

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271
Bloomington, Minnesota**

October 11, 2010

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 271, was called to order by Chair Jim Sorum at 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2010, in the Community Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Jim Sorum, Chair; Maureen Bartolotta, Vice Chair; Chuck Walter, Clerk; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Melissa Halvorson Wiklund.
- Member Absent Arlene Bush, Treasurer.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton and Rick Kaufman.
- Attorney Present David Holman.
(There are no abstentions unless otherwise stated.)
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC Chuck Walter moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the attached proclamation declaring the week of October 18, 2010, as "Lights On After School" week, the 11th annual national celebration of after school programs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Lights on
After School
Proclamation

Lights On After School Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Board of Education stands firmly committed to quality out-of-school time programs and opportunities because they:

Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.

Support working families by ensuring that children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.

Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.

Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

WHEREAS, the Youth and Family Department has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in education and well being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality out-of-school time programs are key to helping our children become successful adults.

WHEREAS, Lights On After School, a national celebration of out-of school time programs held in October 2010, promotes the critical importance of quality before and after school programs in the lives of children, their families and communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomington Board of Education declares the week of October 18, 2010, Lights On After School Week; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bloomington Board of Education enthusiastically endorses Lights on After School and is committed to innovative out-of-school time programs and activities that ensure that the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children before and after school.

The proclamation was accepted by Russ Purdy, Youth and Family Coordinator. Kids' SAFARI students performed a song from a play done last year—A Better You, A Better Me. The "Lights On After School" event is a national celebration of after school programs that promotes the critical importance of quality after school programs in the lives of youth, their families and their communities. Funds from the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association will help fund this effort. In recognition of this celebration, Kids' SAFARI at Olson Elementary School will host a family night event on Tuesday, October 18, 6-8 p.m.

Friends

The School Board recognizes the contributions made by organizations and business partners.

Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington

The Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington is fairly new to our community. This Hilton ranks in the top 10 for best service by their customers amongst all Hilton Hotels domestically. The Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington has been the site for a variety of meetings and banquets for our schools and our partner agencies. The tradition of excellence in service is a fine example for our students entering the world of hospitality. In attendance was Jim Waldvogel, Manager.

The Toro Company

Toro Company is committed to helping customers beautify and preserve the outdoor environments. The company makes landscapes green, healthy, and safe with superior, innovative, and environmentally sound products, services and systems. Established in 1914, Toro has built a reputation of superior customer care and constant innovation. Toro believes their leadership and success bring with it a responsibility to give back to the industry and the communities where they do business. The Toro Company has been a business partner with Olson Middle School since 1998. In the fall of the year, Toro employees and Olson Middle School 6th graders get on buses and go all over the City to previously determined locations. Together they clean up yards from leaves and other debris. The project focuses on helping elderly citizens who cannot clean up their own yards. The students and Toro employees return to school and have lunch together. All 6th grade kids receive a long-sleeve t-shirt commemorating the event. In attendance was Judson McNeil, Manager of the Toro Giving Program and Community Relations.

Staff Recognition Bonnie Moren is the recipient of the 2010 Allen Burton Developmental Adapted Physical Education Leadership Award from the Minnesota DAPE Leadership Committee. The award honors and recognizes the outstanding efforts and contributions given to students with disabilities in the area of developmental adapted physical education by a teacher of elementary, secondary or higher education. Bonnie Moren is an Adapted Physical Education teacher at Normandale Hills Elementary School. She has served the District for 19 years.

Staff Introductions Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nancy Allen-Mastro introduced two new administrators. Tim Ciavarrri is the new Assistant Principal at Oak Grove Middle School. He has served in the District as a teacher, Dean of Students and last year during the absence of an administrator served part of the year as Assistant Principal at Oak Grove Middle School. Hugh Roberts is the new Assistant Principal at Valley View Elementary School. He previously served in Richfield Schools for fourteen years as a teacher and Assistant Principal. Both administrators look forward to the challenges and rewards of their new assignments.

