

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 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, October 26, 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. Also present were members of the Superintendent’s Cabinet including Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Freida Bailey, Principal on Special Assignment, and Flower Krutina, Executive Leadership Partner.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

David Leppik addressed password security for student devices and accounts. .

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Land Acknowledgement Ceremony

Freida Bailey, Principal on Special Assignment, introduced the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) who will lead the School Board in a traditional ceremony in honor of the approval of the land acknowledgement that will be read at School Board meetings. Sammi Defoe, AIPAC Chair, provided background on the components of the ceremony and introduced guests who led the smudging, prayer and song, presentation of star quilts, and indigenous food shared with the School Board.

MOTION TO RECESS

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Wilsey to recess during the ceremony for the land acknowledgement. The motion passed 7-0. Recess at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION TO RESUME MEETING

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Cox to resume the meeting. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting resumed at 7:03 p.m.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults & 715 Uniform Grant Guidance Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

The School Board reviewed policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, and 715 Uniform Grant Guidance Regarding Federal Revenue Sources (new), as a second reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei invited community members to the upcoming district choral festival composed of middle and high school students which will be held on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first performance back in person for Middle School Choir students since the start of the pandemic. Superintendent Osei shared a video of these choirs singing. Next he acknowledged senior violinist Fiona Petrie on being selected to the NAFME All-National Honors Orchestra for the second straight in a row. In the last school year she was one of two selected violinists and one of three students selected from Minnesota to join the ensemble. These students represent some of the top high school musicians across the nation. The report concluded with an invitation to upcoming listening sessions that Superintendent Osei will be hosting for students, staff, and families in order to receive feedback on the daily lived experiences in the district and be able to take the feedback and improve the services the district provides. Sessions will be held virtually and there will be sessions in English, Spanish, and Somali. Future listening sessions will be scheduled according to the need.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for September 15, 2021 in the amount of 1,582,072.82 and September 30, 2021 in the amount of 1,659,771.61
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

Approval of Labor Agreement - Park Association of Teachers

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by McClendon to approve the labor agreement between Independent School District #283 and the Park Association of Teachers for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Fund Balance Transfer

Director Magnuson provided a brief budget update to preview FY 2021 preliminary year-end financial results and understand the action item to approve FY 2021 fund balance transfers. A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Wilsey to approve the fund balance transfer for FY 2021, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults & 715 Uniform Grant Guidance Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Waters to approve the second reading of policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, and 715 Uniform Grant Guidance Regarding Federal Revenue Sources (new policy adoption), as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Cox to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

(Clerk Laura McClendon and Chair Mary Tomback at time of meeting)

Minutes prepared by Flower M. Krutina