

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 26, 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, April 26, 2022 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Anne Casey, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Directors Ken Morrison and Abdihakim Ibrahim were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice Chair Anne Casey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

There were no Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei invited the community to St. Louis Park High School's theater program presentation of "Mutually Assured Destruction" on April 29 and 30 at 7:00 pm and May 1 at 2:00 pm. He then recognized the administrative professionals in the organization in celebration of Administrative Professionals Day on April 27. Next, Superintendent Osei invited the community to learn more about Park Virtual, a K-12 virtual learning experience, which is being developed for the 2022-23 school year. He concluded his report by sharing that enrollment is open for the 2022-23 school year and the enrollment center moved to the High School and can be accessed via the circle entrance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Area of Focus Priority Work: Equity Development

Freida Bailey, Principal on Special Assignment, provided an update on the progress of the strategic plan equity development area of focus. For the 2021-22 school year, the priority work in the Equity Development area of focus was to provide expanded professional development opportunities for all staff with a specific focus on racial Equity training for all staff that includes layers for growth and continuing in-depth learning for all employee groups. Principal Bailey discussed what is needed for systemic change, work that has been done to date, and work that will continue in coming years while looking both inward and outward at our staff, resources, and mission.

Policy 536 Gender Inclusion Annual Update

Astein Osei, Superintendent, provided the annual update on Policy 536 Gender Inclusion.

Superintendent Osei discussed inclusive access to programs and facilities, the implementation of the policy in the district and the status of various efforts, and shared feedback from students. Next steps included; continue to provide professional development for all staff; through the policy review process, continue to update policies to include gender neutral language; determine intentional strategy to include LGBTQIA+ representation in the curriculum and program review process; through a restorative community building process provide opportunities for students to understand the impact of using homophobic language; and continue to understand the lived experience of LGBTQIA+ students in St. Louis Park Public Schools and develop systems and structures to ensure that they are seen, inspired, and empowered to live their brilliance.

Policy Development - First Reading of Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Coverings

The School Board reviewed Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Coverings as a first reading. The recommendation made by Superintendent Osei was to revise Policy 808 to require face coverings for students in the early learning program when 5% or more of the students and/or staff who attend school at Central Community Center test positive for COVID-19, or when community levels of COVID-19 are high. If approved, the policy change would go into effect on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policy 616 School District System Accountability

The School Board reviewed Policy 616 School District System Accountability as a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for March 15, 2022 in the amount of 1,651,323.30 and March 31, 2022 in the amount of 1,679,475.91
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 Policies 808 COVID-19 Face Coverings & 616 School District System Accountability


A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Mancini to approve the first reading and amendments to Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Coverings, as presented. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey, to approve the second reading of Policy 616 School District System Accountability, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

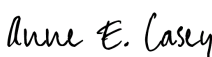
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Davis to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Approved:

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Anne Casey, Chair

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