

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 15, 2010**

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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2010, 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: Kingsley 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.

Rescission of Magnet Schools Approval

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 rescinds its authorization transforming Hillcrest Community School into an Artful Learning Magnet School and Valley View Elementary School into an International Baccalaureate Magnet School effective with the 2011-2012 school year.

On April 12, 2010, the School Board authorized transforming Hillcrest Elementary School and Valley View Elementary School to start operation as magnet schools beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. The transformation process included the submission of Magnet School federal grant applications and the adjustment of boundaries at Valley View Elementary and Hillcrest schools. The magnet schools grant applications were not awarded for these two schools. Effective with the 2011-2012 Hillcrest will continue with an arts-focused curriculum and at this time, Valley View Elementary will not be proceeding with the International Baccalaureate curriculum.

Board members discussed the motion and provided reasons for support or non-support thereof.

Tim Culver moved that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approve the continuation of Valley View Elementary School becoming an International Baccalaureate school. Motion died for lack of a second.

Chair Sorum called for action on the motion. On roll call vote, Maureen Bartolotta, Chuck Water, Jim Sorum and Arlene Bush voted aye. Tim Culver, Mark Hibbs and Melissa Halvorson Wiklund voted nay. Motion carried 4-3.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Chuck Walter, Clerk