

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

September 26, 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 26, 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; Matt Dymoke and Dawn Steigauf.
- Member Absent: Beth Beebe.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Julio Caesar 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. RECOGNITIONS
- National Merit Semifinalists
- The School Board recognized three National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. Dr. Jaysen Anderson, Jefferson High School Principal, introduced Charlie Grant and Adam Lueth. Ms. Molly Hollenbeck, Kennedy High School Principal, introduced Maisie Pederson. Students shared plans for the future and principals highlighted the students' accomplishments. These students represent the academic top one percent (1%) of all high school students in the country.
- Student School Board Representatives
- Student representatives for the 2022-2023 school year introduced themselves. Janie Andersen is a Jefferson senior and Kelly Olson is a Kennedy senior. Janie is serving her second year on the School Board and Kelly is serving her first year. 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 this year's 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 Kelly Olson will co-lead meetings of the high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council (BSAC).

Hispanic/Latino
Heritage Month
Proclamation

Nelly Korman moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) declaring September 15 through October 15, 2022, as Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

The observance started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402. The School Board joins the Governor in proclaiming Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month for 2022.

The proclamation was accepted by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jenna Mitchler.

Indigenous Peoples'
Day Proclamation

Mia Olson moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation (on file) declaring Monday, October 10, 2022, 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 Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jenna Mitchler.

Student School Board
Representative
Reports

Janie Andersen shared Jefferson activities and highlights: students enjoy being in-person in a normal school year, year kick off started with a pep fest, student led recognition of Hispanic/Latino month, homecoming activities begin the week of October 3 that includes homecoming coronation, spirit week activities, the homecoming football game and dance on October 7 and October 8 respectively. Student government encouraged voting for those 18 years old; the referendum renewal for safe and innovative schools is a question on the ballot.

Kelly Olson shared Kennedy activities and highlights: fall sports are well underway—soccer, football, volleyball; homecoming activities and spirit week begins this week that includes trivia night and movie night; many after school activities are scheduled; the homecoming football game is at noon on Saturday, October 1, with semi-formal homecoming dance that night.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Eric Melbye gave an update on how today went at Kennedy High School. Our district and school crisis teams met over the weekend, and some of those meetings included Bloomington police leaders to develop response and mental health support plans for school today, and additional planning for this week's school events, including the Kennedy homecoming game and dance on Saturday. I was on site at Kennedy this morning to connect with Kennedy leadership, staff and students. There were about a hundred students and several staff who took part in drop-in counseling and support. Additional support was provided to the football players and coaches in team settings. We are working closely with Bloomington police, Richfield Schools, and Richfield police to share information gleaned from the ongoing investigation and execute safety plans. Kennedy is looking forward to homecoming celebration activities throughout the week. I acknowledge Principal Molly Hollenbeck for her leadership, mental health supports and security teams, the football coaches and Kennedy staff for the comfort and care that has been displayed since the incident on Friday evening.

In the event of a school closure due to severe winter weather - snow, ice or dangerous wind chills - students will continue to learn from home as part of the district's Inclement Weather Learning Days Plan. We shared information last year and will share updated information soon about how these days will work for students and families. Inclement weather learning days have a specific purpose of replacing a no school day due to severe weather. Inclement weather days also alleviate the need for makeup school days in June.

Reminder to vote at the upcoming election on November 8. The ballot contains a question asking for renewal of the current safe and innovative schools levy referendum. Early voting began September 23; you may vote at Bloomington Civic Plaza.

The School Board and City Council are planning for a joint meeting on Wednesday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Civic Plaza in the City Council Chambers. A motion to establish this meeting was moved by Dawn Steigauf and seconded by Matt Dymoke. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Listening Session

Personnel Actions

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting September 12, 2022.
- b. Listening Session Notes September 12, 2022
- c. Classified Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Employments.

2. *Policy Approval*

Policy 303

Policy 420

Policy 424

Policy 450

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 303, Superintendent Selection.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 420, Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 424, License Status.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 450, Professional Staff Development.

- Policy 503.3 e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 503.3, Early Admission (Regulation change only).
- Policy 510.4 f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 no change to Policy 510.4, Participation of Non-Enrolled Students in Bloomington Public Schools Activities.
- Policy 513 g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 513, Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design.

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

- 4. *Contracts/Agreements*
 - Ignition Creative Solutions Marketing 2022-2023
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Marketing Contract between Ignition Creative Solutions 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 \$5,400 (\$675)/month). The term of this contract is November 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
 - Driver Education A+ Driving School
 - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agreement between A+ Driving School and Independent School District 271 to provide classroom drivers education instruction to Metro South Adult Basic Education students. This agreement is effective until June 30, 2023.
 - Bethel University 2022-2025
 - c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Bethel University. The agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025.
 - Amendment PSEO HTC/BCCA 2022-2023
 - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Amendment for the FY22 Course Schedule to the PSEO Income Contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College to provide PSEO instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy effective September 12, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
 - New Code Academy Tuition/Edina Public Schools 2022-2023
 - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Tuition Agreement with Independent School District 273 (Edina Public Schools) to provide educational services to Independent School District 273 students through New Code Academy effective from August 29, 2022 through June 2, 2023.

