



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

December 9, 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 December 9, 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; Matt Dymoke, Vice Chair; Beth Beebe, Clerk; Tom Bennett, Treasurer; Directors Nelly Korman, Mia Olson and Heather Starks. Student Representative Kenneth Adah, Kennedy and Jenny Wen, Jefferson.
- Member Absent: None.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Rick Kaufman, and Rod Zivovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Matt Dymoke moved, Beth Beebe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Jenny Wen updated the Board with Jefferson events. The first Boys basketball team had their first game on December 5th. Girls hockey was on December 7th. Student Council held a Breast Cancer fundraiser; they sold bracelets during lunches. The National Honor Society had a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society speaker come to talk about a service project. Earth Corp will be organizing their yearly thrift exchange; collecting on January 6th and exchanging on January 18th. The Red Cross blood drive had over 60 donors, with a total of 39 pints of blood donated. The Science Olympiad had a tournament on December 7th at Boyceville, Wisconsin. They placed 5th in Code Analysis and Forestry. The Bloomington JV won the Novice State for Debate sections. Charles Lindstrom, junior qualified for state. Staff development continues to focus on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). The UDL lesson planning incorporates the following 6 steps: Clear Goals; Learner Variability; Assessment Design; Methods, Materials and Media; Teach and Assess; and Reflect and Revise. PBIS implementation's two primary areas of focus:

1.) establish clear expectations for students 2.) recognizing and showing gratitude. Jefferson's daily attendance rate has been excellent this year, averaging over 90%. Kenneth Adah reports from Kennedy that Tyler Phuntsok was the first student to have his message displayed on the electronic sign on the corner of 98th and Nicollet. It read, "Love from Kennedy 9th Grade. Have an amazing day!" Student-submitted sign entries will be changed weekly to share inspirational words with Bloomington Community. Kennedy celebrated National Computer Science week. Students participated in an activity designed to explore careers in Computer Science and to develop their computational thinking skills. Kennedy Choir completed its Season of Joy concerts last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Friday, over 1,000 elementary schools attended a matinee show. The wrestling team competed at the Edina Invite this past weekend. Several wrestlers in both JV and Varsity finished in the top four in their respective events. The basketball teams will face their cross-town rivals Jefferson on Thursday this week. The boy's team will play at home while the girl's team will play away at Jefferson. Both games will start at 7 pm.

- V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Melbye reminds there will be no School Board meeting on Monday, December 23rd. Bloomington Public Schools will be on winter break on December 23 - January 3rd.

Motion to establish a School Board Organizational and Business Meeting on January 6, 2025 at 7 pm. Matt Dymoke moved, Heather Starks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bloomington Public Schools is participating in the nationwide CS Ed Week, December 9 through the 16th, with the support of the CS and Digital Learning teams. Digital Learning Specialist Steph Mcphail, Technology Paraprofessional Sean Johnson and a handful of Normandale Hills students accepted the CS Ed Week proclamation from Mayor Busse at last weeks' city council meeting. The district-wide winter clothing drive runs through December 13th. Collection boxes are located at each school, Pond, Southwood, BCCA and the district office (door 5). Donated items will be distributed by schools to students in need. Bloomington Public Schools continues to see progress in improving student attendance as the latest data shows 71.3% of students attending 90% or more of school days—up from 68.6% the previous year. The 2.7% increase equates to helping more than 250 students avoid chronic absenteeism. The Community Education catalog is available online. Calling all lifelong learners! The Bloomington Community Education Winter/Spring 2025 catalog is here, available online and in mailboxes across Bloomington.

VI. PART A

1. Board Business Meeting Notes Personnel Actions
 - a. Minutes of the School Board Business Meeting November 25, 2024
 - b. World's Best Workforce Annual Public Meeting Minutes November 25, 2024
 - c. Licensed Personnel: Employments. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Employments, Change of Status.
2. Policy Approval Policy 503
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the changes to Policy 503, Student Attendance, as attached.
3. Grants

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a grant for \$8000 from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association to support the Targeted Services Expanded After School Programs. Funds will be used over the course of the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Contracts/Agreements a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 to participate in the promotion and development of Educational Access programming (BEC-TV) on the Bloomington cable television system.

Matt Dymoke moved, Tom Bennett 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
Early Retirement
Incentive

Matt Dymoke moved, Tom Bennett seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and the Bloomington Federation of Teachers as attached. Director Nelly Korman abstain from voting. Motion carried unanimously.

Committed
Funds

Tom Bennett moved, Matt Dymoke seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 approves committed funds in the areas specified as follows: 1. \$25,082 for Wellness Dollars; 2. \$113,504 for Band Uniform and Instrument Replacement; 3. \$143,316 for Athletics and Activities; 4. \$1,025,066 for Site Department Carry Over Funds; 5. \$213,889 for Donations; 6. \$17,000,000 for Shortfalls- Future Years; and 7. \$61,695 for Middle School Athletics. Committed Funds: 1. Wellness- These committed funds are provided by our health insurance provider to develop district wellness programs. 2. Uniform and Instrument Replacement-The District established a committed fund balance for high school uniforms and instrument replacement. These funds generated through fees. The net of fees and expenditures results in an adjustment to the designation. 3. Athletics and Activities-These committed funds are unspent athletic and activity funds at secondary schools. This tracks success of program revenue less expenditures and helps programs determine fees charged and programs added or deleted. 4. Site Department Carry-Over Funds-This commitment is funds for site-controlled fees and/or donations. 5. Donations Carry-Over Funds-This commitment is funds donated to the District. 6. Program Shortfalls-District decided to commit those funds for future deficit spending. 7. Middle School Athletics-This commitment is funds to start up middle

school athletics. Motion carried unanimously.

