

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

March 27, 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 March 27, 2023, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th 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, Tom Bennett and Nelly Korman.
- Administration Present: Jenna Mitchler, Rick Kaufman, Jennifer McIntyre, and Rod Zivkovich.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITIONS
- JHS Theatre
- The Jefferson High School Theatre Company will be presenting *Les Miserables* April 19-30. Music Director Jamie Schmidt introduced student actors Elias Caspari, Maddie Michaels and Aidan Busse who performed a musical selection—*I Dreamed a Dream*.
- DECA State Finalists
- Debbie Belfry, Vocational Director, introduced business teachers Eric Roesler and Melissa Schroeder to highlight the DECA Conference and introduce the state finalists:
- Caroline Harding (JHS) - 4th place - Hospitality & Tourism Professional Selling
Katie Christensen (JHS) - 7th place - Business Services Marketing Series
Henry Matson (KHS) - 8th place - Principles of Finance
Katie Christensen (JHS) - 9th place - Integrated Marketing Campaign - Service
Sofia Pehrson (JHS) - 11th place - Hotel and Lodging Management Series
Daphne Such (KHS) & Zhoujinyi Wen (JHS) - 11th place - Community Awareness Project
Katie Christensen (JHS) & Sofia Pehrson (JHS) - 11th place - Community Giving Project

Caroline Harding and Katie Christensen qualified for the International Career Development Conference in Orlando next month. Carly Peterson (JHS) and Caleb Hecimovich (JHS) will be attending that conference with the School Based Enterprise Project. Elena Plaster (JHS) will be attending a leadership academy at the conference.

Student School
Board Representative
Reports

Janie Andersen reported on Jefferson activities including the pep fest, celebration of women's history and disabilities month, Athena Award winner, Nate Linscheid (boys swimming and diving) is a finalist for National High School Athlete Coaches Association Coach of the Year, Earth Corps events, show choir performances, spring sports, and cheer tryouts are coming.

Kelly Olson reported on Kennedy activities including the beginning of trimester three, spring sports transition season, the Green Club addressed the School Board regarding lunches, Earth Day activities, RIG Annual--RIG going to national competition in Branson, Missouri in April—band and orchestra concert, cast selected for the spring play—*James and the Giant Peach*. Spring sports soon to begin.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jenna Mitchler reported on district activities. Three of our teachers have been moved forward as candidates for Education Minnesota Teacher of the Year—Angela Mahowald, Hillcrest Grade 5; Ryan Pedersen, Jefferson Art; Laurel Wiehe, Kennedy Social Studies.

The second of three in-person, all-day sessions was held on February 28. The session was the Vision Retreat. The last session is tomorrow, March 28. This session will focus on Setting the Direction. Just a reminder to the public that there is a dedicated page on the district website with all of the strategic planning information—it includes all of the readings, powerpoints, data and the work output from each session. We wanted this strategic planning process to be very transparent and believe it to be so. The website page also includes links to surveys, which will be open after each all-day planning session for staff, students and the public to provide feedback on the work to date. That survey information is then brought back to the main planning team for processing and incorporation into our final product.

Spring Break for Bloomington Public Schools is April 3-7; no school for students and teachers.

VI. PART A
1. *Board Business*
Minutes
Notes

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting February 27, 2023.
- b. Notes of the Listening Session March 13, 2023.
- c. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Change of Status.
Independent Personnel: Resignation. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Terminations, Employments, Changes of Status.

2. *Policy Approval*
Policy 806

- a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 806, District Crisis Management.

Policy 904

- b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 904, Distribution of Materials on School Property by Non-School Persons.

- Policy 904.1 c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves no change to Policy 904.1, Distribution of Non-Curricular Materials by Students.
3. *Field Trips* a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).
4. *Contracts/Agreements*
- City of Bloomington/
After School Program
Middle Schools a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 for after school program needs for Valley View, Oak Grove and Olson middle schools effective February 2023 through February 2024.
- HTC Contract
Amendment/BCCA b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Amendment for Customized Training with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271. The Amendment changes the contract date from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.
- HTC PSEO Contract
Amendment/BCCA c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Amendment for the FY23 Course Schedule to the PSEO Income Contract with the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College to provide PSEO instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy effective December 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- Izaak Walton League/
Green Crew/OGMS
Galaxy Program d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Green Crew School Program Agreement between Izaak Walton League of America, Minnesota Valley Chapter and Independent School District 271 to provide a youth environment education and service adventure program to participants in the district's Galaxy program at Oak Grove Middle School May 3 through May 24, 2023.
- Izaak Walton League/
Green Crew/Kids'
SAFARI Summer
Program e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Green Crew School Program Agreement between Izaak Walton League of America, Minnesota Valley Chapter and Independent School District 271 to provide a youth environmental education and service adventure program to participants in the district's Kids' SAFARI summer program.
- TeamWorks Consulting
Services/Gifted &
Talented Needs
Assessment f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves a Letter of Agreement for Consulting Services with TeamWorks International, Inc. to facilitate a comprehensive needs assessment (Phase I of the Proposal) to be used for program development in the Gifted & Talented department. The total cost of Phase I is not to exceed \$20,650.
- AVID Center
Membership
2023-2024 g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Membership Agreement with the AVID Center. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2023, to June 20, 2024. The total contract price for the term of the agreement is \$8,793.
- Ease h. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Ease.

Ideal Energies

- i. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Ideal Energies for the purpose of installing rooftop solar array equipment at Oak Grove Middle, Oak Grove Elementary and Poplar Bridge Elementary and authorizes Administration to enter into the agreement.

5. *Finance*

Finance Reports
Receipts &
Disbursements

- a. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures February 2023.
- b. Receipts and Disbursements February 2023.

Dawn Steiguaf moved, Beth Beebe 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 accepts donations as indicated in the background in the amount of \$16,899.79. Motion carried unanimously.

MONETARY—Donation of \$257.55 to Hillcrest Elementary School from HC PTSA for custodial time for PTSA events. Donation of \$1,152.00 to Poplar Bridge Elementary School from PB PTA for the Three Rivers Park field trip for Kindergarten and 2nd Grade. Donation of \$326.62 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Band Booster Club for the Band Escrow Account. Money is from the January 2023 Raise Right fundraiser. Donation of \$4,000.00 to Kennedy High School from Earl C. Hill Bloomington American Legion Post #550 for the Kennedy Community Alliance pantry. Donation of \$2,000.00 to Kennedy High School from Ms. Janet Pladson for the Kennedy Show Choir program. Donation of \$1,000.00 to Kennedy High School from Joan Roisum Insurance Agency, Inc. for the Kennedy Show Choir program. Donation of \$500.00 to the District's American Indian Education Program from Care Concepts Builders LLC for new speakers for the program. Donation of \$500.00 to ESC Community Relations Department from Earl C. Hill American Legion Post #550 to use towards scholarships for seniors to attend the Senior Achievement Awards dinner. Donation of \$250.00 to ESC Community Relations Department from Big Frog Custom T-shirts to use toward scholarships for seniors to attend the Senior Achievement Awards dinner. Donation of \$2,500.00 to ESC Food Service Department from South Metro Minneapolis Evenings Rotary for the Food for Thought Program. Donation of \$4,413.62 to ESC Food Service Department from Kennedy Choir Boosters for catering at the Bloomington Gold Show Choir competition on behalf of Kennedy Show Choir.

Achievement &
Integration Three
Year Plan
2023-2026

Mia Olson moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the 2023-2026 Achievement and Integration Plan and its budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$2,262,487.39. In the event of a decrease or increase in funding from the Minnesota Department of Education, the contents of the plan and corresponding budget will be adjusted accordingly. On roll call vote, all directors voted aye, except Beth Beebe who voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 124D. Sections 861-862, Minnesota's Achievement and Integration program was established to help close Minnesota's academic achievement gap and increase integration opportunities for protected class students. Minnesota law passed requires all school districts receiving Achievement and Integration funding to submit a new three-year plan to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). The new Achievement and Integration plan must be aligned with the World's Best Workforce plan. Input on the plan has been received from key district stakeholder groups and the plan has been vetted with leadership at the MDE. The new three-year plan was discussed with the Board at its study session on March 13, 2023.

Director Beebe expressed concerns and/or questioned items within the plan as she understood them: protected class as it relates to mental health services, focus on systems of oppression, focus on cultural proficiency rather than academics, not enough actual tools in the plan—what will be different to achieve a better result, math specialists in certain buildings—what about other students of color. Dr. Mitchler spoke to each of the concerns highlighting the upcoming presentation on tonight's agenda regarding chemical and mental health and what the district is doing for all students. Math specialists are in other buildings and not just those identified as racially isolated. Curriculum is reviewed with the lens of "windows and mirrors" as we want all students to be represented and to be able to see themselves in the curriculum. In looking for different results, data is used to determine what is working or not working—scale up or put aside those tools.

Middle School
Athletic Fees
2023-2024

Tom Bennett moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves fees for middle school boys and girls soccer beginning this Fall and co-ed wrestling beginning Winter 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

On February 27, 2023, the School Board approved the fees for middle school track and field. Starting in the 2023-2024 school year, boys and girls soccer and co-ed wrestling will be added as extracurricular activities. Administration recommends a sports fee of \$145.00 for these sports, which is consistent with the current middle school fee for track and field.

Chemical & Mental
Health Update

The presentation shared how Bloomington Public Schools (BPS) is working with licensed staff and outside resources to support students and families around chemical and mental health challenges. People are more likely to develop mental health issues if they use chemicals. People with mental health issues are more likely to be engaged in use of chemicals. Minnesota students experienced greater depression, anxiety, behavioral or emotional problems than at any time in the history of the Minnesota Student Survey (since 1989). Eleventh graders seriously considered suicide. Among them, LGBTQ+ students are three times more likely to consider suicide and four times more likely than heterosexual students. Transgender students are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers. Substance misuse factors include trauma (ACEs=adverse childhood experiences), use in home, increased access to illicit drugs, untreated social/emotional/mental health issues, actual/perceived use among peer groups, consistent feelings of isolation, and lack of concentration.

Areas of concern for BPS are increased chemical use in middle and high schools, increase in chemical health assessments and 911 calls for mental health or substance abuse. Proposed events supporting chemical health plan awareness include information/education—communication channels and messaging, launch of the *Let's Be Honest Video*, hosting events featuring the Bloomington Police Department, licensed addiction counselors, school mental health specialists, and parent of a teen lost to addiction. Presenters of this update included Dr. Jenna Mitchler, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer McIntyre, Student Services; Hannah Hatch, Health Services; and Rick Kaufman, Community Relations.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Matt Dymoke reported on the Community Education Advisory Council meeting. Topics included summer programs and an overview of Early Learning services. The Education Foundation Chip In for Schools golf tournament is July 26. Policy edits are due on Friday. Mia Olson reported on the Early Learning Parent Advisory Council meeting and upcoming activities that include a fund raiser at Culvers April 11 and a picnic on May 18. Early Learning Parent Advisory Committee members will be visiting the Capitol in support of early learning services. Director Olson also highlighted Board member visits to legislators on AMSD and MSBA days at the Capitol. Heather Starks highlighted the many recent activities of the School Board including AMSD and MSBA days at the Capitol, the joint meeting with the City Council, sessions of professional development and strategic planning, State of the City, Fine Arts and Activities Hall of Fame and the Show Choir performance at Kennedy, and the *Aladdin* performance at Oak Grove Middle School.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Heather Starks adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mia Olson, Clerk