

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 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, March 22, 2022 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox, Abdihakim Ibrahim, and Superintendent Astein Osei.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice Chair Anne Casey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ibrahim, seconded by Wilsey to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

There was one Open Forum participant that addressed changes in world languages due to budget cuts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei congratulated students Mae Guttenfelder and November Marshall who received awards at the Metro West Conference Art Exhibition at Normandale Community College. Osei then shared that new student enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is open and encouraged interested individuals to visit the district website for more information. He concluded his report by sharing that each student and staff would be sent home with two COVID tests prior to spring break to encourage testing for COVID before returning to school on April 4, regardless of vaccination status. Testing would not be required to return to school.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Progress Reporting Design Team

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Progress Reporting Design Team members Abby Lugo, Andy Wilkes, Ila Saxena, Maurina Rome, Omar Adams, and Mia Waldera presented an update on the work of the design team. The team addressed why they are doing this work and why will this process be important to St. Louis Park Public Schools.

Area of Focus Priority Work: Systems and Structures

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, and Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, provided an update on the district's strategic plan systems and structures area of focus. Also there to present were Brooks Grossinger, Controller; Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources; Jason Loewe, Human Resources Supervisor; Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services; and Shanique Williams, Business Office Supervisor. Additional members of the team included: Manny Banda HR Specialist; Becky Flikeid, Accountant; Lynn Gilmer,

Payroll Coordinator; Melissa Swisher, Benefits Accounting/Accounts Payable; and Kally Venticher, HR Specialist. The priority work connected to the Systems and Structures Area of Focus for the 2021-22 school year is to implement the PowerSchool E-Finance Plus Human Resources/Payroll/Finance System in place of Skyward. The team provided background information as to why the change is being made, the process goals and priorities, implementation timeline and the milestones to date, resources needed, next steps and future opportunities. eFinancePLUS will go live on July 1, 2022.

Park Virtual

Astein Osei, Superintendent, provided an update on the status of the district's online provider status to implement Park Virtual in the 2022-23 school year. St. Louis Park Public Schools is in the final stages of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Online Provider Status approval process. Superintendent Osei introduced Park Virtual leaders Olivia Tolzin, Angela Fransen, and Nathan Tangen. He then made a connection to the mission and core values of the district and the multiple pathways to academic success within the district. The programming of Park Virtual will be taught by St. Louis Park staff and will be standards based, student-centered, engage families as partners, and be a part of the St. Louis Park community. Superintendent Osei reviewed what students and families in Park Virtual can expect and the specific attributes that Park Virtual staff will possess. The report concluded by reviewing details specific to programming at the elementary, middle, and high schools levels and included sample schedules. He encouraged families that may be interested in Park Virtual to visit the district website and sign up to receive updates as they become available.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for February 15, 2022 in the amount of 1,660,611.05 and February 28, 2022 in the amount of 1,685,074.79
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

The motion passed 5-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of Mid-Year Budget & FY23 Budget Parameters

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided a brief mid-year budget and FY23 budget parameters presentation. The School Board was provided time to ask questions and discuss. A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to approve the mid-year budget and FY23 budget parameters, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Middle School & Central Community Center Bid

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided a brief presentation connected to construction projects and bids at the Middle School and Central Community Center with the recommendation to: accept the apparent low bid for the middle school project, including all alternates; and reject all bids for the Central Community Center project. A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Casey to approve the recommendations, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Achievement & Integration Budget

A motion was made by Ibrahim, seconded by Wilsey to approve the Achievement and Integration budget for FY23, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of CE Educators Group Labor Agreement

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Casey to approve the CE Educators Labor Agreement for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of SEIU LOCAL 284 Nutrition Services Labor Agreement

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Ibrahim to approve the SEIU LOCAL 284, CTW Labor Agreement for Nutrition Services Personnel for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of SEIU LOCAL 284 Custodial Labor Agreement

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Morrison to approve the SEIU LOCAL 284, CTW Labor Agreement for Custodial/Maintenance Personnel for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Combined Polling Places Resolution

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to approve the combined polling places resolution, as presented. The motion passed 5-0. The District will have 12 Precincts and voting locations down from the previous 16 Precincts as a result of redistricting. The District will continue to also have voting locations in Edina, Hopkins, and Minnetonka.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Ibrahim to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

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