

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Louis Park High School Room C350

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2020 in High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox and Superintendent Astein Osei. Superintendent's Cabinet members present included: Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Silvy Un Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Research, Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, Tom Marble, Director of Technology Services, Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Lisa Greene, Director of Community Education, Tom Bravo, Facilities Manager, and Flower Krutina, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended that the School Board approve the Agenda for January 27, 2020. A motion was made by Casey, seconded by McClendon to approve agenda, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

OPEN FORUM

There were no visitors during open forum. Chair Tomback stated that along with Open Forum, the public can also connect with Board members via phone, email, and listening sessions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei congratulated two employees for the recognition of their work. John Myszkowski, Music Teacher and Director of Secondary Choirs was named one of 134 candidates for the 2020 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Award. Myszkowski has taught in St. Louis Park Public Schools since 1991. Kara Cisco, High School Civics and History Teacher, was selected to receive the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies (MCSS) High School Teacher of the Year Award. He concluded his report by inviting the public to of the annual Children First Champions Breakfast on Thursday, March 5, 2020. This year's theme is "Creating a Sustainable Future." More details will be available in the coming weeks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021-2022 Calendar Review

Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, reviewed information regarding options for the 2021-22 school year calendar. He presented three possible options and will continue to gather feedback. He will present an option for the Board to take action on at a future meeting.

Construction Update & Bid Awards

Tom Bravo, Facilities Manager, will provide the School Board an update on the track and turf field next steps and bid awards for construction projects at Susan Lindgren and Peter Hobart Projects. Regarding the turf field, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) requires that all land owners do not exceed 40% disturbed land on current and future growth or expansion. The High School currently has 40.1% disturbance with the new construction and expansion of the High School Facility. Moving forward, we will not be able to expand or modify the facility unless we commit to a underground water tank for rain and snow run offs. The Facility Department is requesting that we develop a 3-5 year plan to add underground

water tanks and to incorporate these tanks when developing the High School Parking Lots for Busing and Student Parking in 2022. This would satisfy the MCWD requirements and gives the District ability to make any future modifications to the High School Site. For Susan Lindgren and Peter Hobart projects, bids were submitted and the lowest bidders were selected. It was noted that both bids met all necessary requirements for approval and would use \$5,789,000 of the remaining \$5,790,000 Referendum Budget. The Board was asked to approve the bid awards for Susan Lindgren and Peter Hobart construction projects during the Action Agenda.

Budget Update – Five Year Projection Model

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, presented an update on the five year budget projection model. Magnuson reviewed the budget planning process, preliminary Fiscal Year 21 Budget Assumptions, the Five Year Financial Model, and next steps. FY 21 Budget Assumptions include estimated enrollment and staffing based on current size guideline. It was noted that there are no changes to district fees and as of the evening's meeting date, there is a 2% increase in State General Funding Formula which is already built into State law so we think the 2% increase will be accurate, and we will maintain, per Board policy, a General Fund balance of 6%. The Board will be asked to approve the budget proposal in March 2020 and final budget in June 2020.

Policy Development - First Reading Policy 437 Staff Participation in Political Activities

The School Board reviewed policy 437 Staff Participation in Political Activities as a first reading. Director Waters proposed eliminating the policy. The policy will be presented for second reading and action at the next meeting.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policy 640 Acceleration of Students

The School Board reviewed policy 640 Acceleration of Students as a second reading. Superintendent Osei proposed that the 600 series policies be viewed as a whole and hold on action until a larger conversation occurs. The policy was not presented at the evening's action agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Business and Personnel

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by McClendon to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Payroll – December 13, 2019 in the amount of \$ 1,570,662.40; December 30, 2019 in the amount of \$1 1,602,918.56
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Donations
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Resolution to Approve 2020 Board Officers as Bank Signatories
8. Personnel

Upon vote being taken on the foregoing, motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Bid Award Board Approval


A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Casey to amend the action item Bid Award Board Approval to the correct bids for the Susan Lindgren and Peter Hobart construction projects. Motion passed 7-0. It was recommended that the School Board approve the bid awards for the Susan Lindgren and Peter Hobart construction project. A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen Waters, Clerk

Approved:

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Mary Tomback, Chair

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