

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Study Session
Monday, February 08, 2021 – 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, February 8, 2021 via online meeting platform. Present were Board Members Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Mary Tomback, Laura McClendon, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Superintendent's Cabinet members were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei, acknowledged all of our District school counselors for School Counseling Week and the work they do to meet the social emotional needs of our students. Superintendent Osei also shared information for upcoming listening sessions, the high school principal selection process, and the details for the final kindergarten information night.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services provided a budget update. Magnuson reviewed the following information for FY2022: preliminary budget parameters, budget deficit scenarios, potential deficit reductions, available budget capacity, and other budget influences including COVID impacts, enrollment and the 2021 Legislative Session results.

Strategic Plan Update

Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Community Relations provided an update on the development of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for Racial Equity Transformation. Thompson reviewed the focus question that is to be answered by the Strategic Plan, Core Planning Team leadership and members, and the draft vision, mission, and core values. The District will continue to seek stakeholder feedback through February 17, 2021.

World's Best Workforce & Every Student Succeeds Act Presentation

Silvy Un Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation presented information connected to World's Best Workforce and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Lafayette reviewed World's Best Workforce goals which are:

Goal 1: All students ready for school

Goal 2: All students in third grade achieving grade-level literacy

- Goal 3: Close the achievement gap(s) between student groups
- Goal 4: All students are ready for career and/or postsecondary education
- Goal 5: All students graduate from high school

She was unable to report on goals 1-3 at the time of the meeting because the data is not available until after spring testing. Goals 4 and 5 were reviewed. Lafayette then provided information on a balanced assessment system, district highlights for reading and math MAP growth, and MCA data.

Safe Learning Plan Update

Superintendent Osei provided a Safe Learning Plan update welcoming back students in grades 3-5 and sharing plans for transition secondary students into hybrid. Superintendent Osei reviewed all educational delivery model considerations for a safe transition to hybrid for secondary students on February 22, 2021 for grades 6-8, 9, and 12 and on March 8, 2021 for grades 10 and 11.

Policy Development – Second Reading 808 COVID-19 Face Covering

The School Board reviewed policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering as a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of Second Reading of Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Waters to approve the second reading of policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering, as presented. By means of roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Tomback to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Laura McClendon, Clerk

Mary Tomback, Chair

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