



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

November 25, 2024

- 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, Dawn Steigauf at 7:00 p.m. on November 25, 2024, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Chair, Dawn Steigauf 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: Dawn Steigauf, Chair; Beth Beebe, Clerk; Tom Bennett, Treasurer; Directors Nelly Korman, Mia Olson and Heather Starks. Student Representative Kenneth Adah, Kennedy.
- Member Absent: None.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, and John Weisser.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Kenneth Adah updated the Board with Kennedy events. Senior Addison Wendt placed first at the Southern Minnesota Nationals Speech and Debate qualifying tournament and will represent Kennedy at the Nationals Tournament Debate June 18-21st in Des Moines, Iowa. Hennepin Theater Trust Spotlight awards were announced last week and the Kennedy Theater Company earned several honors for Seussical including: Outstanding performance in a lead role for Michael Johnson and Indigo Jordan, Outstanding in Technical leadership for Althea Forstner, and as well as Outstanding Ensemble Acting Performance. The National Honor Society volunteered at the Special Olympics Minnesota bowling tournament at AMF Southtown lanes. Students from trimester one MN Biology course worked with nonprofit organization Metro Blooms to brainstorm design options for Kennedy's courtyard. Over 30 students were awarded the trimester one Belonging, Support, and Excellence Award. Girls Basketball started their season with a win over Armstrong 53-46. Boys Hockey kicked off their farewell tour with a home game at Bloomington Ice Garden.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Dr. Eric Melbye highlighted that on Tuesday, November 26th there will be 100 elementary students from BPS going to a DAPE (developmental adapted physical education) sports day at the Augsburg University dome from 10am - 1pm. Olson Middle School hosted a computer science family night. Over 1000 parents and students attended. Partners SICK Sensor Intelligence, Polar Semiconductor, University of MN, The Works, MN Science Museum, Raspberry PI Foundation helped sponsor the event. Save the date for a spring CS family night for April 15 at Valley View Middle School. Normandale Hills students will be accepting a proclamation from Mayor Busse by the City of Bloomington on December 2nd for Computer Science Education Week.

Motion to establish a Business Meeting of the School Board on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7pm, following the 6pm Listening Session. Tom Bennett moved, Heather Starks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to cancel the regularly scheduled business meeting that falls on Monday, December 23rd. Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART A

1. Board Business Meeting Notes Personnel Actions
 - a. Minutes of the School Board Business Meeting October 28, 2024
 - b. Notes of Listening Session November 12, 2024
 - c. Licensed Personnel: Resignation, Employments, Change of Status. Independent Personnel: Employment. Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Change of Status.

2. Policy Approval
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the changes to Policy 208.1, Regulations, as attached.
 - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the changes to Policy 402, Disability Nondiscrimination, as attached.
 - c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the changes to Policy 430, Student Teachers, as attached.
 - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the changes to Policy 457, Respectful and Professional Workplace, as attached.
 - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the changes to Policy 524, Computer Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable Use and Safety, as attached.
 - f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the changes to Policy 550, Student Handbook, as attached.

3. Field Trips RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the field trips per the attached list.

4. Contracts/Agreements Addendum with BrainPOP Customized Training Income
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the BrainPOP Sales Order that includes the Terms of Service addendum for elementary and middle school subscription. This order is effective September 19, 2024 through September 18, 2025.
 - b. 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

- PSEO Amendment Hennepin Technical
 - Adjustment to Cost Reimbursement Hennepin County
 - City of Bloomington Work Experience Agreement
 - Website Refresh Agreement
 - Hilton Catering Reimbursement
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Amendment for the PSEO 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 and Independent School District 271 to provide services know as PSEO to Bloomington Career and College Academy students. The term of the PSEO contract is effective from July 1, 2024 through June 20, 2025.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the amended agreement between the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, on behalf of the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department and Independent School District 271 effective November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025.
- e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 for the Adult Employment or High School Transition Program at the Bloomington Transition Center. The agreement is in effect through June 30, 2025.
- f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Website Refresh Agreement with Ten7 with a maxim cost of \$40,000.
- g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Catering Agreement with Hilton Minneapolis St. Paul Airport at a cost of \$14,502. The Catering Agreement is for one event on April 21, 2025.

5. Finance

- a. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures October 2024
- b. Receipts and Disbursements October 2024

Tom Bennett 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

Community Education Update

Darrell Young, Director of Community Education and Jenna Mitchler, Assistant Superintendent shares the Community Education Update presentation. Providing the purpose, organizational chart, classes/events and goals for 2024-25 of Bloomington Community Education

Community Education Programs Fee Increase

Mia Olson moved, Tom Bennett seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 approve the proposed fee increases for Kids' SAFARI and Preschool SAFARI for the 2025-25 school year. Administration is proposing fee increases for Kids SAFARI and Preschool SAFARI. The proposed fees are competitive with other local school programs. Administration is not proposing increases to the registration fee charged In Kids' SAFARI and Preschool SAFARI. The last fee increase for Kids' SAFARI and Preschool SAFARI was effective 2023-2024 school year. The proposed rates and effective dates are listed below. Motion carried unanimously.

