

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

May 28, 2013

SCHOOL SERVICE
AWARDS
(6:30 p.m.)

Staff members who have retired or left the School District this past year, or plan to do so this spring/summer, were recognized for their ten or more years of service to the Bloomington Public Schools. Staff members who have been employed by the District for ten to fourteen years were presented with a certificate for meritorious service. Staff members who have been employed fifteen years or more were presented with a school bell in recognition of their service to the Bloomington Public Schools. Prior to the awards presentation, the School Board hosted a reception in their honor.

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 7:50 p.m. on May 28, 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; Maureen Bartolotta, Arlene Bush, and Lyle Abeln.

Administration Present

Les Fujitake, Rod Zivkovich, Tom Holton, Rick Kaufman, Dave Heistad, and John Weisser.

Attorney Present

David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

District Food Drive

This is the fifth year that the Bloomington PTSA Council has coordinated the district wide food drive to ensure that no child in our community goes hungry during the summer. Linda Batterson, PTSA Council President, highlighted the results of the food drive reporting that Bloomington Public Schools and several of its business partners collected nearly 8,400 pounds of food and \$11,726 in cash. The total collection of 67,020 pounds more than doubled last year's 33,653 pounds. The total includes both non-perishable goods and the conversion of cash donations to pounds. For each dollar donated, up to five pounds of food can be purchased. Bloomington's 15 public schools, two early childhood centers, central departments, and business partners Thermo King, Northwestern Health Sciences University and Walgreens participated in the food drive.

All of the food and cash were donated to Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP), a non-profit agency serving low-income families and individuals in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield. Valley View Middle School and its business partner, Thermo King, had the highest combined total of food and cash collected with 1,895 pounds and \$4,762 in cash for a total of 25,705 pounds. Oak Grove Middle School collected 1,107 pounds to earn top school honors for pounds of food collected, while Jefferson High School had the highest total cash raised of \$1,975. Pamela Page, Event and Community Partner Manager for VEAP, expressed appreciation for the District's efforts in helping to keep VEAP shelves stocked. This will be especially helpful for the summer when school is not in session and children are not receiving free and reduced priced meals.

Through the We Believe Alliance, this year's district-wide food drive established a new world record. The traveling trophy will be passed from Jefferson High School to Valley View Middle School. The food drive results will be highlighted at the June 3 meeting of the City Council.

Energy Star Leader Bloomington Public Schools has been designated a 2013 Energy Star Leader by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The award recognizes leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions by achieving the following milestone across all of its buildings: Top Overall Energy Performance. Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, presented the certificate to the School Board and thanked Mike Berg, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and his staff for attention to energy management thereby making this award possible.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*
Minutes

Personnel Items

Non-Resident
Student Agreements

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on May 13.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Leave of Absence, Employments. Independent Personnel: Elimination of Position, Change of Status. Administrative Personnel: Employment, Changes of Status. Classified Personnel: Termination, Retirements, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.
- c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2012-2013: Students entering Bloomington total 1 and students leaving total 7. For 2013-2014: students entering Bloomington total 5 and 1 student leaving.

2. *Field Trip Approvals*

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

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

LCTS Subcontractor

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proposed agreement between the State of Minnesota, Department of Human Services and Hennepin County and Independent School District 271.

Food Catering
Nativity School

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement to continue providing catering services to Nativity of Mary School for the 2013-14 school year.

4. *Finance*
Donations

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$13,835.15.

Finance Reports

- b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month ended April 30, 2013.

Receipts &
Disbursements

- c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush 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
Social Studies 6-12
Adoption

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the Social Studies curriculum for grades 6-12 effective with the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Over the past two years, the 6-12 Social Studies Steering Committee has assessed and revised the District's 6-12 Social Studies curriculum. The new curriculum incorporates State and National standards into a well-balanced program. This curriculum has been reviewed and is supported by the District Curriculum Advisory Committee (DCAC), the Diversity Committee and 6-12 Principals, and is recommended for adoption by the District's 6-12 Social Studies Steering Committee.

