

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

**January 23, 2023**

- 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 Heather Starks at 7:00 p.m. on January 23, 2023, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Chair Starks 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: Heather Starks, Chair; Dawn Steigauf, Vice Chair; Mia Olson, Clerk; Matt Dymoke, Treasurer; Beth Beebe. Student Representatives Janie Andersen and Kelly Olson.
- Members Absent: Tom Bennett and Nelly Korman.
- Attorney Present: David Holman.
- Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Rick Kaufman, and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Heather Starks moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition to Part B, as item 4, National Conference Attendance. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- Paraprofessional Recognition Week
- Matt Dymoke moved, Beth Beebe seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 honors the Proclamation (on file) from the Governor of the State of Minnesota declaring January 23 through January 29, 2023, as Paraprofessional Recognition Week. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dr. Jenna Mitchler highlighted the important role paraprofessionals play to ensure educational success for all of our students and expressed appreciation for their dedication and commitment. Kim Pawek, Paraprofessional Mentor, highlighted the exemplary services provided by paraprofessionals every day as they support students and staff. Ms. Pawek read a letter from Bill Schwandt, President of the Bloomington Federation of Paraprofessionals, honoring the work of paraprofessionals.

Black History Month Proclamation

Mia Olson moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) proclamation proclaiming February 2023 as Black History Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jenna Mitchler, Assistant Superintendent, shared that Black History Month was proposed by Harvard trained historian, Carter G. Woodson and established in 1926. The acknowledgement of Black History Month was created as an annual celebration of the achievements of Black Americans and as a time for recognizing the central roles of African-Americans in U.S. History. Every U.S. President has designated the month of February as Black History Month since 1976.

Student School Board Representative Reports

Janie Andersen reported on Jefferson activities including Science Olympiad, Show Choir performance/dessert night, competitions for Show Choir, Jive and Connect, National Honor Society food drive, sport events, student government hosting a dance in February and acknowledging the students who are participating in the strategic planning process.

Kelly Olson reported on Kennedy activities including Science Olympiad, sport events, Flyers back in competition after three years, competition highlights for the Kolleens and Rhythm in Gold.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Eric Melbye reported on district activities. The Kennedy Kolleens will be performing before the T-Wolves game on January 30.

Oak Grove Middle School partnered with Free Bikes 4 Kidz Minnesota (FB4K) to host a bike giveaway. More than 60 bikes were donated to students. Free Bikes 4 Kidz MN is a non-profit organization geared toward helping all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need.

The Bloomington Early Learning Advisory Council and Early Learning staff held a successful diaper drive for ELS families in need. The teams at Pond and Southwood collected 100 packages and \$1,130 in cash donations.

Normandale Hills Elementary program management aide Brandy Nutt-O'Connor received the Intermediate School District 917 Inclusive Educator Award for her work supporting the inclusion of the unique learners served in their school community.

Indian Mounds Elementary staff member Ms. Alex O'Connor was selected as the KS95 teacher of the week.

February is School Board recognition month. Appreciation was expressed to Board members for their commitment and dedication to education, our students, families and staff. And, a special thank you to the families of our Board Members for allowing them to share their time and talent with us.

The strategic planning process has begun. A team of 90 participants had a virtual orientation meeting with our facilitators, Dr. Perry Soldwedl and Crystal Conley, from Catalyst for Educational Change. The first in-person meeting is a data retreat, all day on February 7.

Dr. Soldwedl will be conducting virtual professional development sessions for the School Board regarding strategic planning. The first session is scheduled for Monday, January 30, at 5 pm. Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to establish this professional development session. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART A

1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

Notes

Personnel Actions

Pathways Advisory  
Membership Updated

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting December 12, 2022 and the Organizational Meeting January 3, 2023.
- b. Listening Session Notes January 9, 2023
- c. Licensed Personnel: Resignations. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Transportation First Quarter Hour Averaging.
- d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 confirms the revised appointments of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) citizen members roster for the 2022-2023 school year as attached (on file).

