



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

January 22, 2024

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 Vice Chair, Matt Dymoke at 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 2024, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street Bloomington, Minnesota.

Vice Chair Dymoke 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: Matt Dymoke, Vice Chair; Beth Beebe, Clerk; Tom Bennett, Treasurer; Heather Starks; Mia Olson; and Nelly Korman. Student Representatives Dhruvika Uppal, Jefferon and Kenneth Adah, Kennedy.

Members Absent: Dawn Steigauf, Chair.

Attorney Present: David Holman.

Administration Present: Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs, Jennifer McIntyre

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

III. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session tonight upon conclusion of the study session. Vice Chair Dymoke asked for a motion to approve. Beth Beebe moved, Heather Starks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Tom Bennett moved, Beth Beebe seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. RECOGNITIONS

Paraprofessional
Recognition Week

Heather Starks moved, Mia Olson 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 21 through January 27, 2023, as Paraprofessional Recognition Week. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McIntyre highlighted the important role paraprofessionals play to ensure educational success for all of our students and expressed appreciation for their dedication and commitment. Bill Schwandt, President of the Bloomington Federation of Paraprofessionals, acknowledged the exemplary services provided by paraprofessionals every day as they support students and staff.

Black History Month

Tom Bennett moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Proclamation Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) proclamation proclaiming February 2024 as Black History Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Weemon Yeakeshon senior at Jefferson accepted the proclamation. Expressing gratitude for acknowledging the importance of Black History Month.

Student School
Board Representative

Dhruvika Uppal reported that Jefferson theater celebrated winning their competition against New Prague, taking 1st place. ACT will take place on April 17th. Sophie Werner won teacher of the year award. Speech won 5th place at the Speech Tournament.

Kenneth Adah reported that 7 Kennedy students from the DECA Business Club advanced to state competition. This event will be held on March 10-12th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis. Latinx Club will host their 2nd soccer tournament. The Science Olympiad placed 2nd in Air Trajectory and 3rd in Code Analysis. Rhythm and Gold earned the title of grand champions for best vocal and choreography. The Boys Swim and Dive team setted 24 personal records.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Eric Melbye reported on district activities. Valley View Middle School Robotics won an award at the Minnesota First Tech Challenge. The team finished in 8th place out of 27 teams. Bloomington Public Schools is accepting nominations for its annual Senior Achievement Program. Kindergarten Welcome event all through January and February.

Motion for School Board Retreat on January 31, 2024 at 4pm at the Bloomington Civic Plaza to discuss right sizing the budget. Tom Bennett moved, Heather Starks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion for School Board professional Development Session on January 29, 2024 at 5pm at the Educational Services Center. Session pertains to governance and work of the board. Tom Bennett moved, Heather Starks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. PART A

1. Board Business

- Minutes Notes a. Minutes of the School Board Organizational Meeting January 8, 2023.
- Personnel Actions b. Licensed Personnel: Resignations. Classified Personnel: Termination, Personnel Actions Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status, Transportation First Quarter Hour Averaging.

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

Washburn Center for Children a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Contractual Agreement between Washburn Center for Children and Independent School District 271 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Service Agreement with Minnesota Department b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement between the Minnesota Department of Education and Independent School District 271 for Youth Water Safety programming for students identified under McKinney Vento during the Summer Quest program effective June - July 2024 and June 2025

Consent to Transfer Ownership c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the ownership transfer agreement and consent to assignment of fees to Kraus Anderson Insurance Agency Inc., Comptrol Claim Management Services for Workers Compensation Claims.

Approval of Updated Standard AIA d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the updated C132-2019 Standard form of Agreement between Owner and Construction Manager as Advisor American Institute of Architects (AIA) construction agreement.

BEC TV e. 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.

SLEDS f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the (SLEDS) Data Sharing Agreement between the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and Independent School District No. 271. The agreement shall take effect upon signature of both parties and will remain in effect until December 31, 2028.

4. Grants

Education Foundation a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts \$20,000.00 in grants from the Education Foundation of Bloomington to be used for selected educational projects.

Defending the Early Years b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a \$500 grant from Defending the Early Years to provide sensory play opportunities to children attending the Pond Early Learning Center.

5. Finance Finance

Reports
Receipts &
Disbursements

- a. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures November and December 2023.
- b. Receipts and Disbursements November and December 2022. Disbursements

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

VIII. PART B

Acceptance of Audit
Report

Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accept the Auditor's Reports from BerganKDV. Ltd., which included Audited Financial Statements and accompanying Communication Letters for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023. BerganKDV. Ltd. has completed a general financial audit for 2022-23 conforming to State and Federal guidelines.

