

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**June 27, 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, June 27, 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, Rod Zivkovich, Eric Melbye, Bruce Pappas and, Tom Holton.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Recited.

**Agenda Approval**

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

**Recognition of the Public**

Josh Levine and Jake Villas addressed the School Board concerning use of the activity centers by personal trainers, specifically the rates that are being proposed and the process for this new procedure.

**Second Reading of Revised Policy 701.3, Fund Balance**

Jim Sorum moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of revised Policy 701.3, Fund Balance. Motion carried unanimously.

**Second Reading of Revised Policy 701.4, Budget Process**

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the second reading of revised Policy 701.4, Budget Process. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committed Fund Balance Categories**

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the following Committed Fund Balance Categories for the 2010-2011 fiscal year: Worker's Compensation Insurance, Third Party Medical Assistance, Wellness Dollars, General Fund for Drivers Education Vehicles, Band Uniform and Instrument Replacement, Operating Referendum, Transportation Building, Transportation, Transportation Bus Purchases, Severance Insurance, Technology Replacement, LCTS Repayment, Energy Savings, and Security Systems. Motion carried unanimously.

To conform to new Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement 54 and Policy 701.3, Board approval is requested for the Committed Fund Balance Categories identified. The actual dollar amounts for each category will be presented to the School Board for approval after completion of the 2010-2011 fiscal year audit.

### **Adoption of 2011-2012 Budget**

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the proposed 2011-2012 revenue and expenditure budgets for all funds. Motion carried unanimously.

There are four major budget areas: *Capital and Deferred Maintenance*—Operating Capital, Health and Safety, Alternative Facilities, Construction, Capital Projects (Technology). *Debt Service. Insurance and Internal Services*—Self-Insured Health and Dental, OPEB Trust and Debt, Internal Service. *Operating Funds*—Food Service, Transportation, Community Services, General Fund. The rationale and justification for the proposed budgets were discussed in detail at the May 16, May 23, and June 13, 2011 Board Study Sessions.

### **Student Fees 2011-2012**

#### *Non-Athletic, Co-Curricular and Instrument User*

Mark Hibbs moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes Non-Athletic Co-Curricular and Instrument User Fees for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration recommends that the current Non-Athletic Co-Curricular and Instrument User Fees for the 2011-2012 school year remain the same. No changes are recommended to existing fees. A fee increase was considered, but given the current financial environment, it is believed an increase at this time would result in fewer students participating in various activities. Programs are managing to keep costs in line with current revenue. Participation in activities is considered a key component to closing the achievement gap. Participation in activities has a strong correlation to academic success. When students are engaged in activities, they have more positive attitudes toward school. A fee increase will inordinately impact students from low socio-economic backgrounds.

#### *Parking*

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 establishes Student Parking Fees for Kennedy High School and Jefferson High School at \$250 per year (\$83, \$83, and \$84 for trimesters 1, 2, and 3 respectively) for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Currently, Bloomington high school students are charged a semester fee of \$125 to park their vehicles on school parking lots, or a total of \$250 per year. In consideration of the difficult economic conditions families continue to face, no increases are recommended. Programs are managing to keep costs in line with current revenue.

Director Mark Hibbs requested of Administration that future presentations or future resolutions pertaining to parking fees include background information on cost recovery.

#### *Athletics*

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Tim Culver seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Student Athletic Fees for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Current Athletic Fees—No changes are recommended to existing student athletic fees. A fee increase was considered, but given the current financial environment, it is believed an increase at this time would result in fewer students participating in various athletic activities. The potential loss of revenue from lower participation rates would likely offset increases that would result from higher fees.

New Athletic Fee—The High Schools requested to add a fee for summer Strength and Conditioning. The proposal is a \$100 fee for five-day programs, a \$60 fee for three-day programs, and a \$40 fee for two-day programs. The Strength and Conditioning fee will not apply toward the individual or family fee cap. A fee will not be charged for Strength and Conditioning programs during the school year.

#### **Admission Fees for Student Activities**

Maureen Bartolotta moved, Arlene Bush seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves Admission Fees for Student Activities for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Admission fees for various activities were presented to the School Board for approval. The admission fees now include a season pass for athletic events. Adult passes will be available for the fall and winter seasons; there will be no passes for the spring season. Students and senior citizens can purchase a year-long pass. The Activities Directors and high school Principals are confident they can sell enough season passes to equal current gate revenues. If the projected number of passes falls below what is projected, the difference will be taken out of the following year's activities budget.

#### **Approval of 2011-2012 Wages for Athletic Event Workers**

Melissa Halvorson Wiklund moved, Maureen Bartolotta seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) wage schedule for athletic event workers, effective July 1, 2011. The schedule reflects a zero percent (0.0%) increase over 2010-11 with minor adjustments to group pay rates and adds missing categories. Motion carried unanimously.

The Bloomington Public Schools hires workers to perform various duties at school athletic events. This resolution freezes the 2011-12 wages at the 2010-11 rates with minor adjustments to group pay rates and adds missing categories. These rates have reviewed by the High School Activities Directors and the Middle School Athletics Coordinator.

#### **General Dynamics Update**

Administration and the District's real estate agent updated the School Board on lease discussions regarding SHAPE space and stadium parking at the General Dynamics property.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Tim Culver, Clerk