

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, January 25, 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, January 25, 2021 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 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared information on the remaining Kindergarten Information Night event which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 and upcoming monthly Listening Sessions. More information can be found on the District website. Superintendent Osei also shared the timeline for the High School Principal search. Interviews will be held in March and a recommendation will be made to the School Board on April 12, 2021. He concluded his report by acknowledging Middle School female band students who were nominated and accepted to participate in this year's Athena Honor Ensemble. The Athena Honor Ensemble is a unique music performance opportunity that showcases young female musicians from around the globe.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Safe Learning Plan Update

Superintendent Osei presented a Safe Learning Plan update. He reviewed current transition timelines, welcomed back E-2 students and staff back to in-person learning, and focused the rest of his update on the plan to transition secondary students to hybrid. The transition plan touched on every Educational Delivery Model Considerations including health and safety, staff coverage, student learning, staff preparedness, technology, and school operational readiness. Superintendent Osei recommended the following plan to the School Board:

- February 22, 2021 - Implement 50% capacity hybrid learning model for students in grades 6-8 at the Middle School
- February 22, 2021 - Implement 50% capacity hybrid learning model for students in grades 9 and 12 at the High School
- March 8, 2021 - Implement 50% capacity hybrid learning model for students in grades 10 and 11 at the High School

The School Board was asked to approve the aforementioned recommendation at the evening's Action Agenda.

Budget Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services provided a budget update with budget-related items for FY2020, FY2021, and FY2022. The update for FY2020 included actual results. FY 2021 (current fiscal year) update included a reduced unassigned General Fund balance, mid-year budget update coming in March, and next steps for the approval of the mid-year budget in March 2021. A FY2022 preliminary financial update included FY22 budget parameters, funding formula, enrollment projections, fees/meals prices, past/future considerations including COVID-19 considerations, and budget next steps.

Policy Development First Reading - 808 COVID-19 Face Covering

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for December 15, 2020 in the amount of 1,551,161.81 and December 30, 2020 in the amount of 1,545,260.92
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

Safe Learning Plan Approval

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Laura McClendon, Clerk

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Mary Tomback, Chair

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