

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

May 9, 2022

- 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 Tom Bennett at 7:00 p.m. on April 25, 2022, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Chair Bennett acknowledged 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: Tom Bennett, Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Mia Olson, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Matt Dymoke, and Dawn Steigauf.
- Members Absent: Heather Starks, Vice Chair.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, Andy Kubas, Jennifer McIntyre, and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Closed Session Chair Tom Bennett called for a motion for 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 Matt Dymoke, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, to approve the agenda. At the recommendation of Superintendent Eric Melbye, Beth Beebe moved, Mia Olson seconded, to remove one item from Part A, Policy 203, School Board meetings, and one from Part B, the English/Language Arts Standards Grades K-5. The motion to approve the amendment to the agenda was called by the Chair. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Bennett called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended, so moved by Matt Dymoke, seconded by Nelly Korman. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS Executive Director of Special Education Jennifer McIntyre highlighted the Special Education Community Advisory Council Special Caring Awards celebration held April 25th. Co-chairs of the committee are Scott Stevens and Kim Pawek.
- SECAC Special Caring Awards

This year's award recipients are as follows:

Angela Vaudreuil, Special Education Teacher, Jefferson High School
Don Cannon, Paraprofessional, New Code Academy
Helen Wells, Special Education Teacher, Washburn Elementary School
Joselito Ignacio, Bus Specialist, Transportation Department
Ken Holt, Paraprofessional, Washburn Elementary School
Kevin O'Brien, Lead Custodian, Oak Grove Middle School
Nancy Lowe, Physical Therapist, Districtwide
Serena Christensen, Grade 4 Teacher, Washburn Elementary School

Employees/
Support Services
School Communications
Leadership Team

Employees were recognized for their commitment and significant contributions in serving the students, families and staff of Bloomington Public Schools. Speaking for Support Services was Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services along with Dave Kusinski for Custodial/Maintenance and Robin Bloom, Rynetta Renford for Food Service, Tim Rybak for Transportation along with bus driver Tammy O'Laughlin Vidmar, Rick Kaufman for School Communications, and Superintendent Eric Melbye for the Leadership Team—Cabinet, Principals, Supervisors and Managers.

Student Board
Representatives
Report

Janie Andersen and Mya Marube reported on activities at their respective schools, including prom and graduation, and submitted a recommendation to the School Board from the high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council for two student representatives to the School Board for next year.

Student School
Representatives
2022-2023

Mia Olson moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the following students as representatives to the School Board for the 2022-2023 school year: Jefferson High School – Janie Andersen, gr.12 and Kennedy High School – Kelly Olson, gr. 12. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 202.1 establishes the role of School Board Student Representatives. The high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council (BSAC) establish the application process, a screening and selection process, and a timeline for the process of selecting student representatives to the School Board. High School juniors and seniors can apply; an applicant must be endorsed by their respective principal. In accordance with the policy, at a School Board meeting, the sitting Board Student Representatives will nominate the applicants recommended by the BSAC to be their successor. The full School Board will vote to authorize the nominated students to be advisory, non-voting members of the School Board for the term of one school year. Student Board Representatives attend one meeting per month from September through May.

This is the last meeting of the year for Mya Marube and Janie Andersen. Mia Olson, Chair of the Board Student Advisory Council Committee, expressed appreciation to them for serving as student representatives to the School Board this year and for providing the leadership for the high school BSAC meetings. The students were presented with a brass star paperweight engraved with their name and the school year.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Eric Melbye reported on the following topics: Many of our schools are planning in-person end-of-year celebrations, which they have not been able to do for a couple of years. Attended the PTSA Council meeting; this group is very engaged with district leadership and has a desire to be advocates for the Board's legislative priorities. Good news on the student data privacy bill front. The concerning aspects of the proposed legislation (parent opt out of systems and limits on district monitoring of district devices) has been addressed in the Senate and the House has verbally agreed to follow suit; it appears our advocacy to address those concerns has been heard and will be acted upon. Additionally, the special education cross-subsidy funding is still in play. There was a major news conference today at the State Capitol with representatives from Minnesota educational advocacy groups and parent advocacy groups pushing for special education funding.

The School Board honors staff for their years of service to the Bloomington School District with the School Service Awards reception and ceremony. Staff members who are retiring or leaving the District and have served the District for at least 10, but less than 15 years, receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Staff members who have served the District for 15 years or more receive a school bell. This staff recognition is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25. The awards presentation will take place in the Oak Grove Middle School Auditorium at 6:30 pm. For the honorees who participate in this ceremony, there will be a reception in the cafeteria at 5:45 pm.

There will be a professional development session of the School Board on Monday, May 16, at 5:30 pm. The topic is cultural proficiency. So moved by Matt Dymoke and seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Actions

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting April 11, 2022.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments.
Administrative Personnel: Employment. Independent Personnel: Employment.
Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

2. *Policy Approval*
Policy 410

Policy 413

Policy 416

Policy 417

Policy 418

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 410, Family and Medical Leave.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 413, Harassment and Violence.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 416, Drug and Alcohol Testing.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 417, Chemical Use and Abuse.
- e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 418, Drug-Free Workplace /Drug-Free Schools.

