

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
360 Colborne Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102, and**

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**December 13, 2022
6:05 p.m.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jim Vue, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Board of Education: J. Vue, C. Allen, J. Kopp, Z. Ellis, U. Ward
Superintendent Gothard

Director Henderson and Director Foster were absent.

C. Long, General Counsel; S. Dahlke, Assistant Clerk

II. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the order of the main agenda with one change - to move Old Business to precede the Superintendent's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

III. RECOGNITIONS

BF 33022 Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Students

1. Each fall Optimist Clubs around the world seek to recognize outstanding young people in their community. This year the Saint Paul Optimist Club has honored 15 students who have made great efforts in academics, civics and extracurricular achievements in the face of adversity. This adversity could be economic, familial or from a disability. Each of these students have been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. We are grateful to the Optimist Club of St. Paul for their continued support of SPPS students with this generous scholarship and student recognition.

The Mission of Optimist International says: "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. The Optimist Club of St. Paul fulfills this mission across our community."

Here are this year's Saint Paul Optimist Club Scholarship winners:

Thomas Kase, Central Senior High
Kibret Tesfatsion, Gateway to College
Joseph Ballard, Gordon Parks High
Amaris Caballero, Highland Park Senior High
Villiney Chang, Harding Senior High
Nadia Vazquez Estudillo, Harding Senior High
Kue Mu Say, Humboldt High School
Kong M Zong Yang, Humboldt High School
Troy Cleaton, Johnson Senior High
Ariah Crosby, Johnson Senior High
Megan Hummel, Johnson Senior High
Chialia Vang, Johnson Senior High
Evelin Henriquez Mancía, LEAP High School

BF 33023 Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Employees

1. **Mary Dougherty**, legislative liaison for SPPS, is retiring this month after 35 years of service.

Mary has served as consultant in matters of legislation, political education and session and biennial objectives at the federal and state levels; and she assisted the District in developing its annual State Legislative program, monitored all pertinent legislative activity, including bill introductions, committee and subcommittee actions and floor sessions. She also represented the District at the State Legislature and assisted in the organization, drafting and presentation of legislative testimony; assisted legislators, legislative staff and other key opinion leaders in gathering information and gaining a better understanding regarding issues of importance and accomplishments of the District.

2. Horace Mann Elementary, Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy and Randolph Heights Elementary, were all designated as Apple Distinguished Schools in 2019. The designation lasts three years. These three schools reapplied for this honor again this year and were awarded this distinction again.

Apple Distinguished Schools are incredibly innovative. They are schools of educational excellence that demonstrates a vision of exemplary learning environments. They use tools and resources provided by the PLTT referendum to inspire student creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Leadership in our recognized schools cultivate environments in which students are excited about learning, curiosity is fostered, and learning is a personal experience.

In Apple Distinguished Schools, learning experiences are active, personal, collaborative, and grounded in culturally responsive instruction—designed to empower learners to be creators who are visible in their

teaching and learning experience and believe their work matters. Teaching is celebrated and inspired by a growth mindset and a school culture that supports the teacher as a learning experience designer. The environment is reliable and dynamic, and it inspires innovative learning and teaching.

Here to be recognized tonight are:

Horace Mann Elementary School
Principal Jim Litwin
Jennifer Vincent
Mariana Tennyson
Anne Commers

Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy
Principal Bobbie Johnson
Alex Grummons
Bobbi Jo Radermacher
Samantha Ellis
Xin Chen
Wei Jiang
Bonnie Laabs

Randolph Heights Elementary
Principal Timothy Williams
Jesse Buetow
Kirstin Bird
Nicole Agard
Brooke Deacon

Office of Teaching and Learning
Executive Director Craig Anderson
Assistant Director Maijue Lochungvu
Amanda Madsen
Chris Turnbull
Karen Vidlock
Matthew Sylva

Apple Inc.
Kelly Reagan

BF 33020 Proclamation of Recognition of Mary Dougherty for 35 Years of Service to Saint Paul Public Schools

WHEREAS, she served the district in matters of legislation, political education and session and biennial objectives at the federal and state levels; and

WHEREAS, she assisted the District in developing its annual State Legislative program; and

WHEREAS, she monitored all pertinent legislative activity, including bill introductions, committee and subcommittee actions and floor sessions.; and

WHEREAS, she represented the District at the State Legislature and assisted in the organization, drafting and presentation of legislative testimony; and

WHEREAS, she assisted legislators, legislative staff and other key opinion leaders in gathering information and gaining a better understanding regarding issues of importance and accomplishments of District; and

WHEREAS, she provided unparalleled service and immeasurable value to the District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education for Saint Paul Public Schools recognizes and appreciates Mary Dougherty for her 35 years of service as the district's legislative liaison and celebrates her retirement on this thirteenth day of December in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty Two.

