



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

November 13, 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 8:00 p.m. on November 13, 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: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, John Weisser and Rod Zivkovich
- LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: David Holman
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Matt Dymoke moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PART A
A. Field Trip Approval Student Field Trip approved as presented.
- V. PART B
A. Canvassing November 7, 2023 School Board Election Dawn Steigauf moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the results of the School Board Election of November 7, 2023, and declares the following candidates elected to four-year terms, beginning January 1, 2024: Nelly Korman, Mia Olson and Heather Starks. And Clerk of said Board is instructed to so notify the candidates according to law.

Vote Recap: Sandra Johnson 6,208; Nelly Korman 9,644; Ricardo Oliva 8,828; Mia Olson 9,810; Langa Oriho 5,30; Heather Starks 11,121; Write-Ins 129.

VI. OTHER

A. Veterans Day

Superintendent Eric Melbye recognized November 11, 2023 was Veterans Day and reported our schools recognized veterans on Friday, November 10, with a video provided by the Bloomington Police Department Honor Guard that was shared with our administration and staff. We are fortunate to have two local organizations that support our students and staff very generously, and thanked the American Legion Earl C. Hill, Post 550, Commander Dan Welch and members and also the Veterans of Foreign Wars Everett McClay Post 1296, Commander Brooks Moldestadt and members.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Heather Starks adjourned the meetings at 8:04 pm. A School Board Study Session commenced upon the conclusion of the Meeting, followed by a Close Session for the purpose of employee negotiations.

Mia Olson, Clerk