

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

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Anne Casey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Cox to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

OPEN FORUM

There were no Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei acknowledged School Board members during School Board Recognition Week and thanked them for their service and dedication to St. Louis Park Public Schools. He then acknowledged and congratulated the girls Nordic Ski Team for their recent competition accomplishments and the Aquila Elementary theater program for their presentation of Madagascar A Musical Adventure Jr. His report concluded by thanking school bus drivers in celebration of Minnesota's sixth annual School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Advisory Committee Recommendations

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, and Finance Advisory Committee Members shared budget assumptions and fiscal recommendations from the Financial Advisory Committee to advise administration and the SLP School Board on economic and school finance issues, and build community trust in district finances. Members described the approach they took in 2022, the primary factors considered and discussed including a declining fund balance and enrollment projections, and the committee's recommendations. The recommendations were as follows:

Budget recommendations

- Maintain at least an 8% Unreserved Fund Balance
- 2% Increase in Per Pupil Formula
- 4,477 Adjusted Pupil Units (APU's)
- Maintain local revenue

Fiscal recommendations

- Balance the Budget
- Manage Expense Increases

- Grow Enrollment

2023-24 Calendar

Richard Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, discussed the draft 2023-24 school year calendar. He presented two options that would allow for the addition of two holidays - Yom Kippur and Eid-al-Fitr.

Listening Session Report

Anne Casey, Board Chair, reported the items discussed during the School Board Listening Session held on February 15, 2022. Items discussed included the school year calendar and dates for spring break, student fees for exams at the high school (AP, IB, etc.), talent development changes, high school student MCA participation, enrollment, and reading at the elementary level.

Board Vacancy Appointment Process

The School Board provided an update on the appointment process to fill two open Board seats and select interview questions for finalists that will interview on March 2, 2022. New Board Members would be present at the April 12, 2022 meeting.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policies 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records & 806 Crisis Management

The School Board reviewed policies 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records and 806 Crisis Management as a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for January 14, 2022 in the amount of 1,663,251.64 and January 31, 2022 in the amount of 1,686,484.35
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

The motion passed 4-0.

ACTION AGENDA

American Indian Annual Compliance Agreement

A motion was made by Ibrahim, seconded by Morrison to approve the Annual Compliance Agreement with the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC), as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Second Reading Policies 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records & 806 Crisis Management

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Cox to remove Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records from the Action Agenda. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Casey,

seconded by Ibrahim to approve policy 806 Crisis Management, as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

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