

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 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 9, 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 6:30 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared that May 8-12 is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Teachers often play a huge role in the lives of the students they teach. They support, inspire, motivate and bring learning to life, and Teacher Appreciation Week is a chance for the school community to show their thanks. Next, he shared that Share the Mic Podcast Episodes 8 and 9 are available. Superintendent Osei engaged 6 members of the class of 2023 as a part of a Share the Mic podcast Class of 2023 series. As a part of this 6 part series, he sits down and talks to members of the class of 2023 about their experience in the district and their post secondary plans. The first episode of the graduate series (Share the Mic Episode 8) was a conversation with senior Stefano Giovannelli and the next episode (Share the Mic Episode 9) features Avery Filley. Superintendent Osei then congratulated Shantell Harden as the 2022-23 Athena Award recipient. The Athena Award is given to one senior female athlete from each participating school who has distinguished herself in special individual athletic achievement or superior achievements in one or more sports. He then provided information about Elders' Wisdom Children's Song (EWCS) and shared that fourth graders across the district have begun to interview and learn about elders in our community as they embark on Elders' Wisdom Children's Song, an engaging project that connects children with pieces of SLP history. Each fourth grade class will use the experiences of their elder to write a song and create a book. The projects will culminate in community celebrations. Superintendent Osei shared that the 2nd Annual Climate Action Summit was hosted at the Middle School. This summit includes the work of 6th graders at the middle school who have been working in teams to create climate action plans in their science classes. Finally, he provided an update on the first Student Strategic Plan annual meeting held on Thursday, May 4th at City Hall with 40 students in attendance from grades 5-12. The purpose of the meeting was to have a student-centered experience where we heard from students about the impact of our work on their daily lived experience in our district. Students shared their experience, provided us feedback on our work, and made recommendations for future work. The recommendations from this meeting will be shared at our Strategic Plan Core Planning Team session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Design Team Update: Music

Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, and the Music Design Team provided an update on their work in the curriculum review process. The design team members, John Myszkowski, Jess Davis, Tim Binger, and David Davis provided a hands-on presentation where school board members engaged in an activity to play music together. The team introduced themselves, provided their 'why' for being on the design team, and musical background. They discussed their beliefs about music in our system, our responsibility, and their racial equity purpose statement. Next steps for the team include organizing, examining disaggregated data, hearing and reflecting upon students' voices, community input and teacher experience, and unpack standards.

Policy Development - First Reading Policies 506 Student Behavior Intervention & 514 Bullying Prohibition

The School Board reviewed policies 506 Student Behavior Intervention and 514 Bullying Prohibition, as a first reading.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

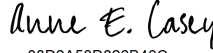
A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Heather Wilsey, Clerk

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Anne Casey, Chair

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