Assigned
Funds

Nelly Korman moved, Matt Dymoke seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 approves assigned funds in the area specified as follows: 1. \$120,000.00 Property Insurance. Assigned Funds: 1. Property Insurance-Set aside funds to help with increased costs. Motion carried unanimously.

Operating Transfers -
Community Service
Fund

Mia Olson moved, Matt Dymoke seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 approves the operating transfers of \$406,141 from the General Fund to certain programs in the Community Service Fund. The annual process of financially closing a school year requires District Administration to make recommendations to the School Board to transfer resources between our District's accounting funds. The transfer to Community Service Fund was to provide revenue to offset General Fund cost associated with Pond and Southwood programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of
Audit Report

Heather Starks moved, Matt Dymoke seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 accept the Auditor's Reports from BerganKDV, Ltd., which includes Audited Financial Statements and accompanying Communication Letters for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024. BerganKDV, Ltd. has completed a general financial audit for 2023-24 conforming to State and Federal guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

2024-25 Budget -
Year Budget
Adjustments

Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves adjusting the 2024-25 budget for all funds by increasing revenues by \$47,255,500 and increasing expenditures by \$6,994,718. Annually, Administration proposes adjustments to update our current year budgets. The four major budget adjustment categories are: Prior year carry over; Updated information; Grants/Donations/Revenue; and Other. Attached is a worksheet that reflects revised budgets by fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Final 2024
Payable 2025
Property

Matt Dymoke moved, Tom Bennett seconded that the School Board of Independent District 271 approves the proposed final property tax levy for the 2024 payable 2025 levy of \$74,034,314. 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.

PROPOSED 2023 PAYABLE 2024 LEVIES

Referendum	\$25,410,557
Referendum Other	\$9,146,536
Community Services	\$1,757,787
Debt Services	\$12,240,869
Other	\$25,478,565
Proposed Certified Levy	<u>\$74,034,314</u>

Tonight's board action completes the levy process which included: Submission of levy data and calculations of formulas that produced the preliminary levy certification document in September 2024. Mailing by the county auditor of Truth-in-Taxation statements in November 2024. Presentation of Fiscal 2024-25 Budget and Proposed 2024 Payable 2025 Levy.

Donations

Tom Bennett moved, Matt Dymoke seconded that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$16,512.08. 1. Donation of \$1,100.00 to Indian Mounds Elementary School from STB of Bloomington, Inc. for playground equipment. 2. Donation of \$500.00 to Indian Mounds Elementary School from Education Foundation of Bloomington for field trip transportation. 3. Donation of \$2,000.00 to Valley View Elementary and Middle schools from Earl C. Hill Bloomington American Legion Post #550 to help purchase supplies for students in need. 4. Donation of \$400.00 Valley View Elementary and Middle schools from Msgr. Thomas Meagher Assembly 1637 to help purchase supplies for students in need. 5. Donation of \$383.72 to Westwood Elementary School from The MN Orchestral Association for field trip transportation. 6. Donation of \$4,567.17 to Jefferson High School from Bloomington Jefferson Girls Soccer Booster Club for coaches' salaries and program equipment. 7. Donation of \$500.00 to Jefferson High School Art Department from Mr. Cory Busse to purchase art supplies. 8. Donation of \$991.19 to Jefferson High School from Girls Tennis Boosters for coaches' salaries and tennis equipment. 9. Donation of \$1,500.00 to Kennedy High School from Bloomington Kennedy Activities Foundation. \$1,000.00 for Kennedy Muslim Student Club and \$500.00 for the Kennedy Book Club. Value in kind. 10. Donation of a new Q Series Interactive Flat Panel Display and mobile stand to Westwood Elementary School from Newline Interactive to be used as an instructional tool. An estimated value of \$4,570.00.

2025 Board
Community
Engagement Plan

Board Community Engagement committee chair, Matt Dymoke presents the 2025 Board Community Engagement Plan.

2025 Board
Legislative
Priorities

Board Legislative committee chair, Mia Olson presents the 2025 Board Legislative Priorities

VIII. BOARD MEMBER
REPORT

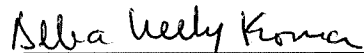
Matt Dymoke reported three events that the Board Community Engagement committee is working on: State of the Schools April 15th; Senior Achievement Celebration April 21st; and Celebration of Service May 21st. Mia Olson shares that she attend the MSBA Delegate Assembly on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th with Director Korman and Director Beebe. The AMSD Board of Directors will be hosting a special legislative preview on January 10th. Nelly Korman reminded that school board members should get automatic emails from AMSD with any news, updates, and, or events. At the MSBA Delegate Assembly there were 122 delegates, 28 resolutions, and 23 of them passed. The first Senior Achievement planning committee took placed on Friday, December 6th. Beth Beebe shared one particular resolution at the Delegate Assembly regarding extending the school year which provided significant improvement in students. There will be a SECAC and Policy committee meeting this week. Chair Steigauf shares that the Board Community Engagement Plan and Legislative Priorities will come back for the resolution and approval in January. Please send any additional feedback to the superintendent.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Dawn Steigauf adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



Nelly Korman, Clerk