MOTION: **Director Vue moved approval of the Proclamation of Recognition of Mary Dougherty for 35 Years of Service to Saint Paul Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

Superintendent Gothard also recognized Director Kopp for her award in attending 100+ hours of trainings by MSBA and she will be recognized at the Leadership Conference Luncheon in January 2023.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: **Director Vue moved approval of the Order of the Consent Agenda with item E6 - Changes to Board Policy 534.00 Unpaid Meal Charges pulled for separate consideration. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of November 15, 2022
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of December 6, 2022

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of November 15, 2022, and Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of December 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of December 6, 2022

At the Committee of the Board Meeting on December 6, 2022 Director Kopp welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The first presentation focused on the inclusive school calendar process, with the recommendation for the Board to act on the proposed calendars for the 2023-2024 and 2024-25 school years at the December 13th Regular Meeting. Questions from the Board included information on recognizing cultural celebrations, process for staff in observing holidays, details on e-learning days, further details on the plan to eliminate disruptions the first 3 weeks and the last 3 weeks of the school year, and support for families in connectivity.

The next item on the agenda focused on the contract and budget review for student outcomes focused governance. Discussion from the Board focused on the funding, process in moving forward or not, concerns about this work, questions on the proposed monthly coaching, allocated funds for board member professional development, and contract information for other districts who have implemented this work, and definition and impact. Further questions included the possibility of other governance trainings, plan for moving forward from the Board, and the plan framework. The role of goals and guardrails in this work was also addressed.

Next the Board reviewed their involvement in work groups, and internal and external committees and subcommittees. This discussion sparked comments such as the importance of the evaluation work group and board budget work group, as well as the request for information on the cost and benefits of memberships, and short description of each work group when discussing involvement at the work session on January 3rd.

Following the recess of the meeting due to the Pay23 Levy and Truth in Taxation Hearing, the next presentation was the SPPS Administrative Response to the 2021-2022 Latino Consent Decree Parent Advisory Council Annual Report to the Superintendent and Board of Education. Questions and discussion from both families and board members included information on the language assessment program, the student plan area of focus and the LCD tab in Campus, information on the plan for counselors to meet with students, including those in younger grades, support from social workers, and process for hiring and retaining LCD teaching positions to SPPS. Board members also discussed

families' experience with the personalized learning plan program and student and family portals, process for the identification and process of EL services, and importance of Parent Academy for families to learn about navigation in education as well as district applications such as Xello and Campus.

MOTION: Director Kopp moved that the Board accept the report of the Committee of the Board Meeting of December 6, 2022, and approve the recommended motions and minutes of that meeting as published. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Envision SPPS Update

Superintendent Gothard welcomed Chief Jackie Turner to present the Envision SPPS Update. The presentation included information on Envision SPPS implementation overview, planning and progress monitoring, activity examples, and future steps. Within the implementation portion, the framework was reviewed with the goal of supporting school transitions, the implementation process was reviewed, and an overview of the Envision schools new communities and transition support. Within the evaluation portion, the evaluation timeline was shared. Within activity examples, details on phase 4: school name changes details were presented, as well as supporting transition for students and families at Obama Elementary, and details on the status of the programs at Highwood Hills, LEAP, and Wellstone. Information was also shared on the Jackson building repurposing. Within future steps, there will be written reports updated every other month and timed with Regular Board of Education meetings.

The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- Director Allen asked if updates about Jackson would be included in the written reports, and the best place for the community to stay updated. Response: Yes, and Chief Turner and Mr. Parent are continuing to have conversations with community partners with interest in the building.
- Director Ellis noted the written reports that will be available.
- As there is transition, and as we sit, do we currently believe Envision has been successful, and the evaluation? What are we going to say the successes were from this process? Response: With the help of REA, we will take the community and Board to the original objectives, which were to provide schools an opportunity to have a strong enrollment to offer well-rounded programs. We will be evaluating if the schools merged did that, and also work on offering supports throughout transitions and asked that question in the survey. The other is determining if we are a more stable district and heading in the right direction. We saw with initial enrollment the stable enrollment and above projections. Those are the types of items we will be evaluating. Dr. Gothard also provided remarks on the early childhood hubs, with hundreds of students on our

waiting lists for early education, and has been a great opportunity for enrollment into PreK programs, and welcome and invite families to remain in SPPS in kindergarten. He reviewed short-term, medium, and long term enrollment goals. He also provided examples of the success of Envision in a school. He mentioned the loss in the community for some, and our support for those schools that merged were successful. He noted experiences in other urban districts as well.

