

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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March 1, 2021
5:00 PM

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER | |
| II. | ROLL CALL | |
| III. | APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA | |
| IV. | NEW BUSINESS | |
| | A. SPPS Calendar Committee Recommendations | 2 |
| | B. SPPS E-Learning Days | 10 |
| | C. Student Computers | 16 |
| V. | ADJOURNMENT | |

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2021 - 2022 Calendar Update

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Calendar Committee

Sue Snyder, Sign Language Interpreter, Humboldt

Hans Ott, Executive Director of Digital and Alternative Education

Craig Anderson, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning

Kristi Chan, Parent

Melissa Rivera, Principal Crossroads Elementary

Heather Kilgore, Director, Family Community Engagement

Diedra Carlson, JJ Hill

Kathy Weyandt, Communications

Arazue Forouzan-Yazdani, ELL Central

Patricia Michaud, MARSS Supervisor (Finance Department)

Megan Dols-Klingel, Assistant Director, OTL

Recommendations

In SY 21-22 Pre-K will be full day in the SPPS

1. Remove and replace the Pre-K conference days on 11-18-21 and 3-24-22 with instructional days

In SY 21-22 Rosh Hashanah falls on the first day of school in SPPS

2. Change the first day of school to Thursday 9-9-21 for grades (1-12) and change the first day of school to Monday 9-13-21 grades (Pre-K and K). Tuesday 9-7-21 and Wednesday 9-8-21 will used for staff Professional Development days

This will reduce our instructional days by (2) leaving (3) days above MDE minimum expectations.

Engagement - Current / Plans

- Committee considered feedback from:
 - Jewish families
 - Faith and community leaders
 - Administration, especially Pre-K
- Looking ahead:
 - Will engage stakeholders to shape recommendations for the next three years on:
 - Religious observances throughout the school year

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Committee next steps

Drafting recommendations for the next three years of calendars using the feedback we get from our the engagement activities. These calendar recommendations will be presented in the fall of 2021.
2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25

Motions

Motion 1: Amend all district calendars for the 2021-2022 school year to change the Pre-K conference days on 11-18-21 and 3-24-22 to instructional days.

Motion 2: Amend all district calendars for the 2021-2022 school year to change the first day of school for grades (1-12) to Thursday 9-9-21, change the first day of school for grades (Pre-K and K) to Monday 9-13-21 and change Tuesday 9-7-21 and Wednesday 9-8-21 to staff Professional Development days.





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2021 - 2022 e-Learning Plan

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Considerations

- Current Calendar has 175 days for secondary students. 5 days more than required by MDE.
- Reducing the calendar days by 2 for Rosh Hashanah will leave us with 173 days.
- SPPS has used up to 7 inclement weather days in the past. Next year any days past 3 would need to be made up.
- E-Learning days keep learning contiguous.

MDE Key Terms

Distance Learning	E-Learning	Digital Learning	Online Learning
Instruction adhering to COVID-19 guidelines. Students engaging in distance learning have access to appropriate educational materials and receive daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s)." (MDE Guidance Document)	An unscheduled day E-learning day" means a school day where a school offers full access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers due to inclement weather. *Limit of 5 per year State Statute 120A.414	Pre-scheduled days. Learning facilitated by technology that offers students an element of control over the time, place, path, or pace of their learning and includes blended and online learning. State Statute 124D.095	Full days online A form of digital learning delivered by a department approved online learning provider under state statute. State Statute 124D.095
Potential Use			
Designed as part of our COVID-19 response.	Used for snow or other inclement weather days	Election Day K-8 Schools grades 6-8 as needed	SPPS will be applying to become an approved online provider.

E-Learning Days

Motion: SPPS will follow the DL 2.0 plan for instruction and use up to 5 days of e-learning to maintain learning continuity for students on days when there is inclement weather.

*SPPS will continue to follow our Winter Weather Plans.



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DATE: March 1, 2021

TOPIC: Student Computers

A. PERTINENT FACTS:

1. When school Districts in the state of Minnesota closed in late March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to deploy laptops to students to address needs of class instruction that goes beyond the scope of an iPad. As we continued throughout this year we have seen the need for this grow. Adding these devices will further support student access to high quality instruction.
2. The solution will be bought through our vendor Apple. Staying within our instructional and technology ecosystems of Apple OS and iOS compatible tools.
3. The purchase is over \$175,000 and board approval is required.
4. This purchase has been reviewed by Executive Director, Hans Ott.
5. Funding will be provided by the Office of Business and Financial Affairs through the Governor's Emergency Educational Relief Fund (GEER).
6. This purchase meets the District Strategic Plan focus area of Program Evaluation and Resource Allocation as well as College and Career Pathways. It also supports the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
7. This item is submitted by Jackie Turner, Chief Operations Officer; Hans Ott, Executive Director, Office of Digital & Alternative Education and Idrissa Davis, Executive Director, Technology Services.

B. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the purchasing of additional computers for students in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.