

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

March 11, 2013

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Tim Culver at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2013, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Tim Culver, Chair; Mark Hibbs, Vice Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Clerk; Nelly Korman, Treasurer; Lyle Abeln, Maureen Bartolotta and Arlene Bush.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Rod Zivkovich and Tom Holton.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, approval of the agenda. Mark Hibbs moved, Tim Culver seconded, to amend the agenda moving Field Trip Approval from Part A to Part B (item 2). Motion to approve the amendment carried unanimously. Lyle Abeln moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS The School District is fortunate to have businesses and organizations supporting our learners and the community of Bloomington. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes our “Friends” of education.
- Friend Tom Holton, Executive Director of Community Services, introduced executive leadership representatives from Greater Twin Cities United Way (GTCUW)—Meghan Barp, Vice President of Community Impact, and Lezlie Taylor, Vice President of Diversity and Community Engagement. The District has received over \$800,000 to help with many programs in Bloomington as well as the We Believe Alliance, another partner of the District. The We Believe Alliance supports the District’s reading by third grade initiative. These additional resources from GTCUW help with teaching and supporting some of our most needy students and their families assisting them on their pathway to college and career ready. The grants help make the transition of learners from early childhood programs to Kindergarten more successful for preschoolers, connect families with community resources to prevent social and economic barriers that prevent children from learning, and provide instruction and support so that more children are ready to read by third grade.

The strategic goals of our two organizations are similar, which makes our work together easy to define. Both organizations are committed to gathering and analyzing outcome data so that successes can be shared and replicated by others. GTCUW is supportive and open to change in order to achieve mutual goals.

Students

Jefferson High School Varsity Competition Cheer Team—The team competed in the Super Large Division II category of the National High School Cheerleading competition and placed first. Team Members are: Heidi Bachmeyer, Maddy Berg, Risa Cobb, Sydney Crawford, Andrea Dahl, Katie Duncan, Karsten Gonzales, Kenzie Hanson, Oralee Hesperheide, Ellie Hofstedt, Sarah Kispert, Kennedy Kommer, Abbey Lindquist, Jordana Machado, Maddie Maiwurm, Molly Maiwurm, Taylor Mancini, Julia Marek, Abbi Monssen, Isabel Nutting, Hanna Page, Mikaela Pauser, Gabbie Peery, Jamie Peterson, Rachel Plantenberg, Miranda Rasmussen, Maddy Rhodes, Athena Rieck, Taylor Shupe, Emma Thomson, Genna Vacanti, Jaimie Wolner, Orlandrea Woods, and Sydney Worcester. The team is coached by Kelly Gerleve, with assistant coaches Alexa Crawford and Molly Mathewson.

Jefferson Boys Soccer Team placed fourth in the State tournament. Team Members are Stephen Aura, Samer Bakri, Sean Bannigan, Charlie Fitch, Ryan Fitch, Brian Fritzlar, Joseph Hedrick, Jared Heise, Hans Hormel, Nicholas Janssen, Christopher Kiriara, Peter Knutson, Timothy Larson, Brian Mariska, Isaiah Mhiripiri, Nicholas Mhiripiri, Brandon Mundahl, Karl Olsen, Alexander Pliska, Jesse Rix, Matthew Thao, and Matthew Yost. Coaches are Dan Storlien and Mark Yueill.

Boys Alpine Ski—Michael Murray is the individual State champion. Coaches are James McMahon and Kristen McNeill

Nordic Ski – Zak Ketterson placed third in individual competition. The coach is Jack Collis.

Accompanying the students were Brian Fell, Jefferson High School Activities Director, and Principal Steve Hill, who also highlighted the academic accomplishments of the students.

Medical Emergency Response

Lifesaving—On February 8, a life was saved at the Kennedy Activity Center due to the quick response of a number of citizens and staff. Doug Langefels, Manager of Facilities for the District, highlighted the actions of the people who contributed to saving the life of Ron Bahr who suffered cardiac arrest while running on the track that day--Scott Peterson, Alana Fritz, Danelle McGraw, Tom Rudolph, Ricky Pierre, Barb Pederson, and Daniel Ostrom. Ron Bahr was present to express his gratitude to this group of people.

Staff

MESPA Division Leadership Achievement Award

Carolyn Hartwigsen, Westwood Elementary School Principal, was recognized with a 2013 Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association (MESPA) Division Leadership Achievement Award. The award honors principals for leadership efforts to improve education. Ms. Hartwigsen has been the principal at Westwood Elementary School for the past seven years. Under her leadership, the school earned the 2012 MESPA Minnesota School of Excellence designation. A celebration of that event is being planned for May 17.

Public

None.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on February 25, 2013.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Retirement, Resignation, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status.

Non-Resident Student Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 1 and 10 students leaving. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2013-2014: Students entering Bloomington Public Schools total 5 and 2 students leaving.

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

Family Literacy Family Program

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 Family Center, Family Literacy Academy Program, to provide funds to reimburse for childcare services for the contract period of January 1, 2013 through December 2013.

Ebenezer Church at Valley View Middle

b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the site development agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 and Ebenezer Community Church.

Voluntary Public School Choice Options Initiative

c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Annual Plan Agreement for the Voluntary Public School Choice (VPSC) Post-secondary Options Initiative.

