

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

November 28, 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 November 14, 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, and Dawn Steigauf.
- Member Absent: Matt Dymoke.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Dawn Steigauf moved, Beth Beebe seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Student School Board Representative Reports
- Janie Andersen highlighted recent activities at Jefferson including beginning of Trimester 2, the blood drive, sports accomplishments, cheer team competition results, fundraiser for Ethan Glynn at BIG, Marching Band now performing in Hawaii, Jefferson Theatre will be performing *Miracle on 34th Street* this weekend.
- Kelly Olson reported on Kennedy High School sports and activities, Kennedy Kolleens first competition, the annual holiday show is this weekend, highlighted the national qualifiers in debate, math team competition, quiz bowl team and student government bracelet making event.
- V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- Superintendent Eric Melbye reported on the Strategic Planning process that has begun with two "Readiness" groups scheduled to meet with the consultant this week; more to come in January. A winter weather update was given. An additional professional development session for the School Board is being scheduled. Heather Starks moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to establish the session on Saturday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. The topic for the Professional Development sessions is Governance. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

Personnel Actions

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting November 14, 2022.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Change of Status. Classified Personnel: Employments. Changes of Status.

2. *Policy Approval*

Policy 306

Policy 510.1

Policy 542

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 306, Administrator Code of Ethics.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 510.1, Student Eligibility in Activities.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 542, Legal Name.

3. *Field Trips*

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

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

Red Cross Licensed

Training Provider

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Licensed Training Provider Agreement between The American National Red Cross and Independent School District 271 in order to permit individuals who are Red Cross certified instructors to teach Red Cross training courses. The agreement will be effective as of the last date of signature and ends on the day before the 36-month anniversary.

5. *Finance*

Finance Reports

Receipts &

Disbursements

- a. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures October 2022.
- b. Receipts and Disbursements October 2022.

Dawn Steigauf moved, Nelly Korman 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

Bid Award

NH School

Improvements

Mia Olson moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271, accepts the following bids for mechanical improvements at Normandale Hills Elementary School:

1. George Siegfried Construction Company, Bayport, MN, bid of \$236,022.
2. Construction Systems, Inc., Maple Plain, MN, bid of \$58,810.
3. South Central Erectors, Inc., Dodge Center, MN, bid of \$57,200.
4. Kellington Construction, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, bid of \$698,040.
5. TMI Systems Corporation, Dickinson, ND, bid of \$236,787.
6. Central Roofing, Minneapolis, MN, bid of \$129,285.
7. Val Pro Widows, LLC, St. Paul, MN, bid of \$374,794.
8. Commercial Drywall, Inc., Blaine, MN, bid of \$119,935.
9. Super Set Tile and Stone, LLC, Plymouth, MN, bid of \$262,900.
10. Sonus Interiors, Inc., Golden Valley, MN, bid of \$176,395.
11. Universal Drywall & Painting, Inc., Fridley, MN, bid of \$185,080.
12. Plexus Company dba Culinex, Fargo, ND, bid of \$421,337.

13. Breth-Zenzen Fire Protection, St. Joseph, MN, bid of \$140,040.
14. Peterson Sheet Metal, Inc., Bemidji, MN, bid of \$4,050,000.
15. Siemens Industry, Inc., Shoreview, MN, bid of \$463,821.
16. A.J. Moore Electric, Inc., Burnsville, MN, bid of \$1,724,450.
17. Olympic Communications, Spring Lake Park, MN, bid of \$253,000.
18. Miller Brothers Excavating, Inc., Corcoran, MN, bid of \$155,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in our 2022-23 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of updates, repairs and replacements including: concrete, structural steel materials and erection, carpentry, architectural millwork materials, roofing, exterior glass and glazing, drywall, tile, ceilings and acoustical treatment, painting and wall coverings, food service equipment, fire suppression, mechanical, temp controls, electrical, low voltage, site clearing and earthwork at Normandale Hills Elementary School and total: \$9,742,896 including alternate #1, 2, and 4. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. This work is a normal part of the ten-year plan since 2011. The project will start in late May. Portable classrooms from Valley View Middle School will be used at Normandale Hills. Completion is expected by early January 2024. Our attorney and insurance agent have reviewed the AIA A132/CMA standardized contract, which will be used with each contractor.

Donations

Beth Beebe moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$16,572.81. Motion carried unanimously.

