

**St. Louis Park Public Schools**  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, December 9, 2019 – 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, December 9, 2019 in High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Jim Beneke, Joe Tatalovich, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Mary Tomback, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Superintendent's Cabinet members present included: Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Tami Reynolds, Director of Student Services, Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, 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, and Flower Krutina, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

The School Board hosted a reception at 5:30 p.m. for outgoing school board Chair Nancy Gores (16 years), Clerk Jim Beneke (4 years) and Director Joe Tatalovich (8 years).

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

The School Board recognized retiring School Board members Jim Beneke for 4 years of service, Joe Tatalovich for 8 years of service, and Nancy Gores for 16 years of service.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Nancy Gores called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was recommended that the School Board approve the Agenda for December 9, 2019. A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Casey to approve agenda, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

There were no visitors during open forum.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Osei thanked staff for Professional Development day on Friday, December 6, 2020. The day focused on Strategy #1: Teaching and Learning and deepened the work of E-12 staff in the area of culturally relevant pedagogy. Superintendent Osei also thanked the day's guest speaker Dr. Adrienne Dixon from the University of Illinois for leading the day's work. Another highlighted item was the Business Innovation Pop-Up Shops. Through business innovation courses, students have the opportunity to develop and implement business plans to sell a product or service that solves a problem in which they've identified. Pop-up shops were set up on multiple scheduled days in December. The last item highlighted was the outstanding music program and band performances. Performances included the High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, 9th grade band, Jazz Ensemble, HS Symphonic Band and MS Gr. 7-8 Band Concerts. A reminder was made that classes resume January 2, 2020 after winter break.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **Enrollment Report**

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services information on enrollment. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an update regarding fall 2019 K-12 enrollment; "Submit an enrollment report

to the Board by June 30th of each year,” as called for in School Board Policy 545, Park Spanish Immersion Admissions Policy; and foreshadow Kindergarten preparation for the class of 2033. As of November 1, 2019, there were 4609 students in the district which reflects a more accurate number since the previous enrollment presentation. It was noted that the Kindergarten class has 309 students, 60 students larger than 1<sup>st</sup> grade and the largest of all elementary grades. Magnuson compared fall enrollment vs projections which showed 54 students higher than what was projected. This demonstrates that our schools are of choice especially and this is positive for our schools and budget.

For the Park Spanish Immersion update, it was noted that in February 2019 89 students were accepted to the Kindergarten class at PSI. An information night was held at PSI recently for individuals interested in participating in the computer-generated admissions process. The Board noted that it might be good to see trend data on resident students at PSI since the location moved.

In preparation for FY2021, tours will be held at each school. Interested individuals can sign up online. Also, the Kindergarten information guide will be mailed this month to residents.

#### **Review of 2020-21 and 2021-22 School Calendar Options**

Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources reviewed the school calendars for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school year with an option for action item for 2020-21 and discussion for 2021-22 calendar options.

#### **Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate Participation**

Superintendent Osei will present information on Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate participation at St. Louis Park High School. Data presented included the increase in number of AP – IB courses taken by students, increase in number of AP – IB courses taken by students of color, number of students taking one or more IB exams, percentage of IB exams taken by students of color, the increase in percentage of students passing AP exams, and an overview of the intentional action to impact systemic change. It was also noted that anyone can take AP and IB class even if they do not get the diploma.

#### **Policy Development - First Reading Policy 545 Park Spanish Immersion Admission**

The School Board reviewed policy 545 Park Spanish Immersion Admission as a first reading. The proposed edits were around language including changing the word “lottery”, removing “Minnesota Choice is Yours Program”, and updating the definition of the word “sibling”.

#### **Policy Development - Second Reading Policy 706 Acceptance of Donation and Gifts**

The School Board reviewed policy 706 Acceptance of Donation and Gifts as a second reading and was asked to approve policy 706 during the meeting’s Action Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Business and Personnel**

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

1. Payroll – November 15, 2019 in the amount of \$1,572,498.13; November 27, 2019 in the amount of \$1,545,085.53
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Accounts Payable Disbursements
4. Electronic Fund Transfers
5. Donations
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Personnel

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

### **ACTION AGENDA**

**Employment Agreement - Aquatics Supervisor**

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Tomback to approve the employment agreement between Independent School District #283 and Catherine Taylor as Aquatics Supervisor, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**Polling Place Resolution**

A motion was made by Beneke, seconded by Morrison to approve the resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**Final Levy Certification**

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Tomback to approve the 2019 Final Levy Certification Payable 2020, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**Approve 2020-2021 School Calendar**

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Tomback to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**Approval of Second Reading of Policy 706 Acceptance of Donation and Gifts**

A motion was made by Waters seconded by Tomback to approve the second reading of policy 706 Acceptance of Donation and Gifts, as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Tatalovich to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

  
Karen Waters, Clerk

  
Mary Tomback, Chair

*Minutes prepared by Flower M Krutina*