

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 – 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, January 24, 2023 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 6:44 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

There was one Open Forum participant that addressed events leading to and the reaction to the Superintendent's December 15, 2022 special edition SLP Communicator email.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei recognized and congratulated Students Organized for Anti-Racism (SOAR) for facilitating conversations at the National Day of Racial Healing event sponsored by the City of St. Louis Park and School District. Superintendent Osei thanked members from the Community Education department who were able to collaborate in putting the event together. He then thanked all District paraprofessionals during Paraprofessional Recognition Week for providing services in multiple settings within schools, including support for instruction, student activities, and individual students, as well as numerous other tasks that contribute to educational success. Next, Superintendent Osei invited the community to attend the St. Louis Park Middle School Theater's winter production of Seedfolks by Paul Fleishman. Performances were held January 26-28 at the Middle School Performing Arts Center. His report concluded by sharing that the next Share the Mic Podcast will be released soon and will feature Erika Scott in Early Learning to learn more about their work and how they contribute to our strategic direction.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Tom Bravo, Construction Manager, and members of the Knutson Construction Team provided a construction update. The team provided a project overview (timeline, budget, equity & inclusion plan, communication plan), an update on Central Community Center and the Solar Project, and discussed next steps.

Budget Update & FY22 Audit

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, and Jim Eichten, MMKR Auditor, provided a budget update and FY22 audit presentation. Jim Eichten shared the role of the auditor and audit

results. The auditor issues a clean opinion on basic financial statements and no findings on the internal control and compliance report. For the Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit there were two findings connected to the Unclaimed Property Report and the prompt payment of bills. The audit summary also included information connected to the implementation of GASB #87 on leases, discussion on increase in Federal Grants and Aids, and affirmation that the District met fund balance policy requirements. The School Board was asked to approve the audit report during the evening's Action Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Resolution to Designate 2023 Bank Signatories
2. Personnel

The motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Acceptance of FY2022 Audit Report

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Ibrahim to accept the FY22 audit report, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Revised 2023-24 School Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morrison to approve the revised 2023-24 School Board meeting dates, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Policy 545 Park Spanish Immersion Admissions

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to second reading of Policy 545 Park Spanish Immersion Admission, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Heather Wilsey, Clerk

Approved:

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Anne Casey, Chair

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