Public Twila Dang, representing Families for Equity, and accompanied by Amanda Crombie and Marcie Coval, addressed the School Board regarding upcoming changes to boundaries and the transfer policy. Concerns are included in the following value statement: Families for Equity stand together to minimize disruption of existing communities, neighborhoods and schools; keep families together, ensure equitable treatment for all schools, utilize a Phase-In approach to new elementary boundary map and transfer policy alterations; build an inclusive success strategy through integrative leadership.

V. PART A

1. *Board Business*

Minutes

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the School Board on September 13, 2010, and Minutes of the Special Meeting of the School Board on September 20, 2010.

Personnel Items

b. Licensed Personnel: Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Independent Personnel: Employment. Classified Personnel: Termination, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Employments, Changes of Status. Approval of Full and Final Release and Settlement Agreement.

Non-Resident Student Agreements

c. Non-Resident Student Attendance Agreements 2010-2011: Students entering Bloomington total 13 and students leaving Bloomington total 29.

DCAC Membership

d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 confirms the appointments of the District Curriculum Advisory Committee (DCAC), formerly PER, citizen members roster for the 2010-2011 school year.

2. *Contracts/Agreements*

St. Paul Schools

a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Contract for Consultant Services between Independent School District 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, and Independent School District No. 271. The Contract for Consultant Services begins on September 7, 2010 and ends June 2011.

- Personal Trainer Agreement b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Facility Use Permit Release Agreement for Trainers and the Acknowledgement Release and Indemnification form for use at the Jefferson and Kennedy Activity Centers.
- NCC Shuttle Bus Service c. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves an Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, for shuttle bus service for Normandale Community College.
- Turf Athletic Field Usage d. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 for usage of artificial turf athletic fields.
- BIG Agreement e. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Independent School District 271 for the use of the Bloomington Community Ice Garden for the 2010-2011 hockey season for Jefferson and Kennedy High School.
- National American University f. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Agreement with the National American University School of Nursing. The term of this Agreement is October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

3. *Finance*

- Gifts & Donations a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 accepts gifts and donations, as indicated in the background, in the amount \$35,942.40.
- Receipts/Disbursements b. Receipts and Disbursements as submitted.

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Chuck Walter seconded, to approve Part A items in accordance with all of the written material submitted to the School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PART B

- MSHSL Foundation Tim Culver moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the request for funds from the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Foundation to be used to pay athletic fees for student athletes who qualify. Motion carried unanimously.

The State Legislature has allowed sales tax money from Section and State tournaments to be returned to the MSHSL to establish a foundation to support athletic programming in area schools. The MSHSL has instructed area schools to provide a copy of a School Board resolution requesting funds from the foundation for various uses, including supplemental funding for athletes who qualify for free and reduced lunches and, thus, have their athletic fees waived. This resolution is submitted annually for School Board approval.

Extended Field Trip
OLMS/Ely

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for the 8th grade Science students from Olson Middle School to participate in a trip to YMCA Camp Widjiwagan in Ely, Minnesota. Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Gilbert, Adam Kimpton and Kathleen Stauble, teachers at Olson Middle School, submitted the Extended Field Trip Application for 8th grade students to travel to Ely, Minnesota, from March 8-11, 2011. Students will be receiving instruction at the destination site for 4 school days; Board approval is needed for the trip, per Regulation 610. The purpose of the trip is to provide a wilderness experience, group building, and environmental education.

Extended Field Trip
JHS/Grand Cayman

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for a group of students from Jefferson High School to travel to Grand Cayman Islands. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Stenbeck, teacher at Jefferson High School, submitted the Extended Field Trip Application for students to travel to Grand Cayman Islands from March 28-April 4, 2011 (Spring Break). The purpose of the trip is to participate in a different learning experience through exploration of the Caymanian and Caribbean cultures. Students will be immersed in learning about the marine biology environment and will become a fully certified scuba diver. Per Regulation 610, Board approval is required for field trips outside the Continental U.S. All provisions of Regulation 610 have been met.