Kids' SAFARI

Program	Consistent schedule Current	Consistent schedule New	Pick your Day Current	Pick your Day New	Drop in Current	Drop in New	Effective Start Date
Before School Hillcrest	14.00	14.50	15.00	15.50	16.00	16.50	25-26 school yr.
Before School – Others	13.50	14.00	14.50	15.00	15.50	16.00	25-26 school yr.
After School Hillcrest	13.00	13.50	14.00	14.50	15.00	15.50	25-26 school yr.
After School – Others	13.50	14.00	14.50	15.00	15.50	16.00	25-26 school yr.
Before and After School ALL	27.00	28.00	29.00	30.00	31.00	32.00	25-26 school yr.
Non-School Day	47.00	49.00	51.00	53.00	55.00	57.00	25-26 school yr.
Summer	47.00	49.00	51.00	53.00	55.00	57.00	Summer 2026
Registration Fee (no change)	All programs: \$40 new student / \$30 current student						

PreSchool SAFARI

Program	Per Day Fee Current	Proposed Per Day Fee	Effective Start Date
Before Morning Class	17.00	17.50	25-26 school yr.
After Morning Class	27.00	28.50	25-26 school yr.
Before Afternoon Class	27.00	28.50	25-26 school yr.
After Afternoon Class	17.00	17.50	25-26 school yr.
Registration Fee (no change)	\$15		

Amended
2025-2026
District Calendar

Heather Starks moved, Tom Bennett seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 approves the amended 2025-2026 school year calendar. The School Board approved the calendar for the 2025-2026 school year on October 28, 2024. Shortly after this approval, administration was informed that the non-instructional day designated for Rosh Hashanah in 2025 was incorrectly scheduled. The first day of the two-day observance is the most widely recognized. Therefore, it is recommended that the non-instructional day be moved from Wednesday, September 24, to Tuesday, September 23. To minimize confusion, this change was made to the published calendar shortly after the Board’s original approval. The current posted calendar reflects this adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Steigauf called for a three-minute recess (7:32-7:34 pm)

Enrollment
Report 2024

John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services presented the Enrollment Report 2024 ELS-22 presentation. Providing an introduction, enrollment information summary, October enrollment by school & grade, demographics, district student ethnic diversity profile, historic trends, enrollment trends, ethnic diversity trends, Free & reduced eligibility trends, and a glossary.

Bid Award,
Field Improvements
at JHS and JFK

Tom Bennett moved, Heather Starks seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 accepts the following bid for Stadium Improvements at Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School. Ebert Companies, Corcoran, MN, bid of \$6,352,000.00. This project consists of site prep for new bleachers, fencing, turf replacement, new entry plaza and gate, new concessions building and sidewalks at Jefferson High School and Kennedy High School stadiums. Funding for this project is from Operating Capital and Operating Capital Bonds. District attorney and insurance agent have reviewed the AIA A101-2017 Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor. Bid tabulation is attached. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy Review

Heather Starks, Chair of the Board Policy Committee, provided an overview of two policies reviewed by the committee on November 20, 2024 and are being brought to the Board for information and discussion.

Policy 214 Policy 214, Out of State Travel by a Board Member - Eric Melbye
Recommendation: REVISED

This MSBA policy was last reviewed in August, 2018. MSBA has removed a sentence in Section III, Appropriate Travel. A discussion should take place in regards to Section IV, Responsibility; MSBA model policy does not have this included. We are suggesting to include legal and cross references as shown on the model policy.

Policy 503 Policy 503, Student Attendance - Jenna Mitchler
Recommendation: REVISED

This Policy was last reviewed in June, 2022. At our last meeting, we discussed language items, which have been added to match the language in the MSBA model. Other changes have been suggested by a BPS team who reviewed the Policy. Since our last meeting, principals have provided feedback and we are recommending one change. IV, H. 1., regarding tardies has been removed. Legal counsel has reviewed.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Heather Starks shares that the Computer Science night was well attended. She attended an AI professional development at the end of October. The quality of the professional development and information provided was very impressive. Westwood hosted a Family Engineering Night partnered by The Works with volunteers by the National Honor Society from Kennedy and Jefferson. Mia Olson reports that she will be attending the MSBA Delegate Assembly with Beth Beebe and Nelly Korman on December 6th and 7th and members will be able to vote on the changes at the MSBA Leadership Conference on January 16th. As the chair of the Legislative committee, the committee is working on finalizing plans for the legislative session for mid January, finalizing the legislative priorities, plans for legislatures to visit our school district, and plans to go to Day at the Capitol with MSBA on March 10th and AMSD on March 24th. Nelly Korman shares her attendance at the Computer Science night displayed very meaningful family engagement. Many families from different schools that had a great opportunity to engage in different ways. She also participated in Student Center Learning working group with AMSD and Engagement Minnesota. Tom Bennett will be traveling with District 917 to the Association of Educational Service Agencies annual conference in Orlando on Dec 4-6th. They will be presenting School Board Orientation establishing a government culture. Due to his absence he will not be able to attend the Bloomington Parent Family Advocacy Council on December 4th. Beth Beebe appreciates the AMSD day, St. Cloud's partnership, READ ACT scripted lessons, and networking. She will be attending the School Board Academic Excellence in Orlando at the end of January. Also recommending the book "Great on Their Behalf", by Airick Journey Crabill. Dawn Steigauf was so impressed by all the partners at the Computer Science event. Attending the Early Childhood Advisory Committee, all of her ambassador schools, Family Engagement, and many more across the district; they all have had a great turn out with great engagement.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Dawn Steigauf adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.


Beth Beebe, Clerk