annual premium \$55,380. Equipment Breakdown Coverage with Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company; annual premium \$9,482.

Employee Fidelity Coverage with National Union Fire Insurance Company; annual premium \$12,178. Storage Tank Environmental Impairment Liability policy with Admiral Insurance Company; annual premium \$9,701.22. Identity Fraud Expense Coverage with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America; Annual premium \$5,895. Cyber Risk Coverage with Benchmark Insurance Company; annual premium \$40,358.24.

Finance Reports
Receipts &
Disbursements

- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for July-August 2021.
- c. Receipts and Disbursements for July-August 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.

VII. PART B
Paraprofessional
Negotiations
Update

Mary Burroughs, Executive Director of Human Resources, updated the School Board on Paraprofessionals negotiations. All units except paraprofessionals have ratified their contract settling within Board parameter. Due to the length of time in negotiations, and known state funding, two contract cycles are currently being discussed. The paraprofessional unit and the District have met many times, including three rounds of mediation and additional sessions after mediation failed to bring about an agreement. There have been two meetings since August 24, 2021. Ms. Burroughs presented the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 wage schedules from the District's last offer. A market adjustment was done for Class III, Steps 1-4, for the 2020-2021 school year. If the District offer was accepted, the wage range for the 2020-2021 school year for Class III paraprofessionals, which includes 97% of the Unit, would be \$18.00-\$21.75 in non-longevity steps. Members would receive an average of about \$1,800 in back pay for the 2019-2021 contract. As of late this afternoon, the next negotiations session has been scheduled for October 6.

NTL Update

The School Board received an update on the Next Technologies for Learning (NTL) presented by John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services; Rebecca Brower, Assistant Principal for New Code Academy; and Annie Schroeder, District Computer Science Digital Learning Specialist. John Weisser spoke to past work and the foundational elements of the first five years of NTL resulting from the technology levy of 2013— 1:1 devices were provided to students, internet access for students at school or at home, and skills—incorporating new tools for staff and providing student data to parents. NTL focus areas for 2021-2022: Foundations (skills, tools and data); Anytime, Anywhere Learning, and Opportunities. Highlights of New Code Academy were shared by Ms. Brower focusing on management, instruction and learning supports. Ms. Schroeder shared the opportunities available to students through technology and highlighted the Computer Science immersion program that is in year three at Indian Mounds and Poplar Bridge and in year one at NCA Elementary School. The program will be expanded into 7th grade at Olson Middle School and launching in grades 6, 7, 8 at NCA. All students will have the opportunity for a computer science experience this year. Mr. Weisser expressed appreciation to all NTL collaborators in and out of the District. The University of Minnesota is a partner for this program and will conduct an evaluation that includes the elements of – skills, equity and joy for both students and staff.

Donations

Mia Olson moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$5,620.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation of \$1,000.00 to Westwood Elementary School from Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miller to be used at the principal's discretion for building needs. Donation of \$1,500.00 to Pond, Volunteer Connection from Oak Grove Presbyterian Church for Homework Connection programs and scholarships for students attending Kids Safari. Donation of \$3,120.00 to Pond, Volunteer Connection from Rotary Club of Bloomington for school supplies to Valley View Middle School and Indian Mounds Elementary School; school supply orders will be processed by the Volunteer Connection office.

Proposed 2021
Payable 2022
Property Tax Levy

Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the property tax levy for the proposed 2021 payable 2022 levy of \$63,262,900. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of any changes to levy amounts by the Minnesota Department of Education, it is the intent of the School Board of Independent School District 271 to levy the appropriate amount as allowed by law. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2021 PAYABLE 2022 LEVIES

Referendum	\$19,198,958
Referendum Other	8,313,496
Community Education	1,932,716
Debt	12,381,762
Other	21,435,969
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$63,262,900</u>

	Pay 2021	Pay 2022	Diff Pay 21 to Pay 22	%
Operating Referendum	\$28,837,261	\$27,512,454	(\$1,324,807)	- 4.6%
Non-Referendum	\$33,528,762	\$35,750,447	\$2,221,685	6.6%
Total	\$62,366,023	\$63,262,900	\$896,878	1.4%

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, reported that the School Board is required to certify a preliminary levy annually. Mr. Zivkovich reviewed the five levy categories in detail noting that the overall increase is 1.4% over last year. The District is required to submit this certified preliminary levy information to the County by September 30, 2021. This certified preliminary levy information will be used by the County to generate property tax notices that show parcel specific tax impact for each taxpayer in our district for the coming year. These notices will be mailed in November 2021. The final levy will be certified by the School Board on December 13, 2021. This final certified levy information will be used by the County to calculate actual property taxes payable in 2022.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Mia Olson attended the Special Education Advisory Council. Mia Olson, Beth Beebe and Heather Starks attended the Board Student Advisory Council (BSAC) meeting with the high school students and co-leaders Janie Andersen and Mya Marube. Dawn Steigauf attended the EFB quarterly meeting and highlighted examples of grants being funded by EFB through American Family Insurance; grants to be accepted by the School Board at the next meeting. Heather Starks attended the PTSA Council meeting and highlighted the Jefferson and Kennedy Athletic Hall of Fame events. Nelly Korman reported on Board Legislative Committee meeting with the Superintendent. Four of our Board members are representatives to the MSBA Delegate Assembly— Nelly Korman, Beth Beebe, Mia Olson and Heather Starks.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Nelly Korman moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Heather Starks, Clerk