

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 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, December 13, 2022 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 6:32 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei shared four highlights. First, he shared that Latrisse Milton, Peter Hobart Teacher, recently received the Citizenship Education Teacher Award from the James Ballentine Uptown Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post. Every year the Citizenship Education Teacher Award is given to an educator that promotes civic responsibility and who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs. Next, he shared that David Davis, Park Spanish Immersion Music Teacher, has been selected as one of 25 semifinalists for the Music Educator Award™ presented by the Recording Academy®. This award recognizes current educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution in music education. Mr. Davis has been a music educator for more than 12 years, and he joined St. Louis Park Public Schools to make music more accessible to all students. The next item Superintendent Osei highlighted was that the first meeting of the 2022-2023 Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 and, after meeting virtually for two years, the council was able to meet in person. The group consists of approximately 40 students grades 5-12 that meet three to four times a year to discuss school district information, events, activities, etc. During this time, we build community and center student voice and experience. At the last meeting, students participated in a robust conversation about the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year calendars. Representation on the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council continues from fifth grade all the way to high school graduation. His report concluded by encouraging the community to tune into the Share the Mic Podcast and provided a preview of the most recent podcast which can be found on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or wherever you get your podcasts to hear interviews with students, staff, and community members, conversations about what matters to the St. Louis Park community, connections to the St. Louis Park Strategic Plan, and more.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Advanced Placement (AP) European History International Trip

10th grade AP European History Students Evelyn Bot and Louisa Augustine presented information connected to an international trip to Europe during the summer of 2023. The

information included data around interest, the travel dates and package, safety information, educational and experiential-learning information, and fundraising ideas in order to make the trip accessible to all students. A change from previous years for the trip is that it is now available to any 10th grade student and not only those in AP European History as the students believe there is value in a trip such as this for any St. Louis Park student. The School Board approved the trip during the evening's Action Agenda.

Enrollment Data Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided a fall 2022 (FY2023) K-12 enrollment update. The presentation included an update regarding fall 2022 (FY2023) K-12 enrollment, enrollment insights using FY2022 MARSS data, and also served to “submit an enrollment report to the Board by June 30 of each year,” as called for in School Board Policy 545 Park Spanish Immersion Admissions.

Budget Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, provided a budget update to preview FY 2022 year-end financial results and understand next steps in the budgeting process. The presentation also included an update on fund balances, a revenue analysis, and expenditure analysis. The District's financial auditor will attend a January School Board meeting to present his findings and the Board will be asked to accept the audit at that time.

2023-24 & 2024-25 School Calendars

Superintendent Osei provided an overview of the 2023-24 and 2024-25 draft school year calendars. His overview included feedback provided by students on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. The School Board approved the 2023-24 calendar and District leadership will continue to gather stakeholder feedback on the 2024-25 calendar for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Policy Development - First Reading of Policy 545 Park Spanish Immersion Admissions

The School Board reviewed Policy 545 Park Spanish Immersion Admissions, as a first reading. A revision that was made by the Policy Committee in collaboration with the District's Enrollment Center would require families on the waitlist to be notified if their student is enrolled in PSI one month after the lottery closes in order to allow adequate time for families to make plans for their student and family.

Policy Development - Second Reading of Policies 413 Harassment and Violence & 534 School Meals (new policy)

The School Board reviewed policies 413 Harassment and Violence and 534 School Meals (new policy), as a second reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Payroll for November 15, 2022 in the amount of 1,457,627.62 and November 30, 2022 in the amount of 1,449,401.30
2. Recap of Expenditures
3. Electronic Fund Transfers
4. Accounts Payable Disbursements

- 5. Investment Holdings
- 6. Donations
- 7. Minutes
- 8. Personnel

The motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Approval of AP European History International Trip

A motion was made by Ibrahim, seconded by Wilsey to approve the international field trip to Europe for High School students in the summer of 2023, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2023-24 School Calendar

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Mancini to approve the 2023-24 school year calendar, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Policies 413 Harassment and Violence & 534 School Meals (new policy)

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Morrison to approve the second reading of policies 413 Harassment and Violence and 534 School Meals (new policy), as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Levy Certification Payable 2023

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to approve the Final Levy Certification payable 2023, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Combined Polling Places Resolution

A motion was made by Casey, seconded by Cox to approve the resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.


COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

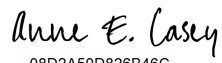
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Wilsey to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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 C. Colin Cox, Clerk

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 Anne Casey, Chair

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