

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday October 12, 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 at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 12, 2020 via online meeting platform. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox and Superintendent Astein Osei. Also present were members of the Superintendent's Cabinet including: Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Patrice Howard, Director of Community Education, Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Silvy Un Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation, Tami Reynolds, Director of Student Services, Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, and Flower Krutina, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. Board Vice Chair Anne Casey was absent.

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 Tomback, seconded by Waters to amend the Agenda for October 12, 2020 to move discussion item 4.B Math Program Review Update before item 4.A. Safe Learning Plan Update. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0. A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to approve the agenda, as amended. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei provided an update on the development of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for Racial Equity Transformation and reviewed next steps for the development of the plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Math Program Review Update

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Jill Metil, Peter Hobart Teacher, Ila Saxena, Curriculum Coordinator, Liz Huesing, High School Math Teacher, Efe Mensah-Brown, Middle School Math Teacher, and Maddy Wegleitner, Middle School Math Teacher provided a math program review update. The update included an overview of the curriculum pilot process, the number of staff currently piloting the program, next steps in the piloting process in the first semester of this school year, and a timeline. The update also highlighted changes in math at the middle school level including integrated 6th grade classes, push in teachers, and math coaches.

Safe Learning Plan Update

Astein Osei, Superintendent provided an update on the Safe Learning Plan implementation and potential action to shift the educational delivery model. Elementary schools are currently in hybrid with the option to opt in to distance learning and are off to a good start.

Superintendent Osei presented the School Board with the following revised Safe Learning Plan recommendation:

- Students in grades E-2 will start in a hybrid model on September 28;
- Students in grades 3- 5 will start in a hybrid model on October 5;
- **Students in grades 6-12 remain in distance learning;**
- Offer full-time distance learning as a choice for families; and
- **Develop an elementary distance learning academy and move to a full day schedule K-5 as soon as is feasible.**

A recap of listening sessions at both the elementary and secondary levels and common themes were reviewed. Also reviewed were health and safety considerations for secondary students, confirmed cases and quarantine numbers at St. Louis Park Public Schools, staff coverage, tentative transition dates to hybrid for middle school and high school students, an update on the Distance Learning Academy model development. To conclude the report, Superintendent Osei shared that a transition date to an elementary distance learning academy and full day hybrid model will be shared by Friday, October 16.

Students Voting 2020

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Ila Saxena, Curriculum Coordinator provided an update on students voting. Highlights included a Students Voting program overview, curriculum, and Students Voting plans for each grade level. 2020 Students Voting will be done online.

Policy Development - First Reading 419 Tobacco-Free Environment, 516 Student Medication, and 607 Organization of Grade Levels

The School Board reviewed policies 419 Tobacco-Free Environment, 516 Student Medication, and 607 Organization of Grade Levels as a first reading.

ACTION AGENDA

Amendment to Truth in Taxation Start Time

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to amend the time of the 2020 Truth in Taxation hearing on December 14, 2020 to begin at 6:00 p.m. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Waters to approve the resolution for the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

Safe Learning Plan Approval

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to approve the revised Safe Learning Plan, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

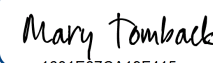
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Laura McClendon, Clerk

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Mary Tomback, Chair

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