

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 16, 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 Chuck Walter at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011, at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Chuck Walter, Chair; Melissa Halvorson Wiklund, Vice Chair; Tim Culver, Clerk; Arlene Bush, Treasurer; Maureen Bartolotta, Mark Hibbs and Jim Sorum. 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.

**Grant Agreement**

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 accepts the \$150,000 planning grant award from the McKnight Foundation for the period May 19, 2011, to January 31, 2012; and further, approves the signing of the grant agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

The McKnight Foundation grant will provide \$150,000 for planning a pre-kindergarten-through-third grade (PreK-3rd) literacy initiative. Washburn Elementary and Valley View Elementary are the schools identified to participate in this planning. The planning period will be from May 19, 2011, to January 31, 2012. In February and March 2012, McKnight will review our plans. If the McKnight Foundation accepts our plans, our District will receive a two-year grant to implement our plans. The McKnight agreement has been reviewed by the District's legal counsel and insurance agent of record. The grant award notification remains embargoed until McKnight issues a press release, which is scheduled to occur on May 17. Bloomington Public Schools and two other districts have received planning grants. Executive Director of Community Services Tom Holton, Washburn Elementary Principal Jon Millerhagen and Valley View Elementary Principal Andy Kubas provided an overview of the application process and responded to questions regarding the grant application and award.

**Settlement Agreement**

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Melissa Halvorson Wiklund seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release of Claims between Independent School District 271 and Denise Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk