

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 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, March 28, 2023 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Anne Casey, Ken Morrison, C. Colin Cox, Sarah Davis, Virginia Mancini, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Clerk Heather Wilsey and Treasurer Abdihakim Ibrahim were absent.

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 Davis, seconded by Mancini to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

There were four Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared four highlights. First he shared that High School Senior, Kevin Martinez Herrera provided two powerful testimonies at the capitol this month. On Friday, March 17 he testified on HF 2258 a bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money to Greater Twin Cities United Way for grants to partner organizations to provide workforce training using the career pathways model that helps students gain work experience, earn experience in high-demand fields, and transition into family sustaining careers. Kevin described his experiences in our Health Science Career Pathway. Kevin shared how those experiences helped him find his passion for a career in health care through the lens of race equity. Kevin expressed his appreciation for St. Louis Park High School Health & Sciences Career Pathways Classes. (Health Care Core, Certified Nursing Assistant, & Adulting & Wellness). On March 21, Kevin also agreed to testify for SF 687; Race Equity in Higher Education and Student College Completion Bill. Kevin shared about his experience as a senior looking to college and why it’s so important to him and future generations that college is affordable. Next, Superintendent Osei expressed gratitude to everyone who participated in Kindergarten Welcome events on March 21. There were 152 families that participated in events. As of March 28 we had 249 kindergarteners registered for the 2023-24 school year. He then congratulated the eSports Valorant Team that took first place in the UW-River Falls Kinnickinnic Clash Invite! Any game in which players virtually compete in an organized competition qualifies as an eSport. As long as a metric for performance exists, virtually any game can be used. eSports athletes compete in activities either as individuals or as part of a team. Superintendent Osei’s report concluded by congratulating Jason Jensen, High School Senior who competed at the Minnesota State Math League Tournament on March 13. The League exists to identify students who have unusual mathematical ability or interest, to give them recognition and encouragement, to bring them together with similar students, and to give them the opportunity to study topics not commonly taught in the high school curriculum. League activities are designed to challenge

students with high and unusual mathematical ability, but also seek to influence general mathematics education.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Design Team Update: Multilingual Learner

Patrick Duffy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the Multilingual Learner Design Team - Elizabeth Guzman, Mayumi Huynh, Maurna Rome, Molly Kukowski, and Cory Litzow-Lorentz- presented an update on Phase 3 of the team's curriculum review process. The team shared their Racial Equity Purpose statement, beliefs of what Multilingual Learners have access to within our schools, and their prioritized benchmarks. Those benchmarks are:

- Improved Communication
- Professional Development
- Continued Implementation of WIDA ELD Standards
- Cultivate Elementary and Secondary MLL Leadership

World's Best Workforce & Every Student Succeeds Act Presentation

Silvy Un Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation presented the District's World's Best Workforce report and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) update. The presentation provided an overview of World's Best Workforce and ESSA goals, the assessments used to measure progress, and a in-depth review of the District's data on connection to the goals.

Expenditure Reductions

Astein Osei, Superintendent, discussed the timeline and total number of expenditure reductions and redirection of full-time equivalents (FTEs) to meet the expectation of building an expenditure budget that maintains an unreserved fund balance of 8%. Superintendent Osei's presentation reviewed the budget planning timeline, FY24 approved operating budget assumptions, FY24 expenditure reduction and structural change timeline, and a high-level overview of the reductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for February 15, 2023 in the amount of 1,465,578.64 and February 28, 2023 in the amount of 1,448,130.91
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements
5. Investment Holdings
6. Donations
7. Minutes
8. Personnel

The motion passed 5-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of Trade Package 1A Bids

A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Morrison to approve the Trade Package 1A bid for High School Classroom renovations, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Statement of Acceptance


A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Mancini to approve the International Baccalaureate (IB) Statement of Acceptance accepting the process dictated by the IB Programme regarding compliance of IB rules and regulations, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morrison to adjourn. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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C. Colin Cox, Clerk
(in the absence of Clerk Heather Wilsey)

Approved:

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Anne Casey, Chair

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