

**St. Louis Park Public Schools**  
Minutes of the Study Session School Board Meeting  
Monday, September 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Louis Park High School Room C350

The study session 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, September 9, 2019 in High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Mary Tomback, Jim Beneke, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Ken Morrison and Superintendent Astein Osei. Absent Board Member was Joe Tatalovich. Superintendent's Cabinet members present included: Tom Bravo, Facilities Manager, Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Lisa Greene, Director of Community Education, Rick Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, Silvy Un Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Research, Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Tami Reynolds, Director of Student Services, Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Community Relations, and Flower Krutina, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. Also present was Maddy Wegleitner, Middle School Math Teacher, representing the Math Curriculum Review Team.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Nancy Gores called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was recommended that the School Board approve the Agenda for September 9, 2019 as presented. A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Waters to approve agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Osei briefly shared information on what he would cover in his school start update and shared his gratitude for the collective effort of our school community and greater community in helping us get off to a great start for the 2019-2020 school year.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Curriculum Review Update - Math**

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Maddy Wegleitner, Middle School math teacher, provided an update on the work of the Math Curriculum Review Team. Numerous teachers have been working collaboratively to improve their departmental work throughout district through currently three design teams; Math, World Languages, and Gifted/Talented/Enrichment. The Math Team shared their work, vision, and plan to move forward through the phases of their work. They plan to transform the math experience for Pre-K through grade 12 with emphasize on middle school math which is intentional due middle school being the bridge that connects elementary and high school. Maddy the team's work using the Why, How, and What approach.

**Preliminary 2019 Levy Payable 2020**

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, presented information on the Preliminary 2019 Levy Payable in 2020. Patricia informed the Board that this meeting's presentation would be high level and more detailed information would be presented at a future Board meeting when action will be required. An overview of how tax rates are established and of the timeline for next steps for the tax levy was presented. An improvement at the high school that has impact on the tax levy is the addition of a turf field in the interior of the track at the high school stadium. Andy Ewald, Athletic Director, provided an overview of the current fields and how they have impacted athletics and the programs that utilize those spaces. The possible estimated tax impact and next steps was discussed.

**School Start Update**

Superintendent Osei provided an update on the successful start of the 2019-20 school year including information about our Back-to-School kickoff, Day One activities, enrollment, facilities, and fall sports. The Back-to-School event this year emphasized the theme of Ubuntu "I am because we are". Superintendent Osei provided an overview of the speakers and survey results of the day. Day One activities demonstrated the collective nature of the St. Louis Park community investing in our students to

have successful start to the school year. For the enrollment update, it was noted that the Kindergarten class is 404 students; the largest in six years and the largest class in the district. For facilities, all sites will soon open up for community members to visit. Finally, Superintendent Osei presented a fall sports update noting that team captains went through a leadership training and that girls volleyball, soccer, and football are seeing more students.

#### **Summer Learning Recap**

Lisa Greene, Director of Community Education, provided an update on summer learning academy, grades 6-8 summer school, school age childcare, and early childhood programming that occurred during the 2019 summer.

#### **Policy Development - First Reading Policy 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, Maltreatment of Minors by School; 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, and 506 Student Discipline**

The School Board reviewed Policies 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, Maltreatment of Minors by School; 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults; and 506 Student Discipline. It was requested that the procedure for Policy 506 be added to the next Board meeting when the policy is presented for second reading. No recommendations for changes were made for policies 414 and 415.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **Business and Personnel**

A motion was made by Beneke, seconded by Tomback to approve the following Consent Agenda items: Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting on August 12, 2019. It was noted that an edit needed to be made to the minutes as Waters is the correct School Board Liaison for Park Spanish Immersion. Minutes to be corrected and presented at next Board meeting. Upon vote being taken on the foregoing, motion passed 6-0.

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

##### **Minnesota Department of Education Iowa Resolution**

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Waters to approve the Resolution appointing Superintendent Astein Osei as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for St. Louis Park Public School District 0283-01 and Executive Assistant Flower Krutina as IOWA to add or remove names only. Motion passed 6-0.

##### **Policy Development - Second Reading Policy 536 Gender Inclusion, 410 Family and Medical Leave, 413 Harassment and Violence**

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Morrison to approve second readings of Policies 536 Gender Inclusion; 410 Family and Medical Leave; and 413 Harassment and Violence, as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS**

##### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Casey to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

  
Jim Beneke, Clerk

  
Nancy Gores, Chair

*Minutes prepared by Flower M Krutina*