

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

April 6, 2020

- 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 Nelly Korman at 7:00 p.m. on April 6, 2020.
- Members Present on Roll Call Nelly Korman, Chair; Tom Bennett, Vice Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Clerk; Beth Beebe, Treasurer; Mia Olson, Jim Sorum and Heather Starks.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Les Fujitake, Jenna Mitchler, Mary Burroughs, Rick Kaufman, Andy Kubas, Jennifer McIntyre, John Weisser, Jake Winchell, and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS/STUDY SESSIONS Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded that due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, by action of the School Board of Independent School District 271, Bloomington Public Schools, all future meetings/ study sessions of the Bloomington School Board will be conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 —Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means—until further notice. Due to the health pandemic, the School Board has determined that it is not feasible for at least one Board member, the Superintendent, or the District’s Legal Counsel to be physically present at the regular meeting location. It is also not feasible for the public to attend at the regular meeting location due to the health pandemic. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, members of the public are not permitted to attend this meeting due to the current health pandemic. Persons may live stream meetings/study sessions through BEC TV. <https://cablecast.bectv.org/CablecastPublicSite/watch/1?channel=1> Public Comment for School Board meetings may be submitted as follows: schoolboard@isd271.org. On roll call, all members voted aye.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. On roll call vote, all members voted aye.
- IV. RECOGNITION Superintendent Les Fujitake introduced Jake Winchell, the new Executive Director of Community Education; he began on April 1. Mr. Winchell served as the Director of Community Education for the Cannon Falls Public Schools for the last eleven years. Mr. Winchell holds an undergraduate degree from Gustavus Adolphus College, and a graduate degree in educational leadership from Minnesota State University-Moorhead.
- V. PART A
1. Board Business Minutes
- Personnel Actions
- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting March 9, 2020.
b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Leave of Absence.
Classified Personnel: Resignations, Employments.
2. Field Trips RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. Contracts/Agreements

- HTC Contract Addendum Phlebotomy Spring Classes Canceled a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the addendum to the Customized Training Income Contract 20056 between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The original contract was in effect October 4, 2019 through June 5, 2020; Spring classes have been canceled.
- HTC Contract Addendum AHA First Aid/CPR Spring Classes Canceled b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the addendum to the Customized Training Income Contract 20070 between the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The original contract was in effect October 4, 2019 through June 5, 2020; Spring classes have been canceled.

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 \$59,153.39.
- Finance Reports b. Statement of Revenues and Statement of Expenditures for the month of March 2020.
- Receipts/ Disbursements c. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted for the month of February 2020.

Tom Bennett moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, approval of Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B

- Bid Award/ Reroofing JHS & KHS Beth Beebe moved, Jim Sorum seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a bid of \$526,809 for reroofing at Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools from Flynn Midwest LP in Plymouth, Minnesota, and authorizes Administration to enter into the contract with this vendor. On roll call vote all directors voted aye.

This project is identified in the 2019-20 Alternative Facilities Plan and consists of reroofing at Jefferson and Kennedy High Schools. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. Our attorney and insurance agent have reviewed the AIA Standard Contract.

- Ideal Energies/ Green2Solar Mia Olson moved, Heather Starks seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves an agreement with Ideal Energies, a Green2Solar company, for the purpose of installing rooftop solar energy panels at two sites—Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School, and authorizes Administration to enter into the agreement. On roll call vote all directors voted aye.

Ideal Energies will install solar array equipment at two school rooftops: Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School. The installation of this equipment will provide discounted rates from Xcel Energy. Green2Solar finances the project; owning and maintaining the solar array for the first 20 years (estimated life is 30 years) at which point the solar array and the energy it produces will become the property of Bloomington Public Schools.

This will result in immediate savings to the District with long-term predictability of energy costs without any upfront capital and without the obligation of construction or maintenance costs. The District will realize a net savings of approximately \$23,100 in the first year (2021). The projected savings over 20 years is \$568,225. The District has similar installations producing energy at Valley View Middle School and Indian Mounds Elementary School. District legal counsel and insurance agent of record have reviewed the agreement.

