

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

August 22, 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 August 22, 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; Heather Starks, Vice Chair; Nelly Korman, Clerk; Mia Olson, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Matt Dymoke and Dawn Steigauf.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Julio Caesar, Jake Winchell and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Matt Dymoke moved and Heather Starks seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- Superintendent Eric Melbye reported that many back-to-school events are being planned for this week in preparation for the new school year. Elementary Assessment Days are August 24 and August 29. First day of school for students in Grades 6-12 is August 29. The first day for students in grades K-5 is August 30. There is no school on September 1, 2 or 5. Enrollment continues to trend in a positive direction. We are well staffed and ready to welcome students next week. The areas we continue to need help include paraprofessionals and substitute teachers. Visit the website for more information on how to apply for those positions.
- The School Board is planning a retreat. Dawn Steigauf moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, to establish the retreat on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 12:30 pm to discuss strategic planning. The retreat will be held at Bloomington Civic Plaza in the Haeg Conference Room. Motion carried unanimously.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting August 8, 2022.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Rescission of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers. Independent Personnel: Employment, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.

Personnel Actions

2. *Grants*

Integrated English
Literacy & Civics
Education/Metro South

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education grant awarded by the Minnesota Department of Education. Metro South Adult Basic Education was awarded \$47,840.22 for school year 2022-2023.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$20,000.00 grant from the Walsler Foundation to support the Automotive Technology Program at the Bloomington Career and College Academy. The grant period is for the 2022-2023 school year.

Walsler Foundation
for BCCA 2022-2023

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

BAYADA Home Health
Care 2022-2023

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. and Independent School District 271 effective August 22, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

MN State Mankato
Nurse Clinical Experience
Pond Health Commons
2022-2027

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Minnesota State University, Mankato and Independent School District 271 for a nursing clinical experience program. The term of the Memorandum of Agreement is from August 29, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

Turnitin 2022-2023

- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 Approves the Sales Order that includes Terms of Service Agreement with Turnitin for Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School. This order is effective August 29, 2022 through August 29, 2023.

BrainPOP Software
Elementary & Middle
School 2022-2023

- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the BrainPOP Sales Order that includes the Terms of Service Agreement for elementary and middle school subscription. This order is effective September 18, 2022 through September 17, 2023.

HTC Cosmetology
Cancellation/BCCA
2022-2023

- e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the cancellation of the Customized Training Income Contract between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The term of the agreement was from August 29, 2022 through June 1, 2023.

Century College
Cosmetology/BCCA
2022-2023

- f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Customized Training Income Contract between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Century College and Independent School District 271 to provide Cosmetology instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy. The term of this agreement is from August 29, 2022 through June 1, 2023.

NWEA Master Subscription

g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the updated Master Subscription Agreement with NWEA for providing assessment services to measure student performance in the areas of Math, Language Usage and Reading focused specifically on student growth. The updated agreement is effective July 1, 2022.

Knowledge Academy 2022-2023

h. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Knowledge Academy LLC effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Literacy Minnesota ABE Technology Services

i. 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, 2022. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

5. *Finance*
Receipts &
Disbursements

a. Receipts and Disbursements for July 2022.

Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf moved, 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
JumpStart2School
Update

The JumpStart2School distribution of school supplies event was held August 11 at Kennedy High School. Although school supply donations decreased this year, 550 backpacks were filled and distributed to Bloomington students. This event is made possible by partners—VEAP, City of Bloomington, My Credit Union, CSL Plasma and Bloomington Public Schools. Appreciation was expressed to the partners and the many volunteers who assisted with this event. School supply donations that come in after the event will be directed to schools as needed.

BCCA & CHOICE
Update

Gary Kressin is the Director of the Bloomington Career and College Academy (BCCA), a unique, innovative Bloomington Public Schools program giving students the opportunity to explore or begin a career path while in high school. Students learn from college instructors, earning college credit and high school STEM or elective credit. Students will graduate ready to continue their education and training, or begin a career. Open enrollment is available for students who do not reside in Bloomington. Students will enroll in either Jefferson High School or Kennedy High School and register for Career and College Academy.

A few statistics regarding BCCA—enrollment for 2021-22 was 478 students and for 2022-2023 enrollment is at 679 students. The following Pathways are offered: Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Health Care—Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Automotive, Motion Control, Information Technologies (IT), Cosmetology, and new for 2022-2023, Marine Power Sports. Last year, BCCA students earned 821 Minnesota State transcribed credits saving \$341,237 in college tuition.