Donations

Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations as indicated in the background in the amount of \$75,640.19. Motion carried unanimously. MONETARY 1. Donation of \$1,000.00 to Hillcrest Elementary School from HC PTSA for matching a Fine Arts grant. 2. Donation of \$7,000.00 to Hillcrest Elementary School from HC PTSA to cover costs of artists and Artful Learning supplies. 3. Donation of \$740.00 to Olson Elementary School from OLE PTA to help pay for a speaker from the Arboretum who spoke to the Kindergarten class. 4. Donation of \$5,648.52 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Cross Country Booster Club for team jackets. 5. Donation of \$35,804.90 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Quarterback Club for coach's salaries and football equipment. 6. Donation of \$4,344.63 to Jefferson High School from JBBC for October & November Raise Right fundraisers for student band escrow accounts. 7. Donation of \$6,803.14 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Theater Company to cover advisor salary costs for two plays, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and Little Women. 8. Donation of \$1,000.00 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Choir Booster Club to be used for student scholarships. 9. Donation of \$3,500.00 to the District's Volunteer Connection Department from Oak Grove Presbyterian Church for the After School Study Buddies program. 10. Donation of \$2,000.00 to the District's Curriculum Department from Mr. & Mrs. Augusto Morrone in honor of Mr. & Mrs. George Labonte, for the 5 th & 6 th grade Orchestra instructional program. VALUE IN KIND 11. Donation of 50 Strider bikes at \$139.99 each and 50 bike helmets at \$15.99 each, to Pond from Free Bikes for Kidz. An estimated total value of \$7,799.00.

Legislative Priorities

Nelly Korman moved, Heather Starks seconded, that the School Board of 2024 Independent School District 271 accepts the legislative priorities for the 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 January 17, 2024. The 2024 legislative platforms for MSBA, AMSD and MASA are available on the respective websites for those organizations.

Approval and Ratification of 2023-2025

Beth Beebe moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the 2023-2025 Master Contract between Independent School District 271 - Bloomington, Minnesota, and the Association of Bloomington Clerical; and authorizes its Chair and Clerk to sign the agreement. The District and the Association of Bloomington Clerical reached a tentative agreement for the 2023-2025 Master Contract on December 19, 2023 and the clerical employees ratified the tentative agreement on January 12, 2024. This tentative agreement includes wage schedule improvements of 3% Steps 1-6 for 2023-2024 and 3% Steps 1-6 for 2024-2025. In addition, the tentative agreement includes the following: Previously agreed to out-of-network out-of-pocket maximums for health insurance (7.2) Increase to the District health insurance contribution both years of the contract (7.2.) Increase to the District HSA contribution both years of the contract (7.3)

Longevity adjustments to 2023-2024 of \$0.20 per longevity step, and an increase of \$0.05 to 10L and \$0.02 to 15L & 20L for 2024-25. Market Adjustment Clarified language regarding parental leave (8.2) Addition of Juneteenth as a holiday for those that have the day as a work day as a part of their regular assignment (8.6) Changed 403b match to 3% after three years of service (10.1.1) MOU regarding LMC "Housekeeping" The tentative agreement is within the allocations approved by the Board for contract. Previously, the Board received detailed copies of all proposed language, insurance changes, and schedule changes in the tentative agreement.

IX. BOARD MEMBER

Beth Beebe, clerk reported on SECAC and wifi policy. Nelly Korman, director reported on the Legislative Committee. Reminder that March 5th, 2024 will be AMSD/MASA Region Day at the capital. Tom Bennett, treasurer reported on the MABA Computer Science program. Participation of Normandale Hill's PTA meeting regarding Right Sizing the Budget. Mia Olson, director complimented the district on doing an excellent job regarding book challenges. Reported the participation of DEDAC meeting at Hillcrest's listening circle. Olson Middle School provides diverse online cooking classes raising money for Leukemia. Nelly Korman, director also provides a special thanks to all the paraprofessionals. Matt Dymoke, vice chair reports Education Foundation of Bloomington golf event on July 30th, 2024. EFB provides 30 grants in the district. Bloomington will host their first annual Show Choir Bash on February 6th, 2024 at 7pm.

X. OTHER

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Vice Chair Matt Dymoke adjourned the meeting at 8:517 p.m.

Beth Beebe, Clerk