5. *Finance*

General Liability
Package Insurance

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, renews the District's insurance:
 1. Commercial Property and Equipment Breakdown Insurance with Affiliated FM Insurance Company. Annual premium = \$245,000.
 2. Inland Marine, General Liability, Business Auto and Umbrella/Excess Liability policies with American Family Home Insurance. Annual Premium = \$216,692.
 3. Educators Errors and Omissions and Employment Practices Liability policy with Greenwich Insurance Company. Annual premium = \$58,324.
 4. Employee Fidelity (Crime) Coverage with National Union Fire Insurance Company. Annual premium = \$12,160.
 5. Storage Tank Environmental Impairment Liability policy with Admiral Insurance Company. Annual premium = \$10,177.26.
 6. Identity Fraud Expense Coverage with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America. Annual premium = \$5,895.
 7. Cyber Risk Coverage with Palomar Excess and Surplus Ins. Co/Cowbell. Annual premium = \$51,488.
- b. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures July-August 2022.
- c. Receipts and Disbursements August 2022.

Finance Reports
Receipts &
Disbursements

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
Donations

Matt Dymolke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$4,830.00. Motion carried unanimously.

MONETARY—Donation of \$350.00 to Washburn Elementary School through Wells Fargo Blackbaud Giving Fund, from an anonymous donor, to be used to help fund field trips, supplies and teacher needs. Donation of \$1,000.00 to Westwood Elementary School from Mr. & Mrs. Steve Miller to be used at the principal's discretion. Donation of \$1,680.00 to Pond, Volunteer Connection from the Rotary Club of Bloomington for Back to School supplies. Donation of \$1,800.00 to ISD #271 ESC from the Education Foundation of Bloomington. \$300.00 was to the Learning Support Department for the New Teacher Breakfast. \$500.00 was to the Technology Department as a Prodigy Award for Elementary IT, \$500.00 as a Prodigy Award to the Food Service Department to use as needed and \$500.00 as a Prodigy Award to the OEE Department for Multicultural District events.

Proposed 2022
Payable 2023
Property Tax Levy

Matt Dymoke moved, Heather Starks seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the property tax levy for the proposed 2022 payable 2023 levy of \$67,151,511. 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. The state requires that districts use the term "Maximum" on the certification sheet to allow these corrections to the levy. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED 2022 PAYABLE 2023 LEVIES

Referendum	\$24,707,450
Referendum Other	8,766,753
Community Education	1,445,469
Debt	11,691,113
Other	<u>20,540,727</u>
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$67,151,511</u>

	Pay 2022	Pay 2023	Diff Pay 22 to Pay 23	%
Operating Referendum	\$27,512,454	\$33,474,203	5,961,749	21.7%
Non Referendum	35,750,447	33,677,308	(2,073,137)	(5.8%)
Total	\$63,262,900	67,151,511	3,888,611	6.1%

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, reported that the school district is required to certify a preliminary levy annually. Mr. Zivkovich reviewed the five levy categories in detail noting that the overall increase is 6.1% over last year. Median value homes increased 9.4% or \$359/year. The school district is required to submit this certified preliminary levy information to the County by September 30, 2022. The 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 school district for the coming year. These notices will be mailed in November 2022. The final levy will be certified by the School Board on December 12, 2022. This final certified levy information will be used by the County to calculate actual property taxes payable in 2023.

MAP, MCA III &
Attendance
District Results

Dr. Julio Caesar, Interim Executive Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, shared the district results for the MAP, MCA III and Attendance. Results for the MCA III Reading and Math proficiency by grade and year and overall proficiency percentage were shared noting that after declines over the last couple of year, results are starting to show improvement in some grades. The same is true for MAP Reading and Math which indicates students achieving national growth targets. Information shared showed results by group and year and growth by grade and year. Attendance has been a large factor in the district results. The percent of students at or above 90% and 95% attendance rates by grade and year and by group and year is lower than in previous years. Results are consistent with what is happening in Minnesota and the country. Results for MCA Math and Reading (percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards) proficiency by attendance and grade and by attendance and group are improving. Each school's results are shared with the principal. With this information, steps are being taken to determine ways to improve student achievement. Superintendent Melbye shared that MAP test results were impressive. Improvement planning needs to focus on learning opportunities rather than learning loss.

School Board
Goals 2022-2023

Heather Starks moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves its Goals for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

At the August 23 retreat, the School Board discussed and agreed upon its goals for this school year.

School Board Goals 2022-2023

1. Position district to achieve passage of the Safe & Innovative Schools Renewal Levy.
2. Develop a new strategic plan.
3. Create clarity regarding district committees/purpose/members/roles/responsibilities.
4. Improve understanding of Board governance responsibilities versus management (Superintendent).
5. Improve community engagement.

Superintendent
Goals 2022-2023

Dawn Steigauf moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Superintendent Goals for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

At the August 23 retreat, the School Board discussed Superintendent goals for 2022-2023 to align Dr. Melbye's work with that of the Board's.

Superintendent Board Goals 2022-2023

1. Position district to achieve passage of the Safe & Innovative Schools Renewal Levy.
2. Develop a new strategic plan.
3. Create clarity regarding district committees/purpose/members/roles/responsibilities.
4. Improve student academic outcomes.
5. Improve employee engagement.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Matt Dymoke reported on meetings of the Community Education Advisory Council and the Education Foundation of Bloomington. Heather Starks highlighted the Ridgeview Peace Walk and the high schools' Athletic Hall of Fame events. Mia Olson attended a student government meeting at Jefferson High School; a number of students expressed interest in participating on the Board Student Advisory Council this year.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Tom Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk