

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 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 Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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 and Superintendent Astein Osei. 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 Casey, seconded by Waters to approve the agenda with the amendment to add item 6.I. Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering to the Action Agenda for approval of the recommended changes without a second reading per Policy 208 Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies due to emergency action required to Policy 808. The motion passed 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei acknowledged the effort of staff that served students over the summer. He also acknowledged the School Board for all of the support, work and engagement of the Board over the last year. Superintendent Osei then acknowledged the work of all of the staff connected to the work of summer programming and provided information connected to Early Learning, Kids Place, Summer Learning Academy (Rising 1-5), Summer Learning Academy (Rising 608) and High School credit recovery, and senior and adult programming that took place over the summer. His report concluded with information connected to community engagement specifically highlighting the SLP summer of Action and National Night Out.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Digital Learning Update

Tom Marble, Director of Information Services, and Nathan Tangen and Angela Fransen, Digital Learning Integrationists, provided an update on the work of the Digital Learning Team in preparation for the 2021-2022 school year. The team discussed what they have learned throughout the past year in distance and hybrid learning about technology and learning and the systems and structures necessary to support technology integration. Looking ahead to the 2021-21 school year, the team has prepared for a digital learning environment that affords each student ready access to a device. All students will have access to a device during the upcoming school year using a collective focus for digital device implementation and support.

Return to School Update

Astein Osei, Superintendent, provided the School Board with an update on the recommended mitigation strategies to safely start the 2021-22 school year. His update started by outlining what

we have done and will do to promote vaccination. Next Osei discussed consistent and correct mask use and how that impacts the close contact definition, physical distancing, screening and testing, ventilation, handwashing, and cleaning and disinfection protocols. He then focused on encouraging stakeholders to stay home when they are sick and getting tested. Osei discussed the contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine and the difference between the two and transportation considerations. He presented the online learning option for students grades K-12 in partnership with Eden Prairie Public Schools. More information will be forthcoming. Osei's recommendations for Board approval included:

- Five days a week E-12 in-person learning experience with K-12 online learning option.
- Mask requirement for all students and staff in compliance with policy 808.
 - No quarantining for close contacts when masks are consistently and correctly worn.
- Pending additional information from MDH, offer voluntary testing every two weeks for staff and students.
- Physically distance to the extent possible.
- Shorten quarantine period:
 - 10 days without testing
 - 7 days after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

Policy Development - First Reading Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering

The School Board reviewed policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering as a first reading.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition

The School Board reviewed policy 514 Bullying Prohibition as a second reading and will be asked to approve the revisions during the Action Agenda.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policy 506 Student Discipline

The School Board reviewed policy 506 Student Discipline as a third reading and will be asked to approve the revisions during the Action Agenda with the amended title of 506 Student Behavior Intervention.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for June 15, 2021 in the amount of 2,001,884.02 and June 30, 2021 in the amount of 2,116,109.63 and July 15, 2021 in the amount of 1,554,696.92 and July 30, 2021 in the amount of 1,498,331.71.
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Donations
6. Investment Holdings
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

The motion passed 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Truth in Taxation Date (December 14, 2021)

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Cox to approve the date of December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. as the Truth in Taxation 2021, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Minnesota State High School League Resolution 2021-22

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Wilsey to approve the renewal of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Resolution 2021-2022, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Transportation Contract

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Wilsey to approve the contract for special education transportation with Park Adam Transportation for FY22, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Appointment of Title IX Officers Resolution

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by McClendon to approve the resolution appointing Title IX Officers, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

School Board Listening Session Dates

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Casey to approve the following dates for the 2021-22 School Board Listening Sessions: November 16, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.; February 15, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.; April 19, 2022 - 6:30 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Return to School Recommendations

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Casey to approve the recommended return to school plans and mitigation strategies, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Cox to approve the second reading of policy 514 Bullying Prohibition, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Third Reading of Policy 506 Student Discipline

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Tomback to approve the third reading of policy 506 Student Discipline with the amended title of Student Behavior Intervention, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Amended Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Cox to approve the amended policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Tomback to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Laura McClendon, Clerk

Mary Tomback, Chair

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