

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota**

**February 11, 2019**

- I. ROLL CALL Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, and there being a quorum present, the School Board of Independent School District 271, was called to order by Chair Maureen Bartolotta at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2019, in the Arlene Bush Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 1350 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington, Minnesota.
- Members Present Maureen Bartolotta, Chair; Dick Bergstrom, Vice Chair; Tom Bennett, Clerk; Jim Sorum, Treasurer; Beth Beebe, Nelly Korman and Dawn Steigauf.
- Administration Present Les Fujitake, Eric Melbye, Rod Zivkovich, Andy Kubas, Dave Heistad and Rick Kaufman.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Recited.
- Chair Maureen Bartolotta announced that the rescheduled closed session from the last meeting will take place upon the conclusion of tonight's School Board meeting. The meeting will be closed as permitted by section 13D.03 to discuss the District's labor negotiation strategy related to the District's negotiations with all bargaining groups.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Tom Bennett moved, Dick Bergstrom seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/STAFF/PUBLIC Oak Grove Middle School Young Women's Leadership Forum (YWLF) activities were highlighted by teachers Jenny Berglund and Allison Lindman along with student Madigan Ryan. This is a group of girls grades 6-8 who work to foster leadership skills and impact the school community by confronting bullying and relational aggression. The YWLF is aware of community and global needs; they select fundraisers and community service projects to align with those needs. Currently, there are 40-45 girls in the Oak Grove Middle School group. The presentation featured the restroom remodel project, which provides positive quotes and comments. Also, working with the Student Council, the hallway and girls locker room has signs with quotes of support and inspiration. This year, for the first time at Kennedy High School, a group of former Oak Grove YWLF girls started their own chapter and named their group Women of the Future.
- Career & Technical Education Month Proclamation Dick Bergstrom moved, Dawn Steigauf seconded, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached (on file) proclamation proclaiming February 2019 as Career and Technical Education Month in the Bloomington Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.
- The proclamation was accepted by Debbie Belfry, Career Development Coordinator, who shared that students are able to experience mentorships and internships due to valuable partnerships with local businesses.

Friend

The District is fortunate to have businesses and organizations support our learners and the community of Bloomington. In appreciation of these collaborative efforts, the School Board recognizes “Friends” of education. Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning and Teaching, accompanied by Dan Gasner, Business Teacher and Work Coordinator at Kennedy High School, provided an overview of Career and College Readiness work being done in Bloomington Public Schools and highlighting collaborative efforts with Genesys Works. Executive Director Karen Marben, Senior Work Coordinator Julie Vo and their team, were recognized for this partnership with our school district. Genesys Works—Where Tomorrow’s Workforce Begins—helps to prepare students for working with business careers with practice and hands on experiences success for life. The partnership with Genesys Works helps bring our Career Pathways vision to life. Kennedy student Mikayla Robertson highlighted the valuable experience with Genesys Works related to her internship at Cargill and the mentoring received regarding scholarship and FAFSA applications, interviewing for a job and preparing a resume, and developing leadership skills. Student School Board Representative Ally Starks had interviewed Kimee Nguyen, another program participant and shared her comments about being part of the Genesys Works program and her internship with Medica. Another Kennedy student, Eric Opegard interns at Optum. Former Kennedy High School student, and Genesys Works participant, Haley Coller recently was asked to serve on the national Genesys Works Board in New York City. Haley has done work in New York City as a Business Analyst for Goldman Sachs. One of Genesys Works business partners is Toro. Janel Aikens from Toro highlighted the work of many students who have done internships at Toro.

Student Board  
Representatives  
Reports

Student School Board representatives updated the School Board on news and activities at their respective high schools. Jackson Domagala shared a few Jefferson highlights: Cheer Team competed at Nationals in Orlando and did well. JIVE and Connection earned honors. Girls Hockey sectional game coming up. Jefferson has a Nordic Ski qualifier. The sectional meet for swimming and diving is upcoming.

Ally Starks shared highlights for Kennedy: boys and girls basketball teams beat Richfield High School. In the Battle of Bloomington (hockey at BIG) Kennedy beat Jefferson. Alumnus Honor Finley set a new record in the 400 meter at Kansas University. Spirit Week is leading up to the Sadie’s Dance.

Public

Ten (10) students from Mr. Storlien’s classes at Jefferson attended the meeting fulfilling a requirement of our 12th grade government classes; observing a governmental meeting such as School Board, City Council, or court proceeding.

V. PART A  
1. *Board Business*  
Minutes

Personnel Actions

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on January 28, 2019.
- b. Licensed Personnel: Retirements, Resignation, Leaves of Absence Employments. Classified Personnel: Retirements, Resignations, Employments, Changes of Status.

2. *Field Trips Approval* RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves field trips per the attached list (on file).

3. *Contracts/Agreements*

Revised Income Contract a. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 Normandale Community approves the revised Income Contract with the State of Minnesota College/BCCA/Criminal acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges Justice & Law Enforcement and Universities (MNSCU), on behalf of Normandale Community College to provide instruction at the Bloomington Career and College Academy during the 2018-2019 school year.

Amended Income b. RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 Contract/HTC/BCCA/ Nursing Assistant & Health Aide Instruction approves an amendment to the Nursing Assistant/Health Aide Income Contract that was approved by the School Board on August 6, 2018 with the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU), on behalf of Hennepin Technical College and Independent School District 271.

Dick Bergstrom moved, Nelly Korman 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  
Innovation Zone  
Results for PreK

Dr. Dave Heistad, Executive Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment, reported results a Pre-K matched sample analysis as part of the District's designation as an Innovation Research Zone as designated by the Minnesota Department of Education. Kindergarten students who attend 4-year old Pre-K were matched with students who received 4-year old Pre-K at other sites inside or outside of Bloomington. Forty-two students were matched on six (6) variables including special education status, ELL status, free/reduced price lunch, gender, ethnicity and home language. He shared information on demographics by group, home language by group, average BEKA literacy scores for Valley View versus other 4-year old programs. Valley View Elementary higher literacy scores are statistically significant compared to other providers. Valley View Elementary slightly higher numeracy scores are not statistically different from other providers.

VII. BOARD MEMBER  
REPORTS

School Board members reported on various meetings and activities. Tom Bennett reported on the Board Student Advisory Council meeting with middle school students. Guests Connie Murray and Jennifer Hazel from Food Services talked with students about--nutrition, budget, their lunch likes/dislikes. He mentioned that the Jefferson Girls Hockey team, which is a cooperative team including Kennedy students, will be at Braemar Arena at 8 p.m. tonight. Beth Beebe shared that another topic discussed with the middle school students was future plans—careers/pathways to graduation. She attended the Jefferson Theater production of “Fahrenheit 51” that won an award—special thanks to Laura and Gaby Schmit for their work on this play, BUY Awards were presented last week, February 21 is AMSD Day at the Capitol.

Dawn Steigauf attended signing day at Kennedy High School, Westwood's Family Fun Night and the PTSA Council meeting with speakers from the Curriculum and Instruction Department. PTSA Council will host another parent speaker series event February 21 from 7-9 pm at Oak Grove Middle School. Dick Bergstrom attended the future Leaders Winter Conference, which includes both Jefferson and Kennedy students. The theme was "Overcoming Obstacles." He also visited Washburn and had lunch with Kindergarten students. Nelly Korman gave a reminder that the School Board will be hosting a meeting with Bloomington legislators on February 19 at 6 p.m. Maureen Bartolotta shared the winners of the Bloomington United for Youth (BUY) Recognition Awards: Individual Adult—Tom Daly and Ann Tillotson. Individual Youth—Tommy Panvika and Jeanne Chan. Community Group—St. Michael's Lutheran Church and the Bloomington Knights of Columbus. Youth Organization—Kennedy High School's Student Government.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Les Fujitake requested a motion to establish Board Professional Development Sessions at 5:30 pm on February 25 and March 11 for equity education. So moved by Dick Bergstrom, seconded by Beth Beebe. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration requested a motion to establish a Board Retreat on February 27 at 6 pm for the purpose of long range facility planning. The Retreat will be held at Civic Plaza. So moved by Dick Bergstrom and seconded by Dawn Steigauf. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the School Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

A closed session for negotiations followed the meeting.

Tom Bennett, Clerk