

**St. Louis Park Public Schools**  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, June 28, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.  
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 on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox, Ken Morrison, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Also present were Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Steve Shmitz, Director of Bands, World Drumming and Beat Making, and Flower Krutina, Executive Leadership Partner.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by McClendon to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

**OPEN FORUM**

There were two Open Forum participants. Catherine Crowley addressed the high school ultimate frisbee club and Jay Lindgren expressed his support for the work being done to update Policy 506 Student Discipline.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Osei acknowledged the start of Summer Learning Academy, the St. Louis Park High School Boys Ultimate Frisbee Club Team for winning the North Suburban Conference Championship, and a video presentation was shown to honor the 2020-21 retirees.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**High School Band International Trip 2022**

Steve Shmitz, Director of Bands, World Drumming and Beat Making, presented information to the Board to request approval for an international trip to Ireland for high school band members during the 2022 spring break. The presentation included activities that would be available to students, how Ireland was selected, costs, and addressed racial and socio-economic equity in his presentation. Schmitz also provided students testimonials and plans if COVID-19 cases rise and the trip needs to be cancelled.

**Policy Committee Update**

Anne Casey, Board Vice Chair, provided an update on the work of the Policy Committee. The Board was not asked to review any policies. The Policy Committee continues to work on Policy 506 Student Discipline, 514 Bullying Prohibition, and a new Racial Equity Policy. Work will be done to gather feedback on the most current draft of Policy 506 focusing on feedback from community members that have historically been left out from the feedback loop. Families from

the following groups will be convened to provide feedback prior to the next Board meeting include; Indigenous, Black/African-American, Latinx (in Spanish), and Somali (in Somali).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Payroll for May 14, 2021 in the amount of \$1,603,034.27 and May 28, 2021 in the amount of 1,654,315.93
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

The motion passed 7-0.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

#### **FY22 Budget Approval**

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Wilsey to approve the FY22 Budget, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

#### **Approval of Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan (LTFM) Funding Strategy**

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Cox to approve the Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan (LTFM) Funding Strategy for Independent School District 283, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

#### **Approval of District 287 Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan (LTFM) Resolution**

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by McClendon to approve the Long Term Facility Maintenance Plan (LTFM) Resolution for Intermediate School District 287, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

#### **High School Band International Trip Approval**

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Morrison to approve the international trip to Ireland for the High School Band during the 2022 spring break, as presented. The motion passed 5-0. Board Chair Tomback and Vice Chair Casey abstained due to their children being signed up for the trip. The approval is conditional due to COVID-19.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Laura McClendon, Clerk

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Mary Tomback, Chair

*Minutes prepared by Flower M. Krutina*