

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 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, May 23, 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

Board Chair Anne Casey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

There were three Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared five highlights. First, he congratulated Ashley Sukhu for receiving the Minnesota School Public Relations Association (MinnSPRA) New Professional Award which honors those just starting their careers in school communications who have shown exceptional promise and dedication. Next, Superintendent Osei shared that the district's first powwow Honoring the Youth Powwow was held at the ROC on May 20 and was a great success. We made history as this was the first powwow held in the City of St. Louis Park. A special thank you was given to the district's American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC), high school Youth Intertribal Council, City of St. Louis Park, Hopkins AIPAC, all of the coordinators, volunteers, vendors, and dancers and drummers. We look forward to future powwows and continued and new partnerships. He then shared that members of the SLP Career Pathway Advisory Board created and delivered a phenomenal skilled trades experience for St. Louis Park High School Students on May 11. Gratitude was expressed for Andy Carney, David Yakes, Jason Jones, Joe Goelz, John Hacker, Kelly Read, Micah Vainikka, Ken Morrison, Mark Miller, Kara Mueller, and to the 26 companies present at the fair. Next, Superintendent Osei shared information about the 2023 Graduate Series of Share the Mic podcast episodes. His report concluded by sharing the 2023 Retiree Recognition video. The year’s retirees have dedicated approximately 500 years of collective service to St. Louis Park Public Schools.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Design Team Update: Student Services

Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning and Leadership and the Student Services Design Team provided an update on the Phase I work of the design team. The update provided by Rachel Nelson, Omar Adams, Kelsey Clark, and Kelson MacKensie, started with a Mindful Minute so that the Board could experience some of the tools that the design team uses and encourages. The

team then introduced themselves, discussed why they joined the team, and why they think this work is important. The team also shared their racial equity purpose statement and shared next steps which includes the creation of a Needs Assessments, suggest ideas to Dr. Lafayette to research over the summer with students, gather data, and lean into future opportunities to reconnect, co-create and make recommendations in collaboration with others that are not on the design team but are members of the SLP Schools community.

Budget Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided an FY24 budget update to inform the school board about a process change for the budgeting of federal funds, and review revenue assumptions associated with the legislative session. The update also included an overview of the budget timeline. In June, the School Board will review and approve the proposed FY24 final budget for all funds.

Policy Development - First Reading 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies, 708 Transportation of Non-Public Students, & 709 Student Transportation Safety

The school board reviewed policies 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies, 708 Transportation of Non-Public Students, and 709 Student Transportation Safety as a first 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, 2023 in the amount of 1,451,584.21 and April 30, 2023 in the amount of 1,452,324.30
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Personnel

The motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Wilsey to forgo the reading of individual names of probationary non-renewal staff. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2022-23 Probationary Non-Renewal Staffing Resolution

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Casey to approve the resolution relating to the 2022-23 non-renewal of the contracts of 8 probationary staff as presented in the board meeting materials. By means of roll call vote, the motion passed 7-0.

Increase Micro-Purchasing Threshold Retroactively to July 1, 2022

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Ibrahim to approve an increase to the School District's federal Micro-purchase threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to be consistent with Minnesota Statute § 471.345, subdivision 5, as allowed by 2 CFR § 200.320(a)(1)(iv), for the

acquisition of property or services under a Federal award. The motion passed 7-0. This increase is retroactive to July 1, 2022.

Minnesota State High School League Resolution


A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Wilsey to approve the Minnesota State High School League Resolution for membership 2023-2024, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

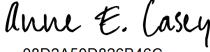
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Ibrahim to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Heather Wilsey, Clerk

Approved:

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Anne Casey, Chair

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