2. *Field Trips*

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

3. *Grants*  
Bloomington Crime  
Prevention Association

Education Foundation  
of Bloomington

Hennepin South  
Services Collaborative

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a grant for \$12,000 from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association to support the Targeted Services Expanded After School Programs. Funds will be used over the course of the 2022-2023 school year.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts \$30,000.00 in grants from the Education Foundation of Bloomington to be used for selected educational projects.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts grants totaling \$54,691 from the Hennepin South Services Collaborative (HSSC) to fund two school district programs during the 2023 calendar year and approves the accompanying memorandums of understanding for the grants.

4. *Contracts/Agreements*

LCTS Sub-Contractor

Pop-Up Shop Event  
PCs for People

Student Teaching  
Grand Canyon  
University

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proposed agreement between the State of Minnesota, through the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department and Independent School District 271.
- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Pop-Up Shop Event Agreement between PCs for People (PC4P) and Independent School District 271 to provide a pop-up shop event to eligible Metro South Adult Basic Education students. The event will be held at the Community Education Campus on February 15, 2023. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2023 through February 16, 2023.
- c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Student Teaching Agreement with Grand Canyon University. The agreement will be in effect from January 23, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

- True North Consulting      d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Agreement with True North Consulting Group to conduct a video surveillance system assessment at a cost not to exceed \$9,370.00 and authorizes Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations and Emergency Management, to sign the Agreement that is in effect for the duration of the project.
- Normandale College Work Study Program Off Campus Employment 2023-2028      e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Normandale Community College and Independent School District 271, Work Study Program Off-Campus Employment Agreement. The agreement is effective for five years as of the date of signature.
- Minnesota State Moorhead Student Training Experience/ Internship 2023-2026      f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves The Memorandum Agreement between the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of Minnesota State, on behalf of Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, Minnesota and Independent School District 271 for Site Supervisors for Student Training Experience/Internship. The agreement is effective January 9, 2023 through January 9, 2026.
- U of Denver Morgridge College for School Counseling Program 2023-2025      g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the revised Agency Affiliation Agreement with the University of Denver Morgridge College for the School Counseling@Denver Program to provide field placements for educational and on-the-job training experiences that would be beneficial to graduate students. The term of the agreement is January 23, 2023 and will remain in effect for a period of two years.
- BEC TV 2023/ City of Bloomington      h. 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.

5. *Finance*

Finance Reports  
Receipts &  
Disbursements

- a. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures November and December 2022.
- b. Receipts and Disbursements November and December 2022.

Dawn Steigauf moved, Matt Dymoke 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  
Donations

Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves donations as indicated in the background in the amount of \$66,796.49. Motion carried unanimously.

MONETARY—Donation of \$348.80 to Hillcrest Elementary School from HC PTSA for busing to a skating party for a FY21-22 field trip. Donation of \$1,000.00 to Hillcrest Elementary School from HC PTSA for an Artful Learning artist visit during the FY21-22 school year. Donation of \$1,000.00 to Indian Mounds Elementary School from Ms. Julie O’Hara for the Food for Thought program. Donation of \$5,000.00 to Indian Mounds Elementary School from Hometown Church for students in need, for both clothing and instructional supplies.