COVID-19
Update

Superintendent Les Fujitake expressed appreciation to the School Board for the opportunity to have the district team share how they are responding to the Governor's Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor called to action all Minnesota school districts to do three things: implement a distance learning program, provide childcare for children of health care workers and first responders, and continue to provide meals to children of our community. Mr. Fujitake shared how very proud he is of the quiet, hard-working way our school team and community has responded to the Governor's call for help and service. The presentations tonight give a glimpse of the creative and innovative ways our schools and school community are adapting and responding to this surreal situation. The school team has impressively risen to the call to action; they love kids and know how important it is to respond to these challenging times to help all children of our community to continue to learn and grow. On behalf of the school team, he extended best wishes to everyone for safety and good health.

Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations and Emergency Management, provided an overview of COVID-19 response actions as we are entering the fourth week of schools being closed and second week of the stay at home order. The school team continues to brace for the challenges to serve, teach, listen and communicate. During time of crisis, our children look to trusted adults for security and guidance. Mr. Kaufman facilitated speakers—district leaders and frontline staff including teachers, paraprofessionals, food service staff, and nurses—with updates that included the following topics and presenters who shared their experiences and challenges in the new ways of providing learning and support services being offered to students, families and staff: *Health Services* – Hannah Hatch, Health Services Supervisor, and Jennifer Hayes, Registered Nurse at Poplar Bridge Elementary. *Distance Learning* – Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching. *Technology* – John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services. *High School Distance Learning* – Carol Kampa, Kennedy High School Principal, and Cassie Pagel, Jefferson High School Language Arts Teacher. *Middle School Distance Learning* – Brian Ingemann, Oak Grove Middle School Principal, and Katrina Van Ruyven, English Learner Teacher at Valley View Middle School. *Elementary Distance Learning* - Steve Abrahamson, Ridgeview Elementary Principal, and Maren Magsam, First Grade Teacher at Indian Mounds Elementary. *Special Education Distance Learning* –Jennifer McIntyre, Executive Director of Special Education, and Sara Gokey, Special Education Teacher at Indian Mounds Elementary. *Early Childhood Distance Learning* – Jake Winchell, Executive Director of Community Education, and Gaye Lynn Sarff, Pre-School teacher at Pond Center. *Meals* – Rynetta Renford, Food Service Production Manager, and Kim Pawek, Paraprofessional at Washburn Elementary. *Childcare* – Julie Kinsella, Youth and Family Program Manager, and Josh Stebbins, Paraprofessional and Activities Assistant at Washburn Elementary. *Communications* – Kate Martin, Marketing and Communications Manager.

Upon conclusion of the updates, School Board Chair Nelly Korman, gave closing remarks: As a School Board, we are extremely grateful for all the hard work that each and every employee has done during the past weeks. We are grateful for your hard work, your dedication, your efforts and sacrifices, and your flexibility to ensure that our students continue to receive the academic and support services needed during this challenging time. Whether working from home preparing for and launching distance learning, or on a school site providing other services and support, we all face the challenge of adapting to this new system while also taking care of our families and health. There is no doubt this current situation is showing our nation how crucial public education is to our society. We are very fortunate to have excellent, bright, and committed professionals. People we know and trust will continue to help our students and families navigate all the changes and challenges with the same professionalism and compassion as always. Bloomington is strong because you are strong. In these difficult times we are called to remain strong and united, and to work as a team. We know you are working hard, and because we also value your well-being we ask you to continue to support and care for one another.

Financial Update

Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services, updated the School Board on the on the financial impact of Governor Walz's Executive Orders on our Board approved budgets. Summaries of the financial impacts on Budgets for the General, Food Service and Community Education Fee Based Programs were presented. *General Fund*—Minimal impact on Revenues and minimal net impact on expenditures. *Food Service*—Governor's Order requires school districts to provide "Grab and Go Meals" for the community during the duration of the order when school is in session. Revenue will see a significant impact. Impact on expenditures depends on furloughing decisions and additional state funding. It is unknown if the state and/or federal government will provide financial relief for this mandate. *Community Education Fee Based Programs*—Aquatics, Enrichment, Building Reservations /Activity Centers, Kids Safari and Early Learner Academy: Revenue will see a significant Impact. Expenditures will be impacted depending on furloughing decision; no furloughing to date. Based on new guidance, the plan is to furlough hourly staff in these programs. New guidance from MDE implies that the state and/federal government will not be providing financial relief for these programs.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Tom Bennett moved, Jim Sorum seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Dawn Steigauf, Clerk