Extended Field Trip
JHS/Costa Rica

Chuck Walter moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for a group of students from Jefferson High School who are studying Spanish to travel to Costa Rica. Motion carried unanimously.

World Language teacher Kate Brooke-Beyer and 1-2 adult chaperones will accompany 10-15 Jefferson High School students to Costa Rica. The students will not miss any school days. The dates of the trip are March 26 – April 5, 2011. Per Board Regulation 610, travel outside the Continental United States requires Board approval. All provisions of Regulation 610 have been met. The purpose of the trip is to enrich language and to learn about Costa Rica's culture, heritage, and environment. Also, it will enhance the Spanish curriculum.

Extended Field Trip
JHS/Hawaii
(2011-2012)

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Chuck Walter seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approves the Extended Field Trip Application for a group of students from Jefferson High School Football Marching Band to travel to Hawaii (2011-2012 school year). Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Fretland and 13 adult chaperones will accompany 150 Jefferson High School Football Marching Band members to travel to Hawaii. The students will miss three school days. The dates of the trip are November 21-27, 2011. Per Board Regulation 610, travel outside the Continental United States requires Board approval. The purpose of the trip is to experience the culture/historical perspectives and perform in the Waikiki Holiday Parade commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor.

Amended Tax
Abatement Project
Normandale Lakes

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Chuck Walter seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 chooses not to participate in the City of Bloomington's Amended Tax Abatement Project for the Normandale Lakes Transportation Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

The City of Bloomington established in 2007 a tax abatement district to help finance transportation improvements in the area around the intersection of 84th Street and Normandale Boulevard. Due to the prolonged recession and lack of development in this area, the City of Bloomington has revised the financial projection and is seeking to amend the tax abatement plan in 2010. The City intends to issue tax abatement bonds and would use the revenue generated from the Bloomington Public Schools' participation for debt service payments. If the school district and the county grant abatements, the maximum abatement term would be 15 years. If either the school district or the county denies the request, the maximum abatement term will be 20 years. The Administration has reviewed the City's request with the District's legal counsel and financial advisors, Ehlers & Associates. The review and research indicates that there are no financial, legal or operational reasons for the school district to grant this abatement. Therefore, it is the recommendation of Administration not to participate in granting a tax abatement for this project.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE

Chuck Walter highlighted the high school homecoming celebrations and the Bloomington Sports Hall of fame Banquet. Honorees included Sheryl Raithel from Kennedy and Dan Storlein from Jefferson. Former teacher and Coach Richard Bird was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Tim Culver reported on the AMSD Executive Committee and legislative activities of the Board's Legislative Committee, including the forums sponsored by the PTSA Council, and the ENSRP Task Force meetings and process. Another meeting of the ENSRP Task Force has been added to the schedule—October 14. Melissa Halvorson Wiklund invited the public to attend the last legislative candidates forum (District 41) sponsored by the PTSA Council being held Tuesday, October 12, at 7 p.m. at Olson Middle School.

Jim Sorum reported that earlier this evening the School Board met in Closed Session for the purposes of discussing the achievement status of the Superintendent's performance goals. The Board determined that the Superintendent has met the first quarterly reporting of his performance goals as per the terms of his contract. Chuck Walter moved, Tim Culver seconded, that Superintendent Fujitake be compensated per the terms of his contract. Motion carried unanimously.

- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- Maureen Bartolotta moved, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund seconded, that the School Board establish a Study Session on October 18 at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
- There is a regularly scheduled School Board Study Session on October 25 at 6 p.m.
- The 3rd Annual ThinkPINKDay Celebration was held at the Mall of America on Saturday, October 9, 2010. The day started with a 5K Walk followed by a celebration in the rotunda. The event was well attended. Mr. Fujitake highlighted the contributions of the young adult leaders who helped organize the event.
- IX. OTHER
- None.
- X. ADJOURNMENT
- There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk