

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

October 23, 2023

- 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 Heather Starks at 7:00 p.m. on August 14, 2023, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Chair Starks 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: Heather Starks, Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Vice Chair; Mia Olson, Clerk; Matt Dymoke, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Tom Bennett and Nelly Korman
- ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, John Weisser and Rod Zivkovich
- LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: David Holman
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS A brief video of one of the songs from the Kennedy High School Theater Production "Newsies" was shown with students Jade Russell (12) and Saturn Jordan (10).
- V. STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS Both Kenneth Adah, from Kennedy High School, and Dhruvika Uppal, from Jefferson High School, read prepared reports highlighting activities and events at their respective schools.
- VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Dr. Eric Melbye noted that last week was National School Bus Safety Week, and thanked our school bus drivers for keeping our students safe as they get to and from school. He reminded the audience that as daylight hours get shorter, it's especially important to drive with care, heed school bus stop arms and flashing lights, and watch out for students walking. Last week Dr. Melbye conducted interviews with Kennedy High School AVID students. Several School Board members also participated. He reported It was impressive to hear the students talk about AVID, their future plans, and show off the interviewing skills they have been working hard on. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Dr. Melbye asked for a motion to extend the time of our scheduled Listening Session from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm on November 13, 2023, in order to try and

reduce the backlog of people wishing to address the School Board. Matt Dymoke moved, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Melbye asked for a motion to establish a School Board Business Meeting at 8:00 pm on November 13, 2023, following the Listening Session, in order to canvas the School Board Election of November 7, 2023. The Study Session will immediately follow the Business Meeting. Matt Dymoke moved, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Melbye asked for a motion to establish a closed session of the School Board on November 13, 2023, upon conclusion of the Study Session, pursuant to M.S. 13D.03 to discuss the District's labor negotiations strategy related to the District's negotiations with bargaining groups. Matt Dymoke moved, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously. Dr. Melbye asked for a motion to establish a Professional Development session for the School Board at 5:00 pm on Monday, November 20, 2023, with TeamWorks International in order to continue work on governance. Matt Dymoke moved, seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PART A

1. Board Business Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting September 25, 2023.

Personnel Actions

b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Rescission of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers. Administrative Personnel: Employment, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Employments, Rescission of Classified Personnel, Changes of Status.

2. Policy Approval
Policy 406

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 406, Public and Private Personnel Data.

Policy 419

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 419, Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices.

Policy 516

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Policy 516, Student Medication/Medical Treatment or Procedures.

Policy 806

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 806, District Crisis Management.

Policy 906

e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 906, Volunteers.

3. Field Trip Approval

a. Student Field Trips approved as presented.

4. Grant Approval
Minnesota State High School League Foundation

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves 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 paying for safety, leadership training and transportation.

5. Contracts/Agreements
Prom

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Prom Group Event Contract with the Mall of America for Prom.

Amended PSEO

2024 for Jefferson and Kennedy High School on May 10, 2024.
b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271

- approves the Contract between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271 to provide services known as T2C to Bloomington Career and College Academy students. The term of the T2C contract is effective from July 1, 2023 through June 20, 2024.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Customized Training Income Contract between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271 to provide Heartsaver CPR/AED instruction to adult students attending Metro South. The contract is effective December 8, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
 - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Grant totaling \$14,400 from Hennepin South Services Collaborative (HSSC) to fund two Bloomington School District programs during the 2023 calendar year and approves the accompanying memorandums of understanding for the grants.
 - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts grants totaling \$103,694 from the Hennepin South Services Collaborative (HSSC) to fund chemical and mental health services that are being contracted for Bloomington School District programs during the 2023 calendar year, and approves the accompanying amended memorandum of understanding for the grant.
 - f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the renewal of the Literacy Minnesota Adult Basic Education Technology Services Agreement with Literacy Minnesota. This agreement will allow Metro South Adult Basic Education access to SID software and companion files that meet current Minnesota and National Reporting System guidelines as of May 1, 2023. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
 - g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Atlas Temporary Staffing agreement for filling vacancies in the Food Service operation.
 - h. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Indrotec Temporary Staffing agreement for filling vacancies in the Food Service operation.
 - i. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Captivate Agreement for production of a marketing video for the Application for Educational Benefits.
 - j. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Memorandum of Agreement with Compas for the 2023-24 school year.
 - k. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approved a Memorandum of Agreement with Sweet Potato Comfort Pie for the 2023-24 school year.
 - l. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Fiber Master Agreement with the City of Bloomington, effective October 24, 2023 through December 31, 2028. There is no immediate cost associated with the agreement.

