

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – 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, January 25, 2022 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox and Superintendent Astein Osei.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Anne Casey called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

There were no Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei invited the community to attend a performance of the St. Louis Park Middle School Theatre Program’s presentation of Back to the 80s. Performances will take place January 27-29. Next he shared information about an upcoming vaccination event for individuals ages five and older and noted that vaccine boosters will also be available. Superintendent Osei concluded his report by recognizing paraprofessionals in the district as Governor Walz proclaimed the week of January 24-30, 2022, as Paraprofessional Recognition Week.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Curriculum and Instruction - Social Studies

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Social Studies Design Team members provided an update on the work of the team. The update included information about the curriculum and instruction development process, the racial equity purpose statement of the design team, the “why” for each design team member, why this work is important for the district, and how the work is helping the design team members grow as racial equity leaders.

Area of Focus Priority Work: Family & Community Engagement - Out of School Time

Patrice Howard, Director of Community Education, provided an update on the district’s strategic plan family and community engagement area of focus, speaking specifically to out of school time offerings. Also there to share their experiences were two middle school students. The update reviewed a timeline of work done from 2019 to present. Information about how out of school time staff and opportunities for the community have been transformed in alignment and partnership with internal and external stakeholders. The update centered student voice and provided an overview of next steps to continue gathering student voice and keeping students at the center. The update concluded by providing an overview of next steps.

Budget Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided a budget update recapping the budget timeline and three fiscal years individually - FY21m FY22 and FY23. She also discussed past and future considerations and budget next steps.

Policy Development - First Reading 536 Gender Inclusion & 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination

The School Board reviewed policies 536 Gender Inclusion and 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination as a first reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for December 15, 2021 in the amount of 1,655,357.11 and December 30, 2021 in the amount of 1,682,732.86
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Personnel

The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tomback, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

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