

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street**

**January 27, 2015
5:00 PM**

A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Action on Intent to Withdraw from the East Metro Integration District 2
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

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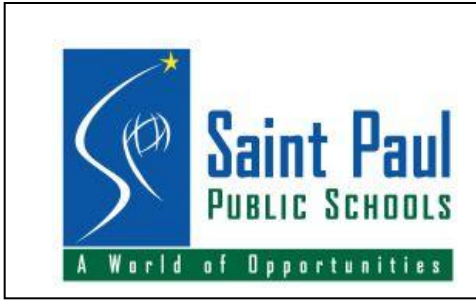
TOPIC: Resolution on Withdrawal From East Metro Integration District (EMID)

A. PERTINENT FACTS:

1. The East Metro Integration District (EMID) is a collaborative of 10 area school districts that united to address the educational issues resulting from dramatic demographic changes and inequities.
2. Since EMID was created several changes have occurred and these changes have resulted in SPPS's decision to declare its intent to withdraw from EMID.
 - EMID has released management of its two schools (Harambee and Crosswinds), effectively eliminating its core vehicle for integration efforts.
 - The percentage of students of color in many East Metro suburbs has increased, making integration efforts that depend solely on the movement of students across districts less necessary or useful.
 - Over the last two years, EMID has struggled to develop a new vision for inter-district collaboration on which all members agree. The current fee-for-service model provides core and supplementary services that are redundant to programming within SPPS or could otherwise be provided through other collaborative efforts.
 - MDE is in the process of revising the rule to align with new legislation and does not mandate that districts participate in collaboratives such as EMID, but does encourage mutually beneficial partnerships among racially isolated and other districts. Thus there is an opportunity for districts to voluntarily collaborate to receive incentive revenue over and above the integration formula revenue. SPPS has received incentive revenue in the past and is looking for opportunities to continue doing so, including through joint summer school programming.
3. Under the EMID Joint Powers Agreement, member districts must give notice of their intention to withdraw by February 1 in order for the withdrawal to be effective June 30 of the following year. This means that SPPS's withdrawal would become effective on June 30, 2016.
4. A Special Meeting of the Board has been called for Tuesday, January 27 so the SPPS Board can act to approve the SPPS withdrawal from the EMID Joint Powers Agreement, as required, in order that the notice of intent to withdraw can reach other member districts by February 1, 2015.
5. This item will meet the District strategic plan goals of alignment and sustainability.
6. This item is submitted by Michelle Walker, Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent Valeria Silva.

B. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Withdraw from the East Metro Integration District.



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Board of Education
Saint Paul Public Schools

RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM
EAST METRO INTEGRATION DISTRICT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 (ISD No. 625), that notice be given to the East Metro Integration District (EMID) on or before February 1, 2015, that ISD No. 625 intends to withdraw its membership from the EMID Joint Powers Agreement and its participation in the EMID collaborative. The Notice of Withdrawal shall be effective on June 30, 2016, the calendar year following the Notice of Withdrawal, as outlined in the Joint Powers Agreement. Said Notice of Withdrawal shall be in the form of this resolution sent to EMID’s members via its Board of Directors.

Adopted: January 27, 2015

CHAIR Board of Education

CLERK Board of Education