

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 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, September 27, 2022 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Sarah Davis, Virginia Mancini, and Superintendent Astein Osei.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anne Casey called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Ibrahim to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

OPEN FORUM

There were two open forum participants. One addressed expanded no bus zones and the other proposed a literacy walk program for the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(Presented after the St. Louis Park Senior Program 50th Anniversary presentation.) Superintendent Osei shared that last week High School students Issac Israel and Sebastian Tangelson coordinated a voter registration assembly at the high school designed to inform students of the importance of civic engagement and voting. He also shared that the District hosted approximately 300 students from high schools across the metro area on September 21, 2022 for the Together We Make a Difference World Cafe regional meeting. "Together We Make a Difference" is an initiative aimed at bringing students together to positively impact school cultures and the environment that surrounds high school contests and activities. His report concluded by recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. During this month, we recognize the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements for the United States.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

St. Louis Park Senior Program 50th Anniversary

The St. Louis Park Senior Program is managed by St. Louis Park Public Schools Community Education in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park and other community organizations. The program first started in 1972. This year we celebrate 50 years of serving the needs of lifelong learners.

Members of the Senior Program Advisory Council, including Birdie A., Mary Kay H., and Judith C. shared their experiences as council leaders and the programs, classes, and activities that bring them joy.

Tax Levy and Budget Update

Director of Business Services Patricia Magnuson provided a tax levy and budget update to review the preliminary Pay 2023 tax levy for St. Louis Park Public Schools in preparation for School Board action to certify the levy at maximum during the evening's Action Agenda and to provide information regarding budget data gathering.

Director Magnuson reviewed the budget timeline, audit update, and preliminary enrollment numbers and projections. Connected to the levy, Director Magnuson broke down the dollar amounts of the funds connected to the levy, the impact of inflation on the levy formula, and the tax impact on St. Louis Park residents. The levy is what we anticipated and the District continues to thank our voters for their support in the passing of the recent referendum.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for August 15, 2022 in the amount of 463,122.08 and August 31, 2022 in the amount of 407,654.49
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

The motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Preliminary Levy Payable 2023

A motion was made by Ibrahim, seconded by Davis to approve the 2022 Preliminary Levy payable in 2023 at maximum, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Mancini to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

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