

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Business
Monday, March 22, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Online Meeting

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened on Monday, March 22, 2021 via online meeting platform. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Also present were Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Tami Reynolds, Director of Student Services, Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, Brooks Grossinger, Controller, Ukee Dozier, Internal Auditor, Tom Bravo, Facilities Manager, and Flower Krutina, Executive Leadership Partner. Director Ken Morrison was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by McClendon to approve the agenda, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

OPEN FORUM

There were no open forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei provided an update on the High School Principal interview process. The two finalists are LaNisha Paddock and Xavier Reed. Final round of interviews will be held on Wednesday, March 24 with the hope of bringing a recommendation to the School Board at the April 12 meeting. Osei then shared details for a second vaccination POD (point of distribution) through a partnership with Hennepin County. His report concluded with COVID-19 testing for kids and families in the District. Students will be able to bring at-home tests to school to be mailed to a lab for testing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mid-Year and Capital Budget Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Brooks Grossinger, Controller, and Ukee Dozier, Internal Auditor, provided a mid-year and capital budget update to prepare the School Board to take action on the FY2021 mid-year budget update and to provide an update regarding the budget planning process for FY2022 including general fund budget assumptions and a capital budget preview. For the FY21 mid-year budget update, the group reviewed the budget framework, timeline, FY21 general fund mid-year budget adjustments, general unreserved fund balance calculation, FY21 school nutrition fund mid-year budget adjustments and calculation, and the FY21 community service fund mid-year budget adjustments and calculation. For their FY22 general fund budget assumptions the group reviewed the Financial Advisory Committee FY22 budget and fiscal recommendations, potential deficit reductions, and additional

recommendations. The assumptions will be used to prepare the FY2022 budget for School Board Action in June. The FY22 capital budget overview included a review of annual allocations and carryover projects.

Next steps for the School Board include;

- March 22, 2021 - Approve FY2021 mid-year budget update
- April 26, 2021 - Approve FY2022 Capital Budget
- June 25, 2021 - Approve FY2022 final budget for all funds

Construction Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services and Tom Bravo, Facilities Manager, provided a construction update. Updates included remaining bond referendum projects to be done the summer of 2021 through the summer of 2023, construction cost increases (actual and anticipated), cost containment strategies, and updates with photos of construction schematics for projects at the High School and central. Bravo also provided a solar projects update and reviewed next steps.

Policy Development - First Reading Policy 506 Student Discipline

The School Board reviewed Policy 506 Student Discipline as a first reading. The policy is significantly different but now more aligned with current practices. The draft will be reviewed further and revised by the Policy Committee and additional stakeholder feedback will be gathered prior to bringing it back to the School Board for a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$1,588,511.06 and January 29, 2021 in the amount of \$1,592,807.28
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. MTI Contract Termination
9. Personnel

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

ACTION AGENDA

Achievement & Integration Budget Approval

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by McClendon to approve the Achievement & Integration Budget, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

Mid-Year Budget Approval

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Cox to approve the Mid-Year Budget, as presented. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

School Board Meeting Format Approval

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Waters to resume meeting in person effective the April 26, 2021 School Board meeting, and to otherwise remain consistent with the delivery model in effect at the High School. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Casey to adjourn. By means of roll call vote, motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Laura McClendon, Clerk

Mary Tomback, Chair

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