

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 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 Tuesday, September 14, 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, Ken Morrison (6:32 p.m.) and Superintendent Astein Osei.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei highlighted the start of the 2021-22 school year. He provided an overview of Day 1 and the positive trend in enrollment. He also reviewed mitigation strategies in response to COVID-19 to keep staff and students safe. Osei’s report concluded with acknowledgement of District facilities and grounds staff for their hard work over the summer during summer programming and in preparation for the start of the school year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

District Office Lease Termination

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided an update on the District Office lease so that School Board members will be prepared to take action to terminate the lease of space for the District Office at its September 28 regular school board meeting. Included in the update were lease details, plans for District Office relocation to Central Community Center following the remodel, and next steps.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Programs (ESSER) III Application Overview

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided an overview of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Programs (ESSER) III application for use of pandemic response and learning recovery federal relief funds. Magnuson presented information so that Board members understand the ESSER III application process, understand how the application process connects to the FY2022 budget approved in June 2021, and understand next steps, including community feedback.

Superintendent Evaluation Summary

Vice Chair Anne Casey provided a summary of the superintendent annual evaluation. The School Board met on August 17, 2021 in a closed meeting to discuss the annual superintendent

evaluation. This meeting was closed in accordance with state statute. All members were present. The Superintendent was rated as accomplished or exemplary in all performance areas. The goals were taken directly from the strategic plan and in all areas the Superintendent was developing with the note that the goals in the strategic plan cannot be accomplished in one year. However, the efforts he has made are exemplary and the Board thanked him for his commitment to the mission of St. Louis Park Public Schools.

Policy Development - First Reading 103 Racial Equity

The School Board reviewed policy 103 Racial Equity, a proposed new policy, as a first reading.

School Board Liaison Assignment Update

The School Board updated school liaison assignments for the 2021-2022 school year. Liaison assignments are as follows:

- Aquila - Karen Waters
- Peter Hobart - Ken Morrison
- Susan Lindgren - C. Colin Cox
- Middle School - Laura McClendon
- High School - Anne Casey
- Park Spanish Immersion -Heather Wilsey
- Early Childhood - Heather Wilsey

ACTION AGENDA

Minnesota Department of Education Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) Resolution

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Morrison to approve resolution to designate Superintendent Astein Osei as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) and Flower Krutina as the IOwA Proxy to add and remove names only for the Education Identity Access Management (EDIAM) system for St. Louis Park Public School Dist. 0283-01, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Laura McClendon, Clerk

Mary Tomback, Chair

Minutes prepared by Flower M. Krutina