6. Finance

- a. Finance Reports September, 2023

- b. Receipts and Disbursements September, 2023

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.

VI. PART B

1. Donations Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accept all donations in the amount of \$10,246.43.
2. Next Technologies for Learning Next Technologies for Learning (NTL) presented by John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services, Holly Skadsem, Digital Learning Coordinator, Dr. Alexandra Holter, Computer Science Coordinator, and Andrew Rummel, Digital Learning Coordinator. NTL is the comprehensive plan that guides the implementation of technology referendum dollars. The NTL's Mission is to use the power of technology to empower and equip each and every student to succeed in a rapidly changing world. NTL and School Board Focus topics include Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Bloomington Public Schools in October, 2023, Computer Science in Bloomington Public Schools in November, 2023, and New Code Academy in April, 2024.
3. Guiding Change Document for the 2024-25 School Year Calendar Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Guiding Change Document for the 2024-25 School Year Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Guiding Change Document for the 2024-25 Right Sizing the Budget Mia Olson moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Guiding Change Document for the 2024-25 Right Sizing the Budget. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Guiding Change Document for the Long-Term Financial and Facility Planning Beth Beebe moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Guiding Change Document for the Long-Term Financial and Facility Planning. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Appointment of Judges for the November 7, 2023 Election Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Appointment of Judges for the November 7, 2023 Election. Motion carried unanimously.
7. 2023 Polling Places Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Resolution Establishing 2023 Polling Places. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Dissolution of Girls LaCrosse Cooperative Sponsorship Dawn Steigauf moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Dissolution of the Girls LaCrosse Cooperative Sponsorship between Kennedy High School and United Christian Academy. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Establishment of Girls LaCrosse Cooperative Dawn Steigauf moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Establishment of Girls LaCrosse Cooperative Sponsorship between Kennedy High School, United Christian Academy and Burnsville High School. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Boys Volleyball Dawn Steigauf moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of

Independent School District 271 approves Boys Volleyball as an interscholastic sport beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

11. Policy Review
Policy 519
- a. Dawn Steigauf moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves that there be no changes to Policy 519, Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies. Motion carried unanimously.
- Policy 730
- b. Matt Dymoke moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves new Policy 730 be adopted to provide uniform guidelines for memorials. Motion carried unanimously.
12. MSBA Resolutions
MCA Scoring
Practices
- a. Nelly Korman moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) delegate assembly resolution be submitted related to updating Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCS) scoring practices. Motion carried unanimously.
- Fully Funding
Special Education
Costs
- b. Nelly Korman moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) delegate assembly resolution be submitted related to Fully Funding Special Education Costs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Safe Storage of
Fire Arms
- c. Nelly Korman moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) delegate assembly resolution be submitted related to Safe Storage of Fire Arms. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Matt Dymoke highlighted the Empty Bowls event, which is sponsored by Valley View Middle School Nobel program, will be held this year on Thursday, December 14. Tom Bennett reported he participated in the Superintendent and Board Member Retreat with District 917. Many reported the challenges with staffing and included an AI presentation. Dawn Steigauf reported all School Board members and Superintendent Melbye attended the Bloomington Sports Hall of Fame, and was pleased that Dennis Kane, former employee and current Chairperson for the Bloomington Public School Advocacy Council, was recognized. Also, there will soon be students involved in the Advocacy Council and she has participated in interviews. Beth Beebe reported she participated in interviewing AVID students and is excited about this exemplary program. Mia Olson reported she attended the recent Parent Family Advisory Council (formerly known as PTSA) and several schools are reporting high numbers of families joining PTA this Fall. Staff members from the City of Bloomington also attended. The stadium discussion has been moved to November 2, 2023 with the Planning Commission. The next meeting is November 1, 11:30-1:00 and is offered hybrid.

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Director Olson also attended the recent American Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Meeting.

VIII. OTHER

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Heather Starks adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m. A closed session for superintendent evaluation commenced upon the conclusion of the meeting.

Mia Olson, Clerk