Gary Kressin is the principal of CHOICE Academy. CHOICE recognizes the uniqueness of each student and life circumstances that create a need for an alternative to the traditional school setting. Choice Academy serves students ages 17-21 who have fallen behind in high school, who want to attend a program that better fits their individual needs, or who have dropped out and want to return to complete their high school education. For 2021-2022, 194 students enrolled of which 62 graduated earning 1,316 credits. Of 156 students that graduated, 88 indicated they would continue in a post-secondary education program such as Normandale Community College, the University of Minnesota, a technical college or other. Summer School 2021 had 144 students enrolled with 37 graduates earning 227 credits. Summer School 2022 had 108 students enrolled with 57 graduates earning 228 credits.

Metro South ABE
Update

Kellie McGowan is the Director of Metro South Adult Basic Education, a program that started in 1970 to provide basic educational opportunities to adults in Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, and Richfield. Classes are offered in the areas of GED test preparation, high school diploma programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) and basic skills such as Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The mission is to support the lives of all adults who wish to improve their lives through literacy, education, career development and lifelong learning. Metro South is a bridge that connects adults to important next steps in their lives that includes new or better jobs, expanded careers, further education, and improved family and community effectiveness. Students come from all over the world—81 countries and 56 language backgrounds. Standards based curriculum is delivered at two main campuses and at collaborative sites throughout the consortium. Course offerings include English Language, Adult Diploma, GED, College Prep, Career Pathways and Citizenship (volunteer led). Many courses lead to an industry recognized certificate. Program offerings for 2021-2022 included Office Assistant, Medical Terminology, Child Development Associates, Nursing Assistant, Community Interpreter Training, and Personal Care Assistant. Program offerings for 2022-2023 include Office Assistant, Medical Terminology, Nursing Assistant Preparation, Personal Care Assistant, Community Interpreter Training, Commercial Driver's License and Driver License classroom training. There is a strong partnership with Career Force that includes two meetings each year to learn about current events and offerings and discuss local labor market information. Enrollment is increasing. By mid-October, enrollment is expected to be ahead of last year at that time.

Summer Facility
Construction &
Maintenance
Update

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, provided an overview of the District's long-term facility maintenance plan, summer 2022 construction projects and summer 2022 maintenance projects. The goal of the Facilities Maintenance Plan (FMP) is to create a quality learning environment that includes well-maintained and safe and secure facilities. Statutory requirements for well-maintained facilities includes compliance in the areas of lead in the water, indoor air quality, radon and ADA. A schedule of maintenance projects for 2023 was reviewed. The District continues to analyze needs to be incorporated in the Capital Projects Levy Renewal. Summer construction projects included a chiller plant to service Jefferson, Olson Middle and Olson Elementary; Jefferson roof (band and choir area), Olson front parking lot and maintenance of the Olson Middle School competition fields; Hillcrest underwent a total mechanical update that included dehumidification and updated building finishes.

Other projects: Valley View Middle flag and front berm areas, Kennedy tennis court resurface, Westwood landscaping and Oak Gove Middle repair tunnel for Buildings and Grounds garage. Additional projects included weekly grass cutting and site maintenance just under 400 acres; spaces cleaning covered 2.2 million square feet; summer programming took place at Oak Grove Middle and Elementary, Olson Middle and Elementary, Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools. Other Community Education programming took place at Ridgeview, Washburn, Indian Mounds, Westwood, Olson, Valley View Elementary and Middle.

Donations

Mia Olson moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations as, indicated in the background, in the amount of \$50,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

MONETARY—Donation of \$500 to Ridgeview Elementary School from University of Wisconsin-Madison to purchase books for the media center. Donation of \$300.00 to Kennedy High School from Vanguard for KCA. VALUE IN KIND-Donation of kitchen equipment to the ESC Food Service Department from North St. Paul School, which includes hot and cold serving equipment, carts and other food service equipment. An estimated value of \$50,000.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Heather Starks highlighted the Early Learning Services outreach at the Farmers Market on Wednesday evenings. Mia Olson called awareness to new legislation that limits screen time for early learners. Nelly Korman reported on meetings she attended—Action Network to Elevate Teaching that focused on challenges of the teaching profession. Education Transformation was the topic of a meeting sponsored by MSBA/AMSD/Knowledge Works/University of St. Thomas. AMSD is seeking board member input on legislative focuses for the 2023 session. Tom Bennett highlighted the back-to-school celebration for staff hosted at Kennedy High School that featured the band and Rhythm in Gold performances. Tom Ringdal was the emcee with featured speaker Superintendent Dr. Eric Melbye.

VIII. OTHER

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Tom Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk