

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 271
Bloomington, Minnesota**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 3, 2011**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Jim Sorum at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011, at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Roll Call

Members Present: Jim Sorum, Chair; Maureen Bartolotta, Vice Chair; Chuck Walter, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Melissa Halvorson Wiklund. School Attorney Present: David Holman. Administration Present: Les Fujitake, Nancy Allen-Mastro, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Bruce Pappas, Tom Holton and Rick Kaufman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited.

Agenda Approval

Arlene Bush moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Boundary Map

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Boundary Map F1 effective with the 2011-2012 school year. Map F1 continues to provide no attendance area for Hillcrest Community School.

School Board members shared their thoughts about the process and outcomes and thanked the Co-chairs, Co-facilitators and members of the Task Force for their commitment to this important project. They also expressed appreciation to parents for their input throughout the process. Board Chair Jim Sorum opened up the floor for public comment to those who had not previously addressed the School Board. No one came forward. Board members provided closing comments expressing appreciation to administration and staff for their roles in this project and for the future as they implement changes. Chair Sorum called for the question on the motion presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Planning

Mark Hibbs moved, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 directs Administration to:

1. Develop a high-level plan to be delivered to the School Board by August 2011 that lays out a course of action for developing curriculum, facilities and funding necessary to implement early childhood programming for all at-risk students in the district within the next three years.
2. Develop a high-level plan to be delivered to the School Board by August 2011 that lays out a course of action for developing curriculum, facilities and funding necessary to implement up to three "choice" programs in the district within the next three years with focus on STEM education and world languages. Design criteria should include: competitor analysis; survey of stakeholder interests; and, reduction of concentrated poverty.

Chair Sorum indicated that the School Board received notification of this proposed resolution late this afternoon. Superintendent Fujitake stated that Administration will provide an update on future plans and directions regarding programming and facilities at an upcoming Study Session.

Chuck Walter moved, Arlene Bush seconded, to table the motion for future discussion after Administration has had time to respond. By consensus the motion was changed to a date specific, which is the January 18th Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk