

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Online Meeting – Zoom

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 7:05 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2020 via Zoom 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. Superintendent's Cabinet members present included: Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, Tom Marble, Director of Technology Services, Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Silvy Un Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation, Lisa Greene, Director of Community Education, Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Tami Reynolds, Director of Student Services, 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.

SPOTLIGHT

The 2019-20 retirees were spotlighted. Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and social distancing requirements, a video was created instead of an in-person reception. The video acknowledged all retirees for their contributions to St. Louis Park Public Schools and is available on the district's website.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended that the School Board approve the Agenda for May 11, 2020. A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by McClendon to approve the agenda, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei recognized High School Principal Scott Meyers and Assistant Principals Jessica Busse and Todd Goggeye who continue to visit all 315 seniors at their homes to deliver boxes containing items for graduation, notes from teachers and staff, completed coursework, etc. Superintendent Osei then highlighted the car parades being held at the elementary schools. He then concluded his report by providing information on the summer free meals program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Plan Update

Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Community Relations provided an update about the development of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan for Racial Equity Transformation. She reviewed the timeline and recruitment process for core planning team members.

Graduation Ceremony Update

Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Community Relations provided an update on the upcoming high school graduation ceremony. An interactive parking lot ceremony and car parade will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

FY 21 Budget Discussion

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services reviewed the recommended FY 2021 Budget for St. Louis Park Public Schools to provide direction in preparation for School Board action at the June 22, 2020 meeting. Amongst the items covered were budget assumptions, review of the General Fund, School Nutrition Fund, Community Service Fund, Building Construction Fund, Debt Services Fund, Internal Service Fund, Trust and Agency Fund, past and future considerations, and next steps.

Recap of School Board Gathering with High School Students

Heather Wilsey, Board Director provided a recap of the School Board gathering with high school students held on May 28, 2020.

School Resource Officers

Astein Osei, Superintendent shared information regarding the demand from St. Louis Park alum to remove St. Louis Park Police School Resource Officers (SROs) from our schools. This demand is part of a larger national movement for schools to cut ties with police departments and remove officers from schools. Superintendent Osei is recommending for a taskforce to be formed with students, parents/guardians, staff and St. Louis Park Police to review the data, current SRO model, draft memorandum of understanding, and make recommendations for change, if necessary.

George Floyd and the Movement for Racial Justice: Reflections

Laura McClendon, Board Director and other School Board members reflected on the murder of George Floyd and the Movement for Racial Justice. Director McClendon recapped recent events and highlighted civic engagement of district staff. Board members then each shared their reflections on the Movement for Racial Justice and the role of the School Board in that work.

Policy Development First Reading of Policies 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies, 610 Field Trips, 707 Transportation of Public School Students, 708 Transportation of Non Public School Students, 710 Extracurricular Transportation, and 711 Video Recording of Students on School Buses.

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CONSENT AGENDA


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

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

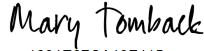
A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen Waters, Clerk

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Mary Tomback, Chair

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