Tim Anderson, Director of Teaching and Learning for Secondary, along with Social Studies Steering Committee members Dan Andersen, Sean Foley and Heidi Simons, presented an overview of the curriculum cycle process and changes to the curriculum, which included new state standards, new mandates from the Legislature, shifts in secondary standards, the prioritization of standards process which identifies important, essential and enhancing standards. All of the standards are taught, but prioritizing helps focus instruction toward those which are critical for student success and which standards can be given less emphasis.

Revocation of
Existing Capital
Projects/Approving
New Authorization
Calling for a Special
Election

Tim Culver moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, the following:
BE IT RESOLVED, that, the School Board of Independent School District 271 adopts the attached resolution relating to approving the revocation of the existing capital projects levy authorization of the school district, approving a new authorization, and calling for a special election on the general election date of November 5, 2013. This capital projects levy is to provide funding for the safety & security plan and technology plan starting in fiscal year 2014-2015.

On roll call vote, directors voting in favor were: Nelly Korman, Arlene Bush, Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs, Maureen Bartolotta, Lyle Abeln and Dick Bergstrom. Voting Against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The purpose of this resolution is to have the Board revoke its existing capital project levy authorization of 2.625% times the net tax capacity of the school district approved November 6, 2007 (\$2.7 million) and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of 5.858% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$6.0 million for taxes payable in 2014, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The money raised by the capital project levy authorization will be used to cover costs related to the acquisition, installation, support and maintenance of software and technology and the acquisition and installation of safety and security improvements to school district facilities.

If the new capital project levy authorization is approved by the voters, the existing adjusted 2.625% authorization shall be revoked effective for taxes payable in 2014.

The attached resolution was drafted by Mr. Tom Deans, an attorney who drafted our prior years' election resolutions. Mr. David Holman has reviewed this draft.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPROVING THE REVOCATION OF THE EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, APPROVING A NEW AUTHORIZATION, AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District 271, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds and determines that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to revoke its existing adjusted capital project levy authorization of 2.625% times the net tax capacity of the school district approved November 6, 2007 and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of 5.858% times the net tax capacity of the school district. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$6,000,000 for taxes payable in 2014, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The money raised by the capital project levy authorization will be used to cover costs related to the acquisition, installation, support and maintenance of software and technology and the acquisition and installation of safety and security improvements to school district facilities.

The program will be commenced prior to November 1, 2018, which date is not more than five (5) years from the date of the special election authorizing the approval of the capital project levy authorization. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded by the proposed capital project levy authorization is approximately \$60,000,000. The question on the revocation of the existing adjusted capital project levy authorization and the approval of the new authorization shall be School District Ballot Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

If the new capital project levy authorization is approved by the voters, the existing adjusted 2.625% authorization shall be revoked effective for taxes payable in 2014.

2. The actions of the administration in consulting with the Minnesota Department of Education, causing a proposal to be prepared for submission on behalf of the board to the Commissioner of Education for the Commissioner's Review and Comment and taking such other actions as necessary to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.71, as amended, are hereby ratified and approved in all respects. The actual holding of the special election on the question specified herein shall be contingent upon the receipt of a positive Review and Comment from the Commissioner of Education on the projects included in that question.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Commissioner's Review and Comment to be published in the legal newspaper of the school district at least twenty (20) but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the special election as specified in paragraph 3 of this resolution.

3. The ballot question specified above and herein shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the school district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. This special election shall be conducted in conjunction with the City of Bloomington municipal elections.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be given to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education, at least seventy-four (74) days prior to the date of said special election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each polling place on special election day. The sample ballots shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of said election.

The notice of special election so posted and published shall state the question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each polling place on special election day.

5. The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such special election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date.

6. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271
(BLOOMINGTON)

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" on that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" on that question.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1
REVOKING EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECT
LEVY AUTHORIZATION; APPROVING
NEW AUTHORIZATION

The school board of Independent School District No. 271 (Bloomington) has proposed to revoke its existing adjusted capital project levy authorization of 2.625% times the net tax capacity of the school district and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of 5.858% times the net tax capacity of the school district.

The proposed new authorization will raise approximately \$6,000,000 for taxes payable in 2014, the first year it is to be levied and would be applicable for ten years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$60,000,000.

The money raised by the proposed authorization will be used to provide funding for the acquisition, installation, support and maintenance of software and technology and the acquisition and installation of safety and security improvements to school district facilities. The projects to be funded by the proposed authorization have received a positive review and comment from the Commissioner of Education.

YES

Shall the school district's existing adjusted capital project levy authorization be revoked and the new capital project levy authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 271 be approved?

NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,
YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot card on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

7. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, if requested by the election official, furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check acceptable to the clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

8. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for testing of the optical scan voting system within fourteen (14) days prior to the special election date. The clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be given at least two (2) days in advance of publication once in the official newspaper, by posting a notice, and by notifying the county or legislative district chair of each major political party.

9. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the location of the counting center or the place where the ballots will be counted to be published in the official newspaper at least once during the week preceding the week of the special election and in the newspaper of widest circulation once on the day preceding the special election, or once the week preceding the special election if the newspaper is a weekly.

10. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at school district special elections not held in conjunction with the state primary or state general election or that are conducted by a municipality on behalf of the school district and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Section 203B.127 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots. The ballot board may include school district staff trained as election judges. The clerk or the clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the Board from time to time as to its status.

Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day. The chair may approve the City of Bloomington's ballot board to carry out these duties.

11. This special election shall be conducted by election officials from the City of Bloomington. The clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with those election officials, including entering into agreements or understandings regarding preparation and distribution of ballots, special election administration and cost sharing. The City Clerk of the City of Bloomington is authorized to carry out any necessary duties delegated by the school district clerk.

12. If the capital project levy authorization proposed herein is approved, a capital project referendum account shall be created as a separate account in the general fund of the school district. All proceeds from the capital project levy must be deposited in the capital project referendum account. Interest income attributable to the capital project referendum account must be credited to the capital project referendum account. Money in the capital project referendum account may be used only for the costs of acquisition and betterment of the approved projects. The funds in the capital project referendum account may be accumulated and not be expended until sufficient funds are available, may be accumulated and not be expended until additional funds from a bond issue are available, or may be expended on an ongoing basis for approved project costs. Any funds remaining in the capital project referendum account that are not applied to the payment of the costs of the approved projects before their final completion shall be transferred to the school district's debt redemption fund.

Director Abeln supported the resolution but expressed concern regarding ballot language, which will be confusing to voters as this will be a no tax increase levy.

Director Hibbs supported the resolution but expressed his continued concern relating to the District addressing mental health issues regarding the school safety and security plan. As per a recommendation of the School Safety & Security process, a Task Force will be convened to review the District's current mental health staffing, identify intervention needs, and make recommendations related to mental health needs of students and staff. Additional discussion related to the technology plan and topics to be addressed by November relate to professional development and training plans, what would the return on investment look like, metrics around what is to be accomplished, is this the best use of our resources, to name a few. The District is in the process of developing a FAQ document.

- VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS Dick Bergstrom highlighted the Normandale Hills carnival, the Westwood School of Excellence celebration and tonight's Celebration of Service for staff.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Les Fujitake indicated that high school graduation ceremonies are being held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Kennedy graduation is June 5 and Jefferson graduation is June 6. Both graduations begin at 7 p.m.
- The 2013 legislative session has concluded. Superintendent Fujitake expressed appreciation to our legislators for the positive results on the Board's four priorities—adequate sustainable funding, integration revenue, early learners (PreK & Kindergarten) and local control.
- IX. OTHER None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Dick Bergstrom, Clerk