

**St. Louis Park Public Schools**  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 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, April 25, 2023 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox, Abdihakim Ibrahim (6:34 p.m.), Sarah Davis, Virginia Mancini, and Superintendent Astein Osei.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Anne Casey 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. Treasurer Ibrahim was absent at the time of vote.

**OPEN FORUM**

There were no Open Forum participants.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Osei shared three highlights. First, he shared that April 16-22 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Superintendent Osei thanked all of our volunteers for the time, energy, and talent they bring to the students of St. Louis Park. Next, he shared that the next episode of the Share the Mic Podcast is now available. In Episode 7: What We Can All Learn From the Ambitions and Wisdom of an 11th Grader, Fardowsa Mohamed talks about taking full advantage of opportunities in St. Louis Park Public Schools and the amazing teachers who adapted to the way she learns. Finally, Superintendent Osei recognized the following May recognition days and month-long celebrations:

- American Indian Education Month
- Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Administrative Professionals' Day (April 26)
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12)
- School Lunch Hero Day (May 4)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Curriculum and Instruction Design Team Update: Phase III Recommendations**

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership introduced three Curriculum Design Teams that presented Phase III recommendations - Physical Education & Health, Progress Reporting, and Social Studies. Dr. Duffy reviewed the curriculum and instruction development phases and the timeline for subject area reviews.

**Physical Education & Health**

The PE/Health design team members include Tom Roberts, Patrice Howard, Kayla Ross, Jennifer Lucke, and Allison Luskey. The team presented their Racial Equity Purpose and belief

statements, design team member introductions, healthy kids = successful students, an overview of work done to prepare Phase III recommendations, recommendations including Health and PE curriculum development, opportunities for students, and community partnerships, and next steps.

### **Progress Reporting**

The Progress Reporting design team members are Abby Lugo, Andy Wilkes, Ila Saxena, and Mia Waldera. Dr. Duffy presented for the team in their absence. The presentation included the team's Racial Equity Purpose statement, an update on work done in the last phase of design team collaboration, an overview of what the team has learned, and recommendations to gather Information to inform structural changes and mindset shifts in grading, conferences, and progress reports, look at evidence of learning - what and why, and develop communication about what is being learned (grade level/course).

### **Social Studies**

The Progress Reporting design team members are Peter Gerdts, Megan Jones, Jill Merkle, Gloria Ruff, and Erika Scott. The presentation included the team's Racial Equity Purpose statement How data analysis and centering teacher voice to guide the team's work, connection to the District's strategic plan, and recommendations to 1. Develop Social Studies Frameworks that are aligned to the 5 Pursuits and grounded in state and social justice standards. 2. Teachers use the framework to guide and assess their continuing work towards a more culturally relevant pedagogy. 3. Align and organize a linear scope and sequence to ensure all SLP students have the opportunity to engage in rigorous, comprehensive, culturally relevant, developmentally appropriate, and anti-racist social studies experiences. 4. Restructure Professional Development district-wide to give teachers collaborative time and support to drive and sustain this work.

### **Listening Session Update**

Vice Chair Cox presented an overview of The School Board held a Listening Session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 and will provide a recap of the session. Themes that were discussed were reading and literacy rates and reading support, developing stronger connections between teachers and families especially at the secondary level, idea generation about what the district is doing well, questions about vaping, and teacher morale. Topics that need further discussion have been forwarded to district leaders for appropriate next steps.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Payroll for March 15, 2023 in the amount of 1,444,639.81 and March 31, 2023 in the amount of 1,457,522.52
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**

**Approval of FY2023 Mid-Year Budget**


Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business services, provided a brief update connected to the mid-year budget. Mid-year budget information has been presented at previous meetings and the capital budget will be approved at the May 9, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Wilsey to approve the FY23 mid-year budget, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Cox to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Heather Wilsey, Clerk

Approved:

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Anne Casey, Chair

*Minutes prepared by Flower M. Krutina*