

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 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, December 14, 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 6:40 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPOTLIGHT

The retirement of Karen Waters was recognized. She served eight years on the School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared that enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is open and enrollment information can be found on the district website. He then shared details for upcoming events including vaccination events for individuals ages five and up and middle and high school winter choir concerts. He concluded his report by sharing about the MnEEP Annual Event that St. Louis Park Public Schools participated in. The theme of the annual event was Recommitment to Racial Equity.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Students Organized for Anti-Racism (SOAR)

Dr. Lee-Ann Stephens, SOAR Advisor and SOAR Students presented information about the high school student group Students Organized for Anti-Racism (SOAR).

Science Design Team

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Science Design Team members provided an update on the work of the design team. The School Board received information about the curriculum and instruction development process, the racial equity purpose statement of the design team, and an update on current and future work. Future work includes looking to examine current curriculum E-12 to add depth and spark student interest; focusing on the adaptive work that needs to occur to support, improve, and update teaching practices in St. Louis Park Science programs; and seeking exemplary science educators to provide high quality professional development opportunities in differentiated instruction, project-based learning, and Teaching Methods and Best Practices.

Enrollment Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided an update regarding fall 2021 (FY2022) K-12 enrollment and enrollment insights using FY2021 MARSS data in order to “Submit an enrollment report to the Board by June 30 of each year,” as called for in School Board Policy 545, Park Spanish Immersion Admissions Policy. FY 2022 K-12 enrollment was reported as ahead of projections, the capture rate is in the mid-range in comparison to neighboring districts, and St. Louis Park Public Schools is a net gainer in open enrollment Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School applicant numbers outpace available seats. Next Steps include Elementary Schools welcoming families for the Class of 2035, an update of the FY 2022 budget with actual enrollment results, and to complete FY 2023 enrollment projections.

Resolution in Support of the Congressional IDEA Full Funding Act

Board Clerk Laura McClendon presented a draft resolution in support of the Congressional Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Full Funding Act for School Board consideration for adoption during the evening's Action Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for November 15, 2021 in the amount of 1,703,203.17 and November 30, 2021 in the amount of 1,710,542.23
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding
8. Personnel

The motion passed 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Levy Certification Payable 2022

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Cox to approve Final Levy Certification payable 2022, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Resolution in Support of the Congressional IDEA Full Funding Act Approval

A motion was made by McClendon, seconded by Wilsey to approve the Resolution in Support of the Congressional IDEA Full Funding Act, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Combined Polling Place Resolution

A motion was made by Waters, seconded by Cox to approve the resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

City of St. Louis Park Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Appointment - Lisa Proulx

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by McClendon to approve the appointment of Lisa Proulx to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for the City of St. Louis Park through May 31, 2023. The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Water to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

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

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