



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

March 18, 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 Chair, Dawn Steigauf at 7:00 p.m. on March 18, 2024, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street Bloomington, Minnesota.

Chair, Dawn Steigauf 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:

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

Attorney Present:

David Holman.

Administration Present:

Eric Melbye, Jenna Mitchler, Rod Zivkovich, Mary Burroughs, John Weisser, Andy Kubas

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair, Dawn Steigauf states that part a is the consent agenda. It consists of minutes from previous meetings, standards, personnel actions, policy approvals, contracts and agreements, and routine financial business. Upon request we are moving one item from the consent agenda to our part b agenda. That item is Policy 606.5, Library Materials. It will become item number five on our part b agenda. With that change I would ask for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Matt Dymoke moved, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. RECOGNITIONS
Student School
Board Representative**

Dhruvika Uppal reported updates from Jefferson High School. In honors of Women's History Month, Girl Up Meeting discussed what women empowerment looks like at JHS. The Student Council held a blood drive on March 14th through the partnership of Memorial Blood Center. Congratulating Carly Peterson who participated in the Bloomington DECA team.

Carly advanced to the nationals and will compete in California. Pathfinders held their last meeting on March 13th; discussing topics such as PGP and goal setting. JHS Earthcorps organized a thrift exchange on March 16th.

Kenneth Adah reported that Kennedy's school-wide grade point average goal is 77.6% of A's, B's, and C's. With seniors and juniors leading with the highest percentage of those grades. Kennedy would like to utilize tutoring more. NHS tutoring has set up a google form where students can sign up for support by the National Honor Society. Congratulations to Zoe Bradford-Johnson, Christian Garcia Garcia, Hope Laaksonen, Audrey Keirstad, and Camila Pineda for receiving the Gold Key Awards. RIG hosted their end of the season celebration. JFK will host a job fair on Wednesday, April 10th. Congratulations to Kelsey Cruz Rojas who was named the Athena Award winner for Kennedy. Congratulations to Angelica Mey who placed 2nd in humor at the 6AA speech tournament.

V. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Eric Melbye is proud to announce Valley View Elementary 5th grade teacher Sarah Dallum is one of 27 semifinalists for Education Minnesota's 2024 Minnesota Teacher of the year program.

Community members are invited to submit nominations for the Education Foundation of Bloomington's 2024 Prodigy Awards. Forms are available online.

Jefferson's competition cheer team earned its eighth national championship title at the 2024 UCA in Orlando, Florida.

Assistant superintendent Dr. Jenna Mitchler receives the Outstanding Central Office Leader Award from Minnesota Association of School Administrators.

Congratulations to Jefferson Theatre Company's one act play, The Women of Troy winning the championship at the Metro West Conference in New Prague.

Kennedy senior Kelsey Cruz Rojas and sophomore Noela Fierro competed at the state wrestling tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St.Paul. They are the first Kennedy girls to ever place in the state wrestling tournament.

Assistant coach Natalie Fischer named section 5A assistant coach of the year by Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association.

Next week March 25-29th is spring break for Bloomington Public Schools and the next school board listening session and study session will be on April 1st not April 8th approved by the board.

Chair, Dawn Steigauf reminds that Policy 606.5 has been removed from part a to part b of the agenda.

VI. PART A

1. Board Business Minutes Notes

- a. Minutes of the School Board Business Meeting February 26, 2024
- b. Listening Session Notes February 12, 2024 - Revise
- c. Listening Session Notes March 11, 2024

- Personnel Actions
- d. Licensed Personnel: Resignations, Employments, Change of Status.
Independent Personnel: Retirements, Resignations.
Classified Personnel: Resignations, Terminations, Employments, Reduction in Force.
2. Policy Approval
- Policy 423
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Policy 423, Staff-Student Relationships.
 - Policy 515.3
 - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Policy 515.3, Student Research.
 - Policy 524
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves revised Policy 524, Computer System and Internet Acceptable Use.
3. Contracts/Agreements
- Professional Development Services
 - a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the contract for professional development services with Indigenous Enterprise LLC. This order is effective June 12, 2024.
 - b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Amendment for the PSEO 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 and Independent School District 271 to provide services known as PSEO to Bloomington Career and College Academy students. The term of the PSEO contract is from July 1, 2023 through June 20, 2024.
 - PSEO contract with Hennepin Technical College
 - c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a contract of \$134,235.00 by Western Specialty Contractors, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for roofing at the Jefferson High School Boiler Room.
 - Roofing at JHS Boiler Room
 - d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts a bid of \$298,300.00 by Minnesota Paving and Materials of Rogers, MN, for parking lot rehabilitation at Jefferson High School.
 - Parking Lot Rehabilitation JHS
 - e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the Direct Admissions College Material Pilot Program.
 - Direct Admission Joint Powers
 - f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Dark Knight Solutions for information security services. This agreement runs through January 31, 2025 with a total cost of \$3,500.
 - Dark Knight Solutions
 - g. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with Jamf Software, LLC for licensing for virus protection and computer management. This agreement has a four year term with an annual cost of \$40,004. The total cost over four years is \$160,016.
 - Jamf Software, LLC
4. Finance
- Finance Reports
 - Receipts & Disbursements
 - a. Statements of Revenues and Expenditures February 2024
 - b. Receipts and Disbursements February 2024
- Matt Dymoke moved, Heather Starks 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

1. Donations

Tom Bennett moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount of \$32,917.37. Motion carried unanimously.

MONETARY - Donation of \$600.00 to Washburn Elementary School from The Blackbaud Giving Fund for student programs, incentives and supplies. Donation of \$1,994.59 to Jefferson High School from JBBC for band student's escrow fundraising accounts. Donation of \$10,000.00 to Jefferson High School from Girls Swim & Dive Booster Group for the new swim board. Donation of \$18,965.78 to Jefferson High School from Jefferson Theatre Company for tripod lights and coaching salaries for the One Act Play. Donation of \$500.00 to Choice Academy from Earl C. Hill American Legion Post #550 for supplementing the cost of yearbooks for Choice Academy students. Donation of \$1,011.00 to the Districts' Targeted Service's Department from the Education Foundation of Bloomington to be used to support students at Indian Mounds, Normandale Hills and Washburn Elementary schools.

2. Fiber Replacement

Beth Beebe moved, Nelly Korman seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the filing of Form 470 E-Rate application for the replacement of District fiber optic network. The application will name MP Nexlevel, LLC, Maple Lake, MN, as the contractor pending Board approval of the bid award. 2023-25 BPS Fiber Replacement presented by John Weisser, Executive Director of Technology and Information Services. Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2023-2025 Master Contract Food Service

Heather Starks moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 - approve and ratify the 2023-2025 Master Contract between Independent School District 271 - Bloomington, Minnesota, and the Bloomington Food Service Association as attached; and authorizes its Chair and Association Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Minnesota Department of Education

Nelly Korman moved, Matt Dymoke seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the agreement with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and Independent School District 271 for the implementation of MnMTSS programming outlines in the Minnesota Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MnMtSS) FY 24-26 grant application effective June 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Policy 606.5 Library Materials

Matt Dymoke moved, Tom Bennett seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the adoption of Policy 606.5, Library Materials. Director Matt Dymoke shared a couple points that have been observed for the past several months of the process. The policy committee is made up of three members; Vice Chair, Matt Dymoke, Director Heather Starks and Director Tom Bennett. There has been several meetings that Policy 606.5 have been discussed at; November 15th Board Policy Committee, December 15th Board Policy Committee, January 8th Board Study Session, February 14th Board Policy Committee, February 26th Board Business Meeting, and at multiple Board Listening Sessions. Director Tom Bennett states that all these meetings are open to the public. Director Beth Beebe states she has presented great number of concerns and has been excluded from information. Director Heather Starks states that all of the committees are structured the same. Director Mia Olson states she attended the MSBA convention where an attorney hosted a workshop regarding

book challenges. She feels that the board has gone above and beyond and she feels comfortable with the work done. Also advising to talk to legal counsel. Director Nelly Korman reminds the board that this recommendation comes from MSBA and MSBA attorneys. Superintendent Eric Melbye states that this policy has generated a lot of comments. He is proud of the community and the work. Channeling the Braver Angels of recognizing the common ground with the best intentions. Student Representative Dhruvika Uppal believes that this policy will help benefit lots of students. It will help increase cultural proficiency that is discussed in many strategic planning. On roll call vote by Clerk Beebe. Dawn Steigauf, Heather Starks, Mia Olson, Nelly Korman, Matt Dymoke, and Tom Bennett voted aye. Beth Beebe voted nay. Motion carried six/one.

VIII. BOARD
MEMBER

Matt Dymoke reports that the Prodigy Awards are open for nomination Senior scholarships are also open on the Education Foundation website. On April 30th 4:30-6:30pm at Nine Mile Brewery will be a spring thank you event. Nelly Korman reports her thanks to the administration for being involved, present and always advocating. Also extending her appreciation to our legislators. Heather Starks reported that Bloomington received a shoutout for being data driven from the legislators. Mia Olson reported her attendance at the Bloomington Parent and Family Advisory Council. Food Drive April 15-19th and with a goal of 55,000lbs. Tom Bennett reported his attendance in Kansas City for the combined robotics team, Bloomington Joint Outstanding Robotic Group (BJORG). Reminder to all board members to please submit all receipts by the end of the month. Beth Beebe reported her attendance at the fine arts hall of fame. Also her testimony at the capitol twice in a week with Dr. Melbye, Dr. Caesar and Dr. Heistad. Valley View Elementary hosted a Family Learning Day.

X. OTHER

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, Chair Dawn Steigauf adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Beth Beebe, Clerk