

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 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, February 28, 2023 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Anne Casey, Heather Wilsey, C. Colin Cox, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Virginia Mancini, Sarah Davis, and Superintendent Astein Osei. Director Ken Morrison was 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 6-0.

OPEN FORUM

There were three Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared four updates. First, he shared that St. Louis Park High School DECA Recognized for Outstanding School-Based Enterprise (SBE). The DECA STORiole, the school-based enterprise at St. Louis Park High School, was among 461 school-based enterprises achieving Gold-level recertification for the 2022-2023 school year and will be recognized during DECA’s International Career Development Conference in Orlando, FL. February 22 was School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the state of Minnesota. Superintendent Osei thanked our bus drivers and our transportation provider Park Adams for their service and dedication. Next, he shared that on Thursday, February 16 the High School choir participated in the Minnesota Music Educators Midwinter Clinic and had an outstanding performance. The report concluded by sharing that Superintendent Osei received the 2023 Minnesota Association for School Administrators (MASA) Regional Administrators of Excellence for Region 9.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Finance Advisory Committee Recommendations

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Shanique Williams, Assistant Director of Business Services, and Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) Members presented the 2023-24 Finance Advisory Committee budget and fiscal recommendations. The presentation reviewed the purpose of the FAC, committee members, and the primary factors discussed and considered for the recommendations. Recommendations included; within revenue constraints, build an expenditure budget that maintains an unreserved fund balance of 8%, utilize any additional funding from the 2% increase in per pupil formula from the 2023 session to bolster reserves, increase student enrollment, increase student activity fees and meal prices to align with comparative district averages, and maintain high school student parking fees at the current rate. FAC members also shared reflections on their experience being part of the committee.

Design Team Update: Language Arts/Literacy

Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning and Leadership and the Language Arts/Literacy Design Team provided a program review update. The update reviewed the phases of the review process, introduced design team members, and the team’s Racial Equity Purpose statement. The team then described the work done in Phase I which focused on looking inward and gathering input from students, families, and teachers. The team then connected their work from Phase I to Phase III, focused on looking outward, and the recommendations being made moving forward. The recommendations were broken down by grade levels - E-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Partnerships that have been developed in support of the work were also presented.

Elementary Building Capacity

Astein Osei, Superintendent, discussed a process and timeline for examining a possible boundary adjustment to reduce building capacity challenges currently being experienced by Aquila Elementary School. The school board reviewed the number of students and needs of students at Aquila, how building capacity was determined, building capacity case study findings, different considerations for a boundary adjustment, the timeline, and next steps.

Listening Session Recap

Board Director Virginia Mancini provided a recap of the School Board Listening Session held on February 21, 2023.

Policy Development - First Reading Policy 515 Student Records

The School Board reviewed policy 515 Student Records, as a first reading.

Policy Development - Second Reading of Policy 210 Conflict of Interest

The School Board reviewed policy 210 Conflict of Interest, as a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Investment Holdings
2. Minutes
3. Personnel

The motion passed 6-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of Construction Bid Openings

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Mancini to approve the construction bid openings for High School Phase I Classrooms, High School Additions/Renovations, and Middle School Locker Rooms, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Policy 210 Conflict of Interest

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Davis to approve the second reading of policy 210 Conflict of Interest, as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mancini, seconded by Ibrahim to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

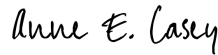
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