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta 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

CAAAC Advice Request Co-ops

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 requests that the Citizens Activities/Athletics Advisory Committee (CAAAC) provide advice on the following questions:

If one of our high schools has insufficient student participation to form a team, club or activity, should our high schools continue to cooperate (co-op) thereby allowing students the opportunity to be members of the other school's program?

Or should the high school with insufficient participation also explore co-op opportunities with high schools in other districts?

Motion carried unanimously.

The CAAAC was formed to provide advice to the School Board on policies related to activities and athletics. There are no School Board policies governing this topic because co-oping has been handled as a high school operational matter. The CAAAC has responded to only one previous advice request from the School Board. The School Board asked for advice on allowing our students to be exposed to commercial advertising at our athletic event venues and our schools to raise money for activities/athletics programming.

Current Cooperative Agreements:

Alpine ski *	Competition Cheer	Quiz Bowl
Nordic Ski *	Speech	Chess
Wrestling *	Debate	
Synchronized Swim	Bloomington Kolleens	

* team sports comprised of individual events.

There are no new co-op actions currently underway.

Director Hibbs indicated that the question has come forth due to a concern expressed to him regarding Kennedy Girls Hockey not having sufficient numbers to field a team and the desire to provide the experience for those who are interested.

Kris Krenz, Kennedy High School Activities Director, and Brian Fell, Jefferson High School Activities Director, provided an overview of current cooperative (co-op) activities and athletics as well as the process for seeking co-op status. Ms. Krenz indicated that the current hockey season has just ended. Kennedy Girls Hockey participation numbers for next year will continue to be monitored.

Chair Culver recognized two members of the audience wishing to address the Board regarding KHS Girls Hockey—John Hauge and Bill Currin—who supported a co-op commencing sooner than later.

It is anticipated that CAAAC will convene in April.

Field Trip Approval

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the field trip per the attached list (on file). Motion carried unanimously.

The Kennedy High School Girls Basketball Team qualified for the State tournament. The first game is Wednesday afternoon. If they win, they will play again Thursday evening. School Board approval is required for this field trip in that a request has been made for the team to stay two nights in a hotel near the Target Center. Students would miss school on Wednesday and Thursday, returning Friday. Should they continue to advance in play, the championship game is Saturday night.

Integration Plan
Budget Approval
2013-2014

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Integration/Educational Equity Plan budget for the 2013-2014 school year. This budget is contingent upon receiving funding in the amount of \$1,506,950.00 from the Minnesota Department of Education. In the event of a decrease in funding, the contents of the plan and corresponding budget will be adjusted accordingly.

Mark Hibbs moved, Lyle Abeln, seconded to amend the motion by adding the words "subject to Board approval." Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Chair Culver called for the vote on the motion as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The Bloomington Public School District has been identified as a racially isolated school district. In the spring of 2012, a subcommittee of the Community Collaboration Council created an integration plan to address racial isolation in the school district. Additionally, a budget was developed to support the plan. The Integration/Educational Equity Plan 2012-2015 is the culmination of the subcommittee's work. The School Board approved the three-year Integration Plan in April of last year. The plan needs to be approved only every three years. The budget must be submitted annually. This year, the budget must be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education by March 15, 2013. Details of the budget were discussed at the February 25th Board Study Session.

Bid Award
Re-roofing
Indian Mounds &
Washburn

Dick Bergstrom moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the Thomas Finn Company, St. Paul, Minnesota bid of \$865,000 to re-roof Indian Mounds and Washburn Elementary Schools and approves the contract with Thomas Finn Company to accomplish this work. Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in the District's 2013-14 Alternative Facilities Plan. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund.

Healthy, Hunger
Free Act Update

Jon Swanell, Director of Food Service, updated the School Board on the requirements of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Act of 2010, which became effective with the 2012-2013 school year. The District is in compliance with all requirements.

Since 2005-2006, the District has been revising breakfast and lunch menu selections to include more fruits and vegetables served more often during the week. One of the significant changes in the requirements pertains to breads and whole grains and those requirements are being met. More recently, flavored milk offerings have been reduced and water is available as an alternative. Attention has been given to more reduced sodium products and calorie count averages per week. Staff and volunteers are trained in changes to specific requirements. In response to questions by Board members, the menu changes have not prompted an increase in food waste and accommodations have been made for requests for gluten free meals.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Lyle Abeln reported that the MSBA District 4 legislative forum was well attended. Tim Culver indicated that AMSD would be hosting a legislative forum in April. Dick Bergstrom attended a meeting of Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) and chaperoned a Normandale Hills fifth grade field trip to Camp Audubon. Nelly Korman expressed appreciation to our Bloomington legislators who participated in the March 2 forum hosted by the School Board, as well as those who were in attendance.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake gave a reminder of the Board Meeting and Study Session scheduled for March 18. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. The study session will follow. There is no meeting on March 25 as it falls during Spring Break.

Administration requests a Closed Session of the School Board on March 18 at 6 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations discussion. Motion so moved by Maureen Bartolotta and seconded by Arlene Bush. Motion carried unanimously.

The lease for the Metropolitan Learning Alliance (MLA) expires June 30, 2013. Prior to the next MLA Board meeting on March 14, the Superintendent and a representative from the Minneapolis Schools will meet with Mall of America management to discuss the lease.

Congratulations to the Kennedy High School Girls Basketball Team as they head to the State Tournament this week.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk