

**St. Louis Park Public Schools**  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, December 14, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.  
Online Meeting

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened on Monday, December 14, 2020 via online meeting platform. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox, Ken Morrison, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Also present were members of the Superintendent's Cabinet.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Casey to approve the agenda, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Osei provided an update on the development of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for Racial Equity Transformation. The next Core Planning Team meeting will be held on January 11, 2021. He also shared information on the upcoming Kindergarten Information Night events which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and Wednesday, February 10, 2021 and Parent Listening Sessions which will be held on December 15 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in English and December 15 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Spanish. Superintendent Osei also shared that Echo students received a National Newspaper Pacemaker award for last school year's print editions. The National Pacemaker is the highest award the organization gives to student news media and dates back to 1927. Echo has been a National Newspaper Pacemaker Finalist every year since 2010 and has won the prestigious award five times since and is the only school from Minnesota to be honored this year. He concluded his report with a Safe Learning Plan update including postponing the implementation of Distance Learning Academy and full-day hybrid model for students in grades K-5 and having distance learning for students in grades E-12, the plan to re-evaluate the District's Safe Learning Plan at the January 11, 2021 School Board meeting, and that the District would follow expectations of Emergency Executive Order 20-99. Executive Order 20-99 is a four week dial back on certain activities such as pauses on athletics and facility rentals.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**FY20 Financial Audit Presentation**

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, and Jim Eichten, MMKR Auditor, presented the audit findings for the 2020 fiscal year. Audit results included a clean opinion on basic financial statements, two (2) reported findings, financial results reflecting adherence to budget, and that the District is in solid financial condition.

### **World Languages and Cultures: Curriculum and Instruction Review Update**

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and members of the World Languages and Cultures Design Team Melanie Payne, Erin Mendez, Kyle Sweeney, and Ben Wolfe provided an update on the World Languages and Culture curriculum review. Dr. Duffy reviewed the process and District curriculum review timeline. Design Team members then reviewed current district-wide language offerings, their racial equity purpose statement, the work that the Design Team has been engaging in, and information on a student survey to discover students' reason to take a world language course.

### **Enrollment Update**

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Ukee Dozier, Internal Auditor, Jazmin Ontiveros, Enrollment Center Office Assistant, and Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Community Relations provided an enrollment update. The update provided an update regarding fall 2020 K-12 enrollment, "Submitted an enrollment report to the Board by June 30th of each year," as called for in School Board Policy 545, Park Spanish Immersion Admissions Policy; and foreshadowed Kindergarten preparation for the class of 2034.

### **Calendar 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Calendar Review**

Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources reviewed the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school calendars. A revised 2021-2022 calendar was presented to provide secondary online learning days and Family Connects on November 17, 2021 and April 13, 2022. Instructional days would not be lost because of the asynchronous online learning. It is also proposed that Thursday, September 2, 2021 be a Family Connect day for grades E-12 in conjunction with what is normally done for back to school nights and preparation.

### **Policy Development First Reading - 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goal, 603 Curriculum Development, 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records**

The School Board reviewed policies 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goal, 603 Curriculum Development, and 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records as a first reading.

### **Policy Development - Second Reading 419 Tobacco-Free Environment**

The School Board reviewed policies 419 Tobacco-Free Environment as a second reading.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was then made by Cox, seconded by Waters to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Payroll for November 13, 2020 in the amount of 1,562,414.70 and November 30, 2020 in the amount of 1,577,791.47
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **Acceptance of Audit Report**

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by McClendon to approve the Audit Report, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

### **Levy Certification Payable 2021**

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Morrison to approve the Levy Certification Payable 2021, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

### **Polling Place Resolution**

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Tomback to approve the resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

### **2021-2022 Calendar Approval**

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Casey to approve the revised 2021-2022 Calendar, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

### **Approval of Second Reading of Policy 419 Tobacco-Free Environment**

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Morrison to approve the second reading of policy 419 Tobacco-Free Environment, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS**


### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Waters to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Laura McClendon, Clerk

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Mary Tomback, Chair

*Minutes prepared by Flower M. Krutina*