

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 14, 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, June 14, 2021 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Anne Casey, Karen Waters, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon, C. Colin Cox and Superintendent Astein Osei. Director Ken Morrison was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Wilsey to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei congratulated the 373 seniors who participated in St. Louis Park High School’s 122nd commencement ceremony and thanked staff for putting together a special event for students and families. He also recognized three St. Louis Park High School students who were recently recognized by the Minnesota Music Educators Association's (MMEA) All-State band program. Junior clarinet player Olivia Brown and sophomore tenor saxophone player Isaiah Klepfer were named to the 2021-22 Minnesota All-State Band. Junior tuba player Kris Moe was chosen as an alternate. Superintendent Osei concluded his report by acknowledging the Middle School Theater Spring Musical and their presentation of “James and the Giant Peach Jr.”

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Community Education Presentation

Patrice Howard, Director of Community Education, and Community Education staff Angie Martinez-Grande, Kim Rosholt and Kelleen O’Brion provided an update on Community Education during the last year in St. Louis Park. Included in the update were the number of children served in childcare programs as care continued to be offered in person despite the pandemic. The team also shared highlights from the Early Learning Program, Kids Place Preschool Childcare, Kids Place School Age Childcare, Youth Enrichment, and Adult and Senior Program highlights. The team encouraged the community to review the upcoming spring/summer catalog for summer program information and more.

Children First Annual Update

Margaret Ganyo, Executive Director of Children First, provided an update on the work done at Children First during the past year. Ganyo shared Children First’s vision and purpose, partnership structure, how collaborative action groups work, key drivers and strategies connected to kindergarten readiness and health, St. Louis Park youth emotional well-being using the Minnesota Student Survey data from 2019, and other kindergarten readiness information.

FY22 Budget Discussion

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, shared information with the School Board about the FY22 budget. The School Board will be asked to approve the FY22 budget at the June 28, 2021 Action Agenda. Magnuson reviewed budget assumptions and highlighted budget assumptions connected to COVID-19 and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). She then reviewed the general fund unrestricted, restricted, and unassigned. Information was shared about the School Nutrition and Community Service Funds as well as the building construction, internal service and finally the trust and agency fund. Next Magnuson discussed long term stability, ongoing budget attention, and provided an example of future budget actions. She concluded by sharing next steps which included approving the budget, the preliminary levy for taxes payable in 2022, completing the budget audit, and continuing to provide budget updates to the School Board.

Policy Development - Second Reading of Policy 506 Student Discipline

The School Board reviewed policy 506 Student Discipline as a second reading.

ACTION AGENDA

Aquila Elementary Principal Contract Approval

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Waters to approve the employment contract between Independent School District #283 and Maria Graver as the Aquila Elementary Principal, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Cox to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Laura McClendon, Clerk

Mary Tomback, Chair

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