Donation of \$3,360.00 to Olson Elementary School from OLE PTA for music curriculum from QuaverEd for the OLE Music Department through funds raised from the Read-a-thon program. Donation of \$1,232.46 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Band Booster Club (JBBC) for the band student escrow accounts. The money was from two fundraisers, the Raise Right fundraiser from September and October and also the Worlds' Finest Chocolates fundraiser. The student escrow account is used to pay for individual student instrument rental and band field trips. Donation of \$986.95 to Jefferson High School from JBBC. \$549.40 was for busing to a Minnesota State Fair event. \$437.55 was for the student escrow account for the November Raise Right fundraiser. Donation of \$29,702.66 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Quarterback Club. This includes reimbursement for fall football expenses for various supplies (shoulder pads, practice jerseys, crash pads) as well as salaries for seven football coaches. Donation of \$6,074.50 to Jefferson High School from Gateway Music Festivals as reimbursement for busing for the Jefferson Jaguar Marching band trip to Oahu, Hawaii for the 2022 Waikiki Holiday parade. Donation of \$4,391.12 to Jefferson High School from the JHS Volleyball Booster Club as reimbursement for jerseys and three coaches' salaries for Fall 2022. Donation of \$250.00 to Kennedy High School from Msgr. Thomas F. Meagher Assembly 1637 for Kennedy Community Alliance. Donation of \$1,000.00 to ESC Food Service Department from Ms. Melissa Winterer for the Food for Thought program. Donation of \$3,500.00 to Pond, Volunteer Connection from Oak Grove Presbyterian Church for Homework Connection programs and scholarships for Homework Connection students attending Kids Safari. VALUE IN KIND— Donation of a \$750.00 Amazon gift card to Normandale Hills Elementary School from Minnesota Farm Bureau. The gift card is for winter clothing for students in need. Also, two boxes of new winter clothing were donated, an estimated value of \$500.00. Total value of donation is \$1,250.00. Donation of gift cards to Kennedy High School from St. Michael's Lutheran Church for Kennedy Community Alliance program, to help families in need. \$5,700.00 in Cub Foods gift cards and \$2,000.00 in Walmart gift cards. Total gift card value of \$7,700.00.

NH Improvements  
Additional Bid Awards

Beth Beebe moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the following additional bids for improvements at Normandale Hills Elementary School:

1. Twin City Hardware Company, St. Paul, MN, bid of \$106,175.
2. Sonus Interiors, Inc., Golden Valley, MN bid of \$406,450.

Motion carried unanimously.

This project is identified in the 2022-23 Alternative Facilities Plan and additional bids were obtained which consist of updates, repairs and replacements on doors, frames and hardware, and flooring at Normandale Hills Elementary School, and total \$512,625. Twin City Hardware Company will provide Doors, Frames, and Hardware. Sonus Interiors, Inc., will provide Flooring. Funding for this project is from the Alternative Facilities Fund. Our attorney and insurance agent have reviewed the AIA A132/CMA standardized contract, which will be used with this contractor.

Legislative Priorities  
2023

Mia Olson moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the legislative priorities for the 2023 legislative session per the attachment (on file) that includes addressing the following: Special Education Funding (Cross Subsidy), English Learner Funding (Cross Subsidy) and Basic Formula Allowance. The School Board also supports the 2023 legislative platforms of the Minnesota School Boards Association, the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, and the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board Legislative Committee met on December 14 to develop priorities for the 2023 legislative session. The attached document provides information related to the specific topics identified by the Committee for legislative action. Additional items may be brought to the School Board, if needed. These priorities will be shared with our Bloomington legislators and other legislators as appropriate. These priorities were reviewed and discussed with the Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council on December 14, 2022. The 2023 legislative platforms for MSBA, AMSD and MASA are available on the respective websites for those organizations.

National Conference  
Attendance

Dawn Steigauf moved, Mia Olson seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves up to three (3) School Board members to attend a national conference in 2023, in accordance with Board Policy 214, Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS

Matt Dymoke highlighted his visit to Westwood and a Scout Troop presentation he gave on civic engagement. Beth Beebe attended the legislative forum sponsored by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. She shared the need for students to have help with developing life skills and a good work ethic. Dawn Steigauf shared that the BPS Advocacy Council and PTSA Council members had the opportunity for legislative training. She reported that the Special Education Community Advocacy Council received a presentation on delivery system improvements. Mia Olson reported on speakers and sessions at the MSBA Leadership Conference, PTSA Council meeting topics, attended the professional development day at Jefferson High School and highlighted activities and events of Early Learning Services. Heather Starks reported that students from Olson and Valley View Middle Schools and New Code Academy recently were at the Capitol showing legislators coding in the classroom.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Heather Starks adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Mia Olson, Clerk