

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 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 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2020 via Zoom online meeting platform. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox and Superintendent Astein Osei. Superintendent's Cabinet members present included: Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Lisa Greene, 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, Nathan Tangen, Digital Learning Coordinator, Angela Fransen, Digital Learning Coordinator, and Flower Krutina, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. Board Director Ken Morrison was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended that the School Board approve the Agenda for May 26, 2020. A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Casey to approve the agenda, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & COVID-19 RESPONSE

Superintendent Osei thanked the St. Louis Park Public Schools Foundation for the work they have been doing in past weeks to create a city-wide effort to recognize seniors. A thank you was also extended to the board members that engaged and were strong advocates of the efforts. Signs to support seniors can be ordered on www.slppsf.org. Superintendent Osei then welcomed interim high school principal Wendy Loberg. Wendy is a former principal and administrator in Osseo Area School District and BARR trainer. He then announced that the high school drone team won the Youth Drone Sports Championship at the state level with over 20 teams that competed. He also acknowledged and congratulated two juniors, William Barnett and Thor Anderson, who scored a perfect ACT composite score of 36. Finally, Superintendent Osei provided an update on the district's response on the following areas due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

- Class of 2020 Celebrations – Tuesday, June 2nd a virtual celebration will be held for high school seniors. Tuesday, June 23rd an event is being planned to allow for the Class of 2020 to come together one more time in compliance with the Governor's executive order and the Minnesota Department of Education's guidance on graduation.
- Summer Learning Academy – Summer Learning Academy for all students will be facilitated in a distance learning format.
- Meals and Emergency Childcare – Since March 18 we have served 59,000 free meals (breakfast and lunch). We have averaged approximately 49 students a day in emergency childcare (Tier 1 & 2).

- Packing, Pick Up and Returns – The schedule for packing of schools, pick up of student personal items, materials drop-off, and construction was shared.
- Kids Place Reopening – Kids Place will reopen for the summer from June 15th - August 21st and will be required to follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines laid out by the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Health. This will require more programming space and staffing thereby potentially limiting the number of children we can serve.
- Distance Learning Feedback – Feedback from distance learning surveys sent to students and families was reviewed. There were 529 responses from families and 1,036 responses from students; approximately 21% of the student population from Early Learning to 12th grade completed the survey.
- Fall 2020 - Looking to next year, Dr. Mueller from MDE mentioned at an AMSD meeting that there are the possible scenarios for the fall; distance learning, hybrid, or in person. More information will be shared as it is developed. Superintendent Osei will be reaching out to other school leaders to begin discussing and learning about what their plans are for the potential scenarios.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Digital Learning Team Update

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Nathan Tangen, Digital Learning Coordinator, and Angela Fransen, Digital Learning Coordinator provided an update from the Digital Learning Team. This update included who the Digital Learning Team is, what they do and why, and what next steps are. Amongst the highlights were lessons learned during distance learning and the use of digital tools and raising racial consciousness.

Wellness Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services and Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction shared an update on the 2020-21 priorities of the district Wellness Committee. The update included the committee's purpose, members, work from FY2020 and priorities for 2020-21. Wellness priorities for 2020-21 are to complete the Healthy Schools Assessment and identify gaps and priorities.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for April 15, 2020 in the amount of 1,598,687.17 and April 20, 2020 in the amount of 1,580,627.24
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Donations
6. Investments
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of 2019-20 Probationary Non-Renewal Staffing Resolution

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Casey to forgo the reading of individual names of probationary non-renewal staff pursuant to previous practice. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0. A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Cox to approve the resolution relating to the non-renewal of the teaching contracts of eleven probationary teachers. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Labor Agreement - Technical Employee Group

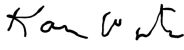
A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Wilsey to approve the employment agreement between Independent School District #283 and Technical Employee Group for the years 2019-22, as presented. There are presently no employees in this employee group. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Karen Waters, Clerk

Approved:

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Mary Tomback, Chair

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