



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

**December 11, 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 December 11, 2023, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 W. 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, 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. STUDENT SCHOOL  
BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORTS**

Both Kenneth Adah, from Kennedy High School and Dhruvika Uppal, from Jefferson High School, read prepared reports highlighting activities and events at their respective schools.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Superintendent Dr. Eric Melbye reported that to acknowledge Computer Science Education Week, the City of Bloomington issued its first CSEdWeek Proclamation on December 4, 2023, which was received by an amazing group of Bloomington Public School students and District CS staff. Also, on December 5<sup>th</sup> Indian Mounds Computer Science Immersion School welcomed the Minnesota Commissioner of Education, Willie Jett to sit in a classroom and also take part in several demonstrations.

Dr. Melbye reported that also on December 5<sup>th</sup> there was a “Female Empowerment Event” at Kennedy High School. They welcomed female speakers from the Computer Science and Tech industry from US Bank and Skywater Technologies to speak with students about CS careers. Computer Science Coordinator, Dr. Alexandra Holter, attended a “Teaching Inclusive AI in Computer Science” event at the White House and also advocated for Computer Science at the US Capitol. Dr. Melbye reminded everyone that Bloomington Public Schools will be on Winter Break December 18, 2023, through January 1, 2024. Students and most staff will return on January 2, 2024. Dr. Melbye wished everyone a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Winter Break.

VI. PART A

- A. Board Business
  - 1. Minutes
    - a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting November 27, 2023.
    - b. Minutes of the World’s Best WorkForce Annual Public Meeting November 27, 2023.
  - 2. Personnel
    - a. Independent Personnel Resignations and Employments.
    - b. Classified Personnel Resignations and Employments.
- B. Field Trips
- C. Bloomington Public Schools Advocacy Council Membership
- D. Policy Approval
  - 1. Policy 533: Wellness
- E. Contracts/Agreements
  - 1. Agreement with. National School Safety and Security Services, Inc.

Matt Dymoke moved; Dawn Seigauf seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PART B

- A. Tom Bennett moved; Matt Dymoke seconded, to approval the World’s Best WorkForce Annual Report 2022-23, as presented by Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Nelly Korman moved; Matt Dymoke seconded, to approve the Assigned Funds as presented by Rod Zivkovich, Executive Director of Finance and Support Services. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Matt Dymoke moved; Dawn Steigauf seconded, to approve the Committed Funds as presented by Rod Zivkovich. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Dawn Steigauf moved; Tom Bennett seconded, to approve the Operating Transfers as presented by Rod Zivkovich. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Mia Olson moved; Matt Dymoke seconded, to approve the Mid-Year Budget Adjustments as presented by Rod Zivkovich. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Beth Beebe moved; Tom Bennett seconded, to approve the Final 2023 Payable 2024 Property Tax Levy as presented by Rod Zivkovich. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Rod Zivkovich gave an update on the Right Sizing the Budget initiative.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS Beth Beebe attended the Women in Engineering presentation at Kennedy High School, and a Cheetah Rally at Valley View Elementary. Nelly Korman gave an update about which MSBA Resolutions were recently passed and which did not pass. Out MCA Testing practices resolution was one that passed.

VIII. OTHER Mia Olson moved; Matt Dymoke seconded, to cancel the Closed Session scheduled for this evening after the conclusion of the School Board Business Meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Heather Starks adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

Mia Olson, Clerk