MONETARY—Donation of \$4,990.95 to Olson Elementary School from OLE PTA for musical instruments for the Music Department through funds raised from the Read-a-thon program. Donation of \$3060.46 to Poplar Bridge Elementary from PB PTSA for field trip busing. Donation of \$2,546.66 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Soccer Boosters for the soccer coach salary. Donation of \$920.00 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson High School Girls Tennis Boosters to pay for tennis coach salaries. Donation of \$4,554.74 to Jefferson High School from Bloomington Jefferson Girls Soccer Booster Club to pay for soccer coach salaries. Donation of \$500.00 to ESC Food Service Department from Ms. Ellen Flaherty for the Food For Thought program.

Computer Science Update

Cristin Caruso, Director of Digital Learning & Data, and Dr. Alexandra Holter, Computer Science Coordinator, presented to the School Board a Computer Science update highlighting Computer Science Education week. Framework for technology consists of three components Foundations, Anytime/Anywhere Learning, and Opportunities. Computer Science exists in all three of these areas but truly lives in the opportunity section based on the connections it allows us to make that local community opportunity for students to be active creators and problem solvers and providing those equitable experiences for all are students to participate in Computer Sciences in all levels.

Computer Science in BPS: Computer Science Immersion is a deep, immersive Computer Science experiences centered on Computer Science skill building through creative exploration and joy. Computer Science for all is a broad Computer Science exposure for all student through standalone and integrated Computer Science experiences.

Computer Science teaches transferable thinking skills like pattern recognition, algorithm design, debugging, and perseverance. Equity and early access to Computer Science education helps increase participation in Computer Science and STEM for groups currently underrepresented in those fields. Computer Science helps learners express themselves creatively, solve problems they care about, and create new and fun innovations bringing the aspect of Joy.

Computer Science Education Week: The purpose of Computer Science Education Week is to raise awareness of and celebrate computer science education Nationally and in Minnesota. It is seen as an annual call to action to inspire K-12 students to learn computer science. Computer Science Education week is an important part of Bloomington's scope and sequence throughout the year.

There have been two Computer Science family nights in collaboration with The Works Museum with Valley View Elementary and Indian Mounds Elementary. There are three more scheduled. We are currently in talks with The Works Museum to bring these family nights to all of the elementary schools. We should be able to serve all of our elementary schools by the end of the year.

Policy Review

Heather Starks, Chair of the Board Policy Committee, provided a detailed overview of the three policies reviewed by the committee on November 16, the School Board professional development session November 21, the policy committee again on November 22, and now are brought to the full membership of the School Board for discussion. Tom Bennett and Matt Dymoke are the other two members of the Board Policy Committee. The policies have been reviewed and approved by legal counsel David Holman.

Policy 545, Student Rights

Recommendation: No Change

The purpose of Policy 545 is to highlight information pertaining to student rights. It is being reviewed as part of the five-year policy review cycle. No changes are recommended.

Policy 209, School Board Member Code of Ethics

Recommendation: NEW

The purpose of Policy 209 is to assist the individual school board member in understanding their role as part of a school board and in recognizing the contribution that each member must make to develop an effective and responsible school board.

Policy 209.1, Addressing School Board Member Violations

Recommendation: NEW

The purpose of Policy 209.1 is to identify the process for addressing willful or continuing policy violations by board members.

Policies 209 and 209.1 were brought forth by the Board Policy Committee on November 16, reviewed as part of the board professional development session on November 21 that focused on policies, and finalized by the Board Policy Committee on November 22.

Following discussion by the full membership of the School Board tonight, there will be a minor edit to Policy 209 and a minor edit to Policy 209.1 and brought for final approval by the School Board on December 12 as part of the consent agenda.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dawn Steigauf reported on the meeting of the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council that included the three new members. Heather Starks reported attending the Minnesota Tech Workforce Summit with John Weisser and his staff, highlighted the Ridgeview Family Breakfast and Bookfair and Valley View Middle School Empty Bowls Fundraiser. Mia Olson reported on meetings of the District Diversity Advisory Committee, Board Student Advisory Council, Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Parent Advisory Committee. ECFE organized the first open gym time at Pond on Tuesday, December 6, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; registration requested. There is a Diaper Drive starting December 5-11, 2022; drop off sites are at Southwood and Pond. The Board Student Advisory Council met and reflected on Trimester 1, online classes and student support.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Tom Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Nelly Korman, Clerk