

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

October 10, 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 October 10, 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, John Weisser.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Beth Beebe moved and Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS Kennedy High School Theatre will be presenting “Mamma Mia” October 28-30 under the direction of Tanya Laumann. Four cast members performed a selection from the musical.
- Mamma Mia
- Tinkerbell Jefferson High School Theatre will be presenting “Tinkerbell” October 14-16 under the direction of Laura Schmit. Tinkerbell was in attendance to recite a few lines from the play.
- V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT Superintendent Eric Melbye highlighted Justin Lund, elementary Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE) teacher at Poplar Bridge and Ridgeview who was named Minnesota DAPE Teacher of the year. Justin is a leader in our DAPE department creating an extraordinary amount of online content during COVID and for New Code Academy last year. Justin initiated Unified PE classes in his former buildings (Normandale Hills and Washburn) and has continued to forge collaborative relationships in his new buildings this year. Bloomington has a long tradition of offering an exceptional DAPE program.

There is a professional development session scheduled for the School Board October 17 at 5:00 pm. Next week, Wednesday through Friday, there is no school for students grades K-12. It is a professional development day for some staff on Wednesday, October 19, and Education Minnesota conference days are on Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes
Personnel Actions

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting September 26, 2022.
- b. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Employments.

2. *Grants*
Javits Foundation

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Gifted and Talented Students Gifted Education Program grant awarded by the Javits Foundation. The Gifted and Talented department has been awarded \$403,753.00 for school year 2022-2023.

3. *Contracts/Agreements*
Cornerstone Advocacy
Services/JHS 2022-2025

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Cornerstone Advocacy Services. The term of this agreement is September 27, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

4. *Finance*
Polling Places 2022

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached list (on file) of polling places for the school district as provided by the City of Bloomington as required by law.

Referendum Election
2022 Judges

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointment of election judges for the Special Election on November 8, 2022.

Matt Dymoke 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

Reserve Teachers
& Paraprofessionals
Wage Increase

Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the full day beginning wage for reserve teachers to be \$200.00 per day for the first 40 days and to be \$205.00 per day after 40 accumulated work days, and \$215.00 per day for Bloomington School retirees effective October 1, 2022. A \$15.00 incentive will continue for reserve teachers who work on Fridays. In addition, the paraprofessional substitute rate will move from \$18.81 per hour to \$19.33 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

This increase is necessary to retain the core of quality reserve teachers and paraprofessionals we employ, to attract high-quality new reserve teachers and paraprofessionals, to respond to a steady decrease of reserve teachers and paraprofessionals available for employment and to continue rewarding reserve teachers for working on our hardest to fill day of the week.

NTL Update

A Next Technologies for Learning (NTL) update was given to the School Board by John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services; Holly Skadsem, Elementary Digital Learning Coordinator; Stephanie MacPhail, Technology Integrationist at Normandale Hills and Westwood; and Andrew Rummel, Secondary Digital Learning Coordinator. NTL is the comprehensive plan that guides the implementation of technology referendum dollars—Foundations, Anytime/Anywhere Learning and opportunities. Tools include 1:1 devices for grades 1-12 and 1:2 devices for kindergarten students; internet at school and home; Seesaw and Canvas as tools for learning, planning and communicating. Presenters reviewed supports for tools and the development of skills and highlighted Anytime/Anywhere Learning and how students are active problem solvers and creators. Computer Science (CS) for all programming focuses on Skills (transferable thinking skills), Equity (increase participation) and Joy (solve problems students care about)—Grades K-5: Free after school elementary programs will be implemented at all sites during the school year and summer. Grades 6-12: Developing sustainable robotics, coding and app development after school opportunities. Grades 9-12: Recognizing the belonging of all students in CS through the development of business/industry partnership to support internships and apprenticeships. NTL involves many collaborators—K-12 Tech Integrationist Team, Learning & Teaching, Special Education, Media Specialists, Learning Supports, students and teachers, L&T Learning Collaborative at the University of Minnesota-Lana Peterson and Cassie Scharber, Code Savvy and many more.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Matt Dymoke highlighted the recent homecoming activities and upcoming performances. Beth Beebe reported on the Community Collaboration Council. Mia Olson reported on the AMSD meeting and speaker and highlighted today as Indigenous Peoples Day. Dawn Steigauf reported on meetings of the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council that included the three new members noting applications for membership are welcome, PTSA Council at which chemical health was discussed as part of a students in crisis topic. Tom Bennett reported on the District 917 Board meeting that included an enrollment report.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Tom Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk