

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis Park 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 at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Karen Waters, Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox and Superintendent Astein Osei.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei recognized teachers and staff during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week thanking them for their hard work and dedication to St. Louis Park Public Schools. He then provided an update on the Aquila Elementary Principal search, noting that first round interviews had been held the week before and the interview team was preparing for second round interviews. Osei's report concluded his report by sharing that Minnesota was set to begin a three-step process that will lead to an end of all COVID-19 restrictions by May 28, and an end to the masking requirement by July 1 and what this means for schools connected to face coverings, prom and graduation celebrations, summer programming, and the District's Safe Learning Plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2021 Election Overview

Michael Sund, City of St. Louis Park Elections Specialist provided an overview of the candidate filing process for those considering running for School Board for the 2021 election and helpful ballot information for voters in St. Louis Park including dates and deadlines, how to file for office, and ballot information. St. Louis Park Public Schools will have three seats on the ballot at the time of the election.

Enrollment Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services and Sara Thompson, Director of Communications and Community Relations provided an enrollment strategies update. The update included current enrollment data, projections for next year, and updates to the Enrollment Center which included a one-stop shop for all students/grades and online enrollment. Various marketing efforts will take place to capture robust and accurate data, capture stories from families including exit surveys, communicate findings to affect change to develop best practices and strategies. Data driven strategies for increasing enrollment include virtual events, print materials and direct mailings, and a focus on Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades. The enrollment

strategy will also be in alignment with the District’s Strategic Plan for Racial Equity Transformation.

Policy Development - Revision Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Coverings

The School Board reviewed to revise Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Coverings.

Policy Development - Second Reading 524 Internet and Technology Responsible Use - Students

The School Board reviewed Policy 524 Internet and Technology Responsible Use - Students as a second reading.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of Revision of Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Cox to approve the revision of policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Policy 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Cox to approve the second reading of policy 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Laura McClendon, Clerk

Mary Tomback, Chair

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