

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

**September 12, 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 September 12, 2022, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> 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, John Weisser, Rick Kaufman, Jennifer McIntyre, Mary Burroughs and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Matt Dymoke moved and Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNIITONS
- First Days
- Video highlights of the first days of school 2022-2023 was shown.
- BEC TV
- BEC TV Director Tom Ringdal highlighted the background of BEC TV and the variety of platforms provided for viewing opportunities. BEC TV is soon coming up on 50 years of serving the community.
- Bloomington Educational Cable Television (BEC TV) programs were nominated by the Upper Midwest Emmy Foundation, the local chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Student Productions Awards recognize excellence in media production for high school and college/university students. Mr. Ringdal commented that the selection process covers a five-state area. A panel of video professionals reviews all submissions and decides which will be nominated to move forward. A panel of judges scores each nomination on a set of technical & artistic standards.

Two awards were received last spring--one for student-led productions and one for an individual honor. *Inside Football* was named the best student-produced program. Paul Fourniea, staff producer, introduced a few of the students who work on this weekly program--Lucas, Andrea and Andrew were in attendance. The individual recognized for being an AV All Star, chosen from two years of nominees in the five-state area, was Andrew Grund who is a recent Kennedy High School graduate who has been working with BEC TV for a number of years.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Eric Melbye attended the first PTSA Council meeting of the year. Our district is one of three in the state with a function on district level PTSA Council. The district was awarded one of 13 grants from the U.S. Department of Education for gifted and talented programs. The first-year award is for \$403,753 renewable for five years for a total of over \$2.5 million dollars. The grant will provide funding for the Renaissance Project, which this year will focus on identifying underrepresented students in kindergarten and first grade at Title 1 elementary schools, preparing students for gifted and talented services in second grade, and identifying and supporting grade 2-5 students into full-time gifted and talented programs.

Kennedy senior Ahmed Dualeh and junior Sadia Mohamud earned the National African American Recognition award from the College Board National Recognition program for academic achievements and outstanding scores in Advanced Placement. Kennedy High School senior Siri Anderson was selected to perform as a harpist for the Minnesota Music Educators Association's All-State orchestra for the second consecutive year.

The Minnesota Wild, in partnership with EVERFI and the NHL's Future Goals Program, honored Sheila Berg as the 2021-22 Minnesota Wild Teacher of the Year. She was previously recognized as one of their teachers of the month. Bloomington Public schools will be well represented at the Heritage Days parade Saturday, September 17.

Matt Dymoke moved, Beth Beebe seconded, to establish professional development sessions for the School Board at 5 pm on the following dates in 2022: September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

Personnel Actions

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting August 22, 2022.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Transportation 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Averaging.

2. *Field Trips*

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attachment (on file).

3. *Grants*

Non-Exclusionary  
Discipline Training &  
Support KHS

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Non-Exclusionary Discipline Training and Support Grant for Kennedy High School from the Minnesota Department of Education effective August 19, 2022 to September 30, 2024.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

- Every Meal Food Program 2022-2023
- AmeriCorps Reading & Math 2022-2023
- Minneapolis Community and Technical College KHS 2022-2023
- U of Denver Morgridge College of Education School Counseling Program 2022-2024
- Bemidji State Social Work Internship Program
- Infinite Campus
- Catalyst for Educational Change
- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Every Meal Food Program School Participation Agreement. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
  - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the AmeriCorps Site Agreement with Reading & Math, Inc. (including addendums) and Independent School District 271 for the 2022-2023 program year.
  - c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Agreement with Minneapolis Community and Technology College for the College NOW Concurrent Enrollment at Kennedy High School for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agency Affiliation Agreement with the University of Denver Morgridge College for the School Counseling@Denver Program to provide field placements for educational and on-the-job training experiences that would be beneficial to graduate students. The term of the agreement is August 8, 2022 through August 8, 2024.
  - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Bemidji State University and Independent School District 271 for a social work internship program. The term of the Memorandum of Agreement is from August 29, 2022 through December 16, 2022.
  - f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal agreement with Infinite Campus, Inc. The agreement includes an amendment to the user license agreement that includes Campus Messenger terms and conditions, and an Order and Pricing schedule for all Infinite Campus tools used by the District.
  - g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Consulting Services Agreement with Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC) to provide consulting services for strategic planning as set forth in the proposal document that includes the Scope of Work identified activities at a cost not to exceed \$35,180 plus consultant expenses for onsite visits.

5. *Finance*

Tuition Rates  
2022-2023

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes non-resident tuition rates to be charged for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

Kindergarten – Grade 6	per student	\$17,253
Grades 7 – 12	per student	\$20,703

Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman moved, 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

Safe & Innovative  
Schools Capital  
Projects Levy Renewal  
Presentation

An update on the 2022 Safe & Innovative Schools referendum (2013 Capital Projects Levy renewal) was presented by Rick Kaufman, Community Relations & Emergency Management; John Weisser, Technology & Information Services; Rod Zivkovich, Finance & Business Services; and Paige Rohman, Co-chair of the Community Advocacy Committee. The 2013 referendum funded \$6 million for ten years; it expires in 2024. The 2022 referendum approval would provide \$9.8 million for ten years (2025-2034). The percentage of tax capacity is no change from 2013—5.858% rate. No tax impact. The only affect to taxpayers is if the value of their property changes. Some key points: There is no final step to school safety. It requires ongoing commitment and focus on supporting learning and student well-being. Reinvest in Next Technologies for Learning to allow for growth of anytime/anywhere solutions and expansion of blended and online learning options and computer science. September 23 is the first day of early voting and absentee ballots available. Election day is November 8. School-based campaigns provide information and communication to parents. A complement to that is a community advocacy campaign. Co-chairs of the Community Advocacy Committee for the 2022 referendum are Curtis Griesel and Paige Rohman. The Community Advocacy Committee includes School Board representatives Tom Bennett and Heather Starks and various committees that include residents, parents, School Board members, and district leadership to provide support and encourage school teams with their information campaign. The Community Advocacy Committee assists through communications, personal connections and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts.

Policy Review

Heather Starks, Chair of the Board Policy Committee, provided an overview of the seven policies reviewed by the committee on September 1 and now are being brought to the Board for information and discussion. Tom Bennett and Matt Dymoke are the other two members of the committee. The policies have been reviewed and approved by legal counsel David Holman.

Policy 303

**Policy 303, Superintendent Selection – Eric Melbye**

*Recommendation: NO CHANGE*

Policy 303 was adopted February 27, 2017, and is being reviewed now as part of the five-year policy review cycle. Policy 303 follows the MSBA model policy. No changes are being recommended.

Policy 420

**Policy 420, Communicable Diseases – Jennifer McIntyre/Hannah Hatch**

*Recommendation: Revise*

Policy 420, Communicable Diseases, was adopted December 17, 1985, with the most recent revision on November 28, 2017, and is being reviewed now as a part of the five-year policy review cycle. Policy 420 follows the MSBA model policy. It is recommended that the District adopt the revised MSBA model policy with current District format and terms. This revised policy replaces the current policy including the revised language from the MSBA model policy and is titled Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions.

Policy 503.3

**Policy 503.3, Early Admission – Jennifer McIntyre**

*Recommendation: NO CHANGE in Policy [Regulation Change Only]*

Policy/Regulation 503.3 was adopted July 16, 1985, with revisions in 2003 and 2016; reviewed in February 2022 with no change. There is no change to the policy being recommended at this time. However, a revision to the regulation is being presented to clarify dates for early admission to kindergarten and first grade in accordance with the law.

Policy 424

**Policy 424, License Status – Mary Burroughs**

*Recommendation: Revise*

Policy 424 was adopted October 17, 2013, and revised November 28, 2016, and is being reviewed now as part of the five-year policy review cycle.

Policy 424 follows the MSBA model policy with modification. Minor revisions have been made to be consistent with current District format and terms.

Policy 450

**Policy 450, Professional Staff Development – Mary Burroughs**

*Recommendation: Revise*

Policy 450 was adopted February 26, 2011, with the most recent revision June 12, 2017 and is being reviewed now as part of the five-year policy review cycle. Minor revisions have been made to update the name of the area overseeing Professional Staff Development.

Policy 510.4

**Policy 510.4, Participation of Non-Enrolled Students in Bloomington Public Schools Activities – Jenna Mitchler**

*Recommendation: NO CHANGE*

Policy 510.4 was adopted in January 1999, reviewed September 1999, revised February 27, 2017 and is being reviewed now as part of the five-year policy review cycle. The high school athletic directors and principals have reviewed the policy and recommended no change.

Policy 513

**Policy 513, Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design – Jenna Mitchler**

*Recommendation: Revise*

Policy 513 was first adopted in 1987 with revisions in 2003, 2009 and 2018 at which time the MSBA model policy was used with some modification pertinent to our school district. The suggested revisions to the policy now reflect updated language regarding assessments, acceleration promotion, and consistent language around retention.

As the School Board approves policy and administration provides regulations defining how the policy will be implemented, Director Beebe requested edits to this regulation for clarity as it relates to fees and a timeline similar to Policy 503. Dr. Mitchler will provide clarifying language in the regulation to address concerns raised in discussion and make revisions for the final review at the next Board meeting when Policy 513 will be submitted for approval.

**VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Heather Starks visited schools and expressed appreciation to staff for that courtesy during this busy time of school beginning. She also shared that the School Board will be walking in the Heritage Days Parade. Mia Olson announced that the Early Learning Advisory Committee will be hosting an open house for Bloomington and Richfield parents of students with special needs on October 8 at Augsburg Park in Richfield.

Nelly Korman highlighted the Hispanic Heritage Days events sponsored by the Office of Educational Equity this past Saturday. Mia Olson and Beth Beebe also attended this event. Beth Beebe shared information from AMSD. Matt Dymoke and Dawn Steigauf visited their ambassador schools first week of school. Dawn Steigauf and Heather Starks attended a League of Women Voters meeting. Dawn Steigauf reported on meetings of the PTSA Council and the Special Education Advisory Council.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Tom Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk