

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

October 24, 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 24, 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 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
- Student School Board Representative Reports
- Janie Andersen reported on tonight’s Board Student Advisory Council meeting with high school representatives; topics were substance abuse in/out of school and student/staff relationships. She highlighted recent activities at Jefferson including the homecoming coronation, game and dance, Unity Day with a stand up against bullying theme, recent Jefferson Theatre performances of *Tinkerbell*, upcoming marching band/flag performances, blood drive on November 3 and tomorrow night’s football game.
- Kelly Olson reported on Kennedy High School fall sports and activities, including honors—Kennedy girls soccer head coach Mario Lone and boys soccer head coach Dan Bushendorf each were named Section 3AA Coach of the Year. Assistant coach Brent Fairman was named Section 3AA Assistant Coach of the Year on behalf of the Kennedy boys' team. Seniors Makenzie Kane and Isabella Lone were selected for the girls' Class AA all-state first team. Seniors Diego Perez and Santiago Singer were selected for the boys' all-state second team. Diego Perez is a finalist for Mr. Soccer Class AA, an award given to the top player in the class. This week Kennedy Theatre presents performances of *Mamma Mia*.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Eric Melbye reported that he and other staff share information about the upcoming referendum renewal. Today, John Weisser and Dr. Jenna Mitchler presented at the Bloomington Noon Rotary meeting. Dr. Melbye will be sharing information at the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce board meeting this week. This is for a renewal of the soon to expire safety and technology levy that Bloomington voters generously approved in 2013. The district is not seeking anything more or new, just a straight renewal. Early voting is open at City Hall. The general election takes place November 8. Dr. Melbye encouraged all who are eligible to get out and vote.

District staff members have been meeting with our upcoming strategic planning facilitators to collect data and fine tune the process that will begin January 2023. A new strategic plan will help guide our work moving forward. Especially exciting is the public engagement part of the process where we will seek input from students, parents, staff and community members to complete the new plan. The planning process will be completed in late April/early May with the School Board reviewing the final product in late May or June. More information on opportunities to participate will be coming in the next couple of months.

Olson Middle School 8th grade student Jaired Munar received two third-premium art awards from the 2022 Minnesota State Fair Art Exhibit; his artwork currently is displayed in the Educational Services Center.

Computer Science and Technology teacher Frederick Ballew is a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE) Fellow for the 2022-23 school year. MIEE recognizes educators working together to change students' lives with innovative teaching practices.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Actions

PAC Membership
2022-2023

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting October 10, 2022.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employment, Change of Status.
Administrative Personnel: Employment. Independent Personnel: Resignation.
Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Employments.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the appointments of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) citizen members roster for the 2022-2023 school year as attached (on file).

2. *Field Trips*

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Grant Application*

MSHSL Foundation

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the Administration at Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation requesting financial support for high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts programs. The School Board supports the resolution attached to the grant application to offset student activity fees.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Group Event Contract
Mall of America/Prom

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Group Event Contract with Mall of America for Prom 2023 for Jefferson and Kennedy on May 12, 2023.

Project LIFE®
Consulting/License
2022-2023

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Project LIFE® Consulting and License Agreement by and between Butler Technology and Career Development Schools and Independent School District 271 for the Adult Employment or High School Transition Program at the Bloomington Transition Center through June 30, 2023.

5. *Finance*

Booster Clubs
2022-2023

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached lists (on file) of Booster Clubs for Kennedy and Jefferson High Schools for the 2022-2023 school year. This resolution is a requirement of Board Policy 510.

Finance Reports
Receipts &
Disbursements

b. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures September 2022.
c. Receipts and Disbursements September 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

Donations

Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$20,133.07. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation of \$500.00 to Westwood Elementary School from Blackbaud Giving Fund to be used at the principal's discretion. Donation of \$3,500.00 to Jefferson High School from KOPP Family Foundation for the Random Acts of Kindness program, for students in need. Donation of \$5,000.00 to Kennedy High School from Education Foundation of Bloomington for Kennedy Community Alliance (KCA). Donation of \$2,000.00 to Kennedy High School from KOPP Family Foundation to KCA for the Random Acts of Kindness program. Donation of \$900.00 to Kennedy High School from Earl C. Hill Bloomington American Legion Post #550 for the KCA Pantry. Donation of \$7,833.07 to Kennedy High School from Minneapolis Foundation for the Rhythm and Gold Choir and other show choir programs. Donation of \$400.00 to ESC Food Service Department from Ms. Susan Woolard for the Food for Thought program which funds negative meal account balances.

Solar Energy Update

An update on our solar energy was given to the School Board by Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, and Tim Rybak, Director of Operations. A few highlights: The program began in 2015 and has a mix of onsite and offsite solar. The district participates in six (6) solar farms—Feely, Randolph, Felton, Lyman, Chub and Pickery. Four of our school sites have solar—Indian Mounds Elementary, Valley View Middle School, Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School. Currently, 30% of our 2018 (base year) is coming from solar. Proposals to 56% of our total 2018 load is to come from solar. As of March 2022, Bloomington Public Schools has realized a total saving of \$143,000. With all solar endeavors to date, a total of 2,264,405 pounds of carbon has been removed from the atmosphere; the equivalent of planting 17,105 trees.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Matt Dymoke highlighted the Jefferson Theatre performance of *Tinkerbell* and the Jefferson football game at TCO stadium, the Bloomington Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and upcoming performances of *Mamma Mia* at Kennedy High School. Heather Starks attended the game at TCO stadium and highlighted the subsequent news story. Beth Beebe attended the Bloomington Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. Mia Olson reported on tonight's meeting of the high school representatives of the Board Student Advisory Council where students participated in discussions of safe and supportive schools and chemical health; and, she highlighted the Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council fundraising event at Culvers tomorrow. Nelly Korman highlighted the AMSD conference being held November 10. Dawn Steigauf reported on a meeting of the Special Education Community Advisory Council at which topics discussed included staff shortages and goals.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Tom Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk