

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Online Meeting – Google Meet

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., Thursday, March 26, 2020 via Google Meet online meeting platform. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters (via phone), 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, Silvy Un Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Research, Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, Tom Marble, Director of Technology Services (7:38 p.m.), Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Lisa Greene, Director of Community Education, Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business 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 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended that the School Board approve the Agenda for March 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 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei highlighted the action that had been occurring during the last week to provide support to students and families. He highlighted that in the last week over 5,000 meals had been delivered to students and families. Appreciation was extended to Nutrition and Transportation staff for ensuring students have access to nutritious meals. He also thanked the community and Sheridan Story for their support. Next, he highlighted school-age care workers for providing childcare to the children of emergency tier 1 workers. Superintendent Osei concluded his report by providing an overview of the work that teachers and staff have been doing to prepare for distance learning. This work included; Ensuring all students who need at-home technology have access; building connections with ALL students; and preparing for distance learning. Finally, a Teaching & Learning FAQ had been developed for families with topics such as: How should I expect teachers to connect with me over the next several weeks? What should I expect for communication prior to April 6th? What should I expect for communication with students after April 6th?

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID-19 Planning Update

Superintendent Osei and Cabinet members provided an update on COVID-19 planning and implementation of services in response to the executive order to temporarily close schools and foreshadowed future action and impact of the school closure. A timeline through April 6, 2020 was presented and the following topics were covered: distance learning implementation, care for children of emergency workers, nutrition and meals for students, human resources

considerations, kindergarten enrollment planning, possible future action and possible impact on areas such as finance and school events. Information is updated regularly and can be found on the district website.

Achievement and Integration Plan 2020-23

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of the 2020-23 Achievement and Integration plan for approval at the evening's action agenda. He covered Achievement and Integration plan strategies, budget ratios, and three goals to continue to close the opportunity gaps in St. Louis Park Public Schools. Achievement and Integration plans must include three types of goals; goals to increase racial and economic integration, goals to reduce disparities in achievement, and goals to increase access to qualified diverse teachers for American Indian, Asian, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, African American/Black, two or more races and Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch (FRPL) students.

Policy Development – Second Reading Policy 535 PowerSchool Parent/Guardian Web Access

The School Board reviewed as a second reading policy 535 PowerSchool Parent/Guardian Web Access. It was recommended that the School Board remove this policy as there are already procedures in place each year at registration and back to school nights to address student data privacy with regards to technology platforms that are currently in use or will be adopted in the future. The policy was presented at the evening's action agenda for recommendation approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was then made by Casey, seconded by Morrison to approve the following Consent Agenda items: Minutes. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of the 2021-23 Achievement and Integration Plan

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Cox to approve the 2021-23 Achievement and Integration plan, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Policy 535 PowerSchool Parent/Guardian Web Access

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Casey to approve the removal of policy 535 PowerSchool Parent/Guardian Web Access. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

Motion to Convert All Future Regular Meetings to Teleconference Meetings or Other Electronic Means

Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, all School Board meetings of Independent School District 283 St. Louis Park Public Schools will be conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021— Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means until further notice.

Consistent with the federal and state guidance, the Board Chair has determined that in-person meetings are not practical or prudent because of the current health pandemic.

Due to the health pandemic, it is not feasible for at least one board member, the superintendent, or the school district's legal counsel to be physically present at the regular meeting location. It is also not feasible for the public to attend at the regular meeting location due to the health pandemic.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, members of the public are not permitted to attend meetings in-person due to the current health pandemic. Persons may monitor meetings from a remote location by joining the Google Meet or Zoom link posted on the district website prior to the scheduled meeting.

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Wilsey to convert all future regular school board meetings to teleconference meetings or other electronic means. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.


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Karen Waters, Clerk

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Mary Tomback, Chair

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