3. *Grants/Grant Agreements*

Bus Stop Arm Cameras

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$154,194.00 grant agreement from Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, to provide School Bus Stop Arm Signal Cameras to District buses. The agreement term is May 9, 2022 through October 15, 2023.

BusPatrol America

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract with BusPatrol America LLC to install automated school bus stop arm camera enforcement systems and other student safety equipment on the District's entire fleet of 60 buses for the purpose of conducting a pilot program. This pilot program is funded by a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Naviance

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 Approves the Naviance by PowerSchool Renewal, New Sales Order and Addendum to the Terms of Service between Independent School District 271 and PowerSchool effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

TS Gold Online
Service Agreement

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Service Agreement between Teaching Strategies, LLC and Independent School District 271. The agreement provides access by the District's Early Learning Services Department to TS Gold online assessment services. The agreement allows for 500 assessments at a cost of \$5,475. The subscription period will begin on August 1, 2022 and expire on July 31, 2023.

Web Based Training
Agreement
Education To Go

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Web Based Training Agreement between Education To Go (ed2go) and Independent School District 271 to provide online education through ed2go's online course platform.

Student Teaching
U of North Dakota

- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with the University of North Dakota. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Student Teaching
North Central University

- e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with North Central University. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

3. *Finance*

Finance Reports
Receipts &
Disbursements

- a. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures March 2022.
- b. Receipts and Disbursements March 2022.

Matt Dymoke moved, Beth Beebe 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

Science Standards
Grades 9-12

Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the prioritized Science standards for grades 9-12 effective with the 2022-2023 school year.

In an overview presentation by curriculum leaders Andy Kubas, Beth Flottmeier and Marcie Coval, the School Board received a review of the curriculum timeline and was informed about recent changes in state-mandated academic standards. A revision for Grades 6 and 8 switched upon implementation: Gr. 6 now Earth Science, Gr. 8 now Physical Science, Gr. 9 Earth and Space Science, and there is horizontal course alignment at the middle and high school levels.

Over the past two years, the 9-12 Science Curriculum Review Team has examined and prioritized the District's 9-12 science standards and benchmarks, the foundation of the District's science curriculum. These prioritized standards and benchmarks have been reviewed and are supported by the District's Pathways Advisory Committee, District Diversity Advisory Committee and the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee and are recommended for adoption by the District's High School Science Curriculum Review Team and High School principals.

School Board members discussed the standards and state mandates. Director Beebe had questions regarding the benchmarks and standards questioning the inclusion of anatomy and wanted verification that this was correct. Beth Beebe moved to table the Science Standards for Grades 9-12. Motion died for lack of a second.

Chair Bennett called for the question on the original motion to adopt the prioritized Science standards for grades 9-12 effective with the 2022-2023 school year. All directors present voted aye except Beth Beebe, who voted nay. Motion carried. 5-1.

Vendors & Rates
Group Insurance
2022-2023

Beth Beebe moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the vendors and rates for District group insurance for the 12-month period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, per the attached memo (on file).

1. PreferredOne – Third Party Administrator for Self-Funded Health Insurance
2. PreferredOne Insurance Company (PIC) – Reinsurance for Self-Funded Health Insurance
3. Fairview – Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
4. HealthEquity – Health Savings Accounts Provider
5. Delta Dental – Third Party Administrator for Self-Funded Dental Insurance
6. Hartford – Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance
7. Hartford – Life Insurance
8. OneDigital – Benefits Consultant
9. Benefit Extras, Inc. – Benefits Administrator (Retiree, COBRA & Flex Spending)
10. VOYA – Critical Care Insurance Program
11. Voluntary Programs

Motion carried unanimously.

This Board motion follows the move in 2010 to consolidate Board motions regarding District group insurance. The attached memo provides the specifics of the recommended resolution, as well as significant background information.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Matt Dymoke gave a reminder of the Education Foundation of Bloomington golf tournament in July and mentioned that as a new board member, he has completed visits to all of the schools. Mia Olson reported on the District Diversity Advisory Committee (DDAC) meeting and provided topic highlights. She would like to explore combining DDAC and Board Student Advisory Council (BSAC) for a meeting next year. Beth Beebe reported on Community Collaborative Council (CCC) and DDAC meetings and topics discussed. She shared that parent representation is lacking on both of those committees.

Dawn Steigauf reported on the PTSA Council meeting at which officers were elected, bylaws reviewed, information received regarding the upcoming referendum renewal, and the districtwide food drive 2023. She also reported on the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council (BPSAC) meeting at which topics included bylaws review, a legislative update, and upcoming advocacy topics for the committee. She also highlighted the recent SECAC awards ceremony. Tom Bennett reported on District 917 activities that include strategic planning and Linda Berg, Executive Assistant to the District 917 School Board and Superintendent, was elected as Executive Assistant of the Year by the Minnesota Superintendents' Office Personnel Association.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Tom Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. A closed session for negotiations followed the meeting.

Nelly Korman, Clerk