

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 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, May 24, 2022 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, C. Colin Cox, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Sarah Davis, Virginia Mancini, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Vice Chair Heather Wilsey was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice Chair Anne Casey called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

There were no Open Forum participants.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Athletic Activities Update

Andrew Ewald, Athletics Director, and student-athletes Shantell Harden, Ezra Hudson, Gabby Diaz, Christian Arteaga, Jordan Dollinar, Bennett Kouame, Selam Maher and Marshawn Dunlap provided a report on their experience from the second semester independent study class Social Justice Through Athletics. Students shared an overview of the class structure, the question of study, steps to collecting data gathered from parents/guardians and students, and recommendations for how to improve athletics programs. The questions that students sought to learn more about were, “What barriers to joining youth sports currently exist for elementary students and families in SLP? What role might race play?” After sharing the data they gathered, students provided the following recommendations for the district to address in order to improve St. Louis Park athletics: timing of practices, more REC sports, financial assistance - scholarships, structured sports education, overall advertisement, organize registration, more fundraising opportunities, more community involvement, and access to equipment. Students identified areas of improvement specifically from families of color. Those included; lack of info on where to look for sports, high costs, transportation, lack of community inclusion in sport teams, lack of time, lack of programs for younger age groups in St. Louis Park sports, and communication to parents.

Curriculum & Instruction: Math

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Math Design Team members provided an update on the work of the design team. The team shared their racial equity purpose statement, shared grounding beliefs around differentiation, acceleration and choice, action being taken with professional development and curricular resources, and structures for learning. Structures for learning being implemented include; grades E-8: Integrated classes and Talent

Development opportunities for all; grades 9-12: Piloting new course structure, exploring new pathways, and expanding college math experiences; and for Family and Community Engagement: Math experience events to build positive math identity.

Digital Learning

Thomas Marble, Director of Information Services, and Digital Learning Coordinators Angela Fransen and Nathan Tangen provided an update connected to digital learning and the district's 1-to-1 device program. The team shared the following milestones in the 1-to-1 device program:

- Students K-2: iPad for each student, individually assigned in classrooms
- Students 3-5: Chromebook for each student, individually assigned in classrooms
- Students 6-8: Chromebook for each student, individually assigned for take-home
- Students 9-12: flip Chromebook for each student, individually assigned for take-home

The team also provided a snapshot of current device realities (how many devices have not yet been returned or need repairs), instructional landscape observations, reflection on device deployment to engagement by focusing on “engagement language” instead of only “deployment language”, enriching and deepening instruction and collaboration through intentional use of digital learning across the district, and professional development and collaboration through the use of intentional intersections of coaching with leadership work.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei recognized 2021-22 retirees for his report. Retirees were asked what form of recognition was most meaningful and a majority shared that they most appreciate site-level recognition and a simple recognition at a School Board meeting. Superintendent Osei shared names, years of service, and comments from colleagues and students for each of the 21 retirees, totalling approximately 350 years of service to the district.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Policy Development - Third Reading 103 Racial Equity

The School Board reviewed proposed new policy 103 Racial Equity as a third reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for April 15, 2022 in the amount of 1,718,096.22 and April 29, 2022 in the amount of 1,678,264.65
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Personnel

The motion passed 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of Third Reading of Policy 103 Racial Equity

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morrison to approve the third reading and adoption of Policy 103 Racial Equity, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Motion to Forgo the Reading of Individual Names of Probationary Non-Renewal Staff

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Casey to forgo the reading of individual names of probationary non-renewal staff. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 2021-22 Probationary Non-Renewal Staffing Resolution

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Mancini to forgo the reading of individual names of probationary non-renewal staff. By means of roll call vote, the motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Labor Agreements

A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Ibrahim to approve the labor agreements for the 2022-23 and 2023-34 school years for the following employee groups, as presented:

- Director Group
- Operations Supervisor Group
- Professional Employee Group
- Supervisor/Manager Group
- Technical Employee Group.

The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of City Boards & Commissions Appointments

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Morrison to appoint the following school district's representatives to City of St. Louis Park boards and commissions for terms ending on May 31, 2025:

- Community Technology Advisory Commission - Rolf Peterson
- Planning Commission - Jim Beneke
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission - George Hagemann


The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

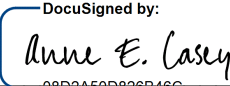
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Approved:

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Anne Casey, Chair

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