

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 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, October 25, 2022 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Sarah Davis, Virginia Mancini, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Board Vice Chair Heather Wilsey presided over the meeting in Chair Anne Casey's absence.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Heather Wilsey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

There were no open forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared three highlights. His report started by recognizing High School Teacher Dr. Lee-Ann Stephens for receiving the 2022 Cultural Jambalaya Diversity Award which honors those who have made a positive difference by advancing multiculturalism and ethnic diversity in their Minnesota community. Dr. Stephens currently coordinates Students Organized for Anti-Racism (SOAR), a student-led effort to create a more just and equitable school community. She also is a classroom teacher who is currently teaching elective sections of urban education classes for students who are interested in going into the field of education. Next, Superintendent Osei invited students and families to take the School Nutrition Satisfaction Survey for feedback on ways to improve and enhance the experience of students served daily. The report concluded by inviting community members to join the Career Pathways Advisory Board. The Career Pathways Advisory Board is a group of individuals whose experience and abilities represent a cross section of careers and experiences. The primary purpose is to assist educators in establishing, operating, and evaluating the CTE (SLP Career Pathways) program – which serves the needs of students, the community, and business/industry partners – and to provide expertise and insight about current/future industry and technological changes. The Career Pathways Advisory Board works to bring real world experiences to students and help show them career options for their futures.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business services, Tom Bravo, Construction Manager, Jim Langevin, Facilities Manager, and staff from Knutson Construction, provided a construction update to maintain transparency with the School Board and community about the progress of

construction projects in alignment with the Strategic Plan for Racial Equity Transformation. The update included information on:

1. Staff Steering Committee
2. Construction Management Firm: Knutson Construction
3. Project Timeline and Budget
4. Central Project Bid

Knutson Construction provided a brief history of their firm, the team that will be connected to St. Louis Park Public Schools projects, the firm's DE+I efforts, community and workforce engagement, opportunities for students to intern, and the focus on communication and transparency. Tom Bravo and Jim Langevin provided an overview of the projects and reviewed the timeline. A majority of the work the next two years will focus on the High School and not take place during learning times. Deferred maintenance will be done in connection with construction that is taking place and will be completed in the next five years. Examples of deferred maintenance work includes new roofs and the pool and locker room at Central Community Center.

We received 14 bids for the Central Building District Office Renovations, adult learning space, and a training center. The bid was awarded to Construction Results, the firm who also renovated Susan Lindgren and Aquila and was the lowest bidder at approximately \$1.5M under budget.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults

The School Board reviewed policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, and 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, as a second reading. A majority of the changes were connected to statutory updates and Minnesota School Board Association legal counsel recommendations. It was recommended by the Policy Committee that these policies be reviewed annually by district leadership and revised by the Board as recommended and/or as needed to be up to date with state and federal law.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for September 15, 2022 in the amount of 1,288,947.25 and September 30, 2022 in the amount of 1,285,790.70
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

The motion passed 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Construction Bid Approval

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Mancini to approve the construction bid for the Central Building District Office Renovations, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults


A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Morrison to approve the second reading of policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, and 415 Mandated Reporting, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

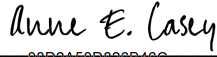
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Approved:

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Anne Casey, Chair

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