- Director Kopp asked if the Envision Reports will continue to be available on the District website? Response: Yes.
- Director Vue requested information on the Jackson building. What are some of the key facilities initiatives, and what is the timeline? Response: Many of the large projects are the moves and capital projects across the district - such as LEAP moving to John A. Johnson, and Hidden River moving during the major construction to the Wilson building, so they can have a continuum of education. Early Childhood is continuing to be an interest in the community, and have construction project at Bruce Vento. JJ Hill is moving to Obama site. There are a number of moves, and want to ensure we have access to a building in the event we need additional space for our students.
- Do we have an idea of how long the building will remain empty? Response: We believe it will be empty for at least another two school years, and potentially three calendar years. We do continue to maintain, monitor, and ensure the building is mechanically and electronically sound, with custodial staff. It is performing as a host site for a number of the moves throughout Envision - it was our holding school, and continuing to work with schools that needed to house furniture or books until they were ready. The building is currently full with curriculum materials and instruments to clean and redistribute, and also holding for backpacks. It is much needed storage space, especially for a district of our size, since we no longer lease storage space.
- As community is learning of Envision process, they are contacting Chief Turner and Mr. Parent about the building. We are talking to community members about buildings that may be available. There are also tours occurring with organizations, and will continue to happen throughout the time with a final recommendation to the Board for Jackson.
- Director Vue noted that while there will not be further reports at regular meetings, there will need to be a way to report on the evaluations and how we are meeting the initial targets for Envision. There will be spin-offs and tails that will potentially need to be reported. Response: Administration works at the pleasure of the Board and Superintendent, and if there is an interest in those reports, they will be happy to provide those.

B. Human Resources Transactions

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the HR Transactions for the period November 1 through November 30, 2022. Director Kopp seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of all items within the consent agenda withholding item E6 - Changes to Board Policy 534.00 Unpaid Meal Charges for separate consideration. Director Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

A. Gifts

BF 33024 Acceptance of Donation from Might Cause

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Farnsworth PreK-4 Lower Campus to accept this gift from Mighty Cause. This gift will be deposited to intra-school fund 19-458-291-000-5096-U001.

BF 33025 Open World Learning Community Parent Teacher Organization Donation

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to allow Open World Learning to accept this gift in the amount of \$25,000 from the Open World Learning Community Parent Teacher Organization.

B. Grants

C. Contracts

BF 33026 Request for Permission to Approve Contract with Marnita's Table for School Year 2022-23 and 2023-24

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the expenditure of ARP funds in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for Marnita's Table to plan, implement and facilitate Outcome Consultation Groups from January 31, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

BF 33027 Design Services for the Highland Park Middle School Entry Addition, Renovation and Cafeteria Project (Project #3180-23-01) - Contract Award

That the Board of Education authorize award of design services to Armstrong Torseth Skold & Rydeen, Inc. (ATSR) for the total not-to-exceed fee of \$2,120,550.

BF 33028 Contract Amendment for the Hidden River Middle School (previously Ramsey Middle School) Renovation (Project # 3140-20-02)

That the Board of Education authorize Purchasing to execute Amendment #1 for DLR Group Inc. in the amount of \$493,039 for the Hidden River Middle School (previously Ramsey Middle School) Renovation (Project #3140-20-02).

D. Agreements

BF 33029 Approval of Employment Agreement between Independent School District No. 625 and Professional Employees Association Representing Non- Supervisory Professional Employees

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment for Professional Employees Association in this school district; duration of said Agreement is for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

BF 33030 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools and Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees Union Local No. 320, Teaching Assistants

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment for Minnesota Teamsters Public and Law Enforcement Employees Union Local No. 320, representing teaching assistants in this school district; duration of said Agreement is for the period of September 10, 2022 through July 1, 2023.

BF 33031 To Sign the Addendum to the Agreement between Ramsey County Workforce Solutions and Saint Paul Public Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to sign the Addendum to the Agreement between Saint Paul Public Schools and Ramsey County Workforce Solutions for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year.

BF 33032 Lease Agreements with Achievement Plus Partners at John A Johnson

That the Board of Education authorize the execution of the Lease Agreements between the District and Achievement Plus Partners at John A Johnson.

E. Administrative Items

BF 33033 Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and electronic transfers for the period October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022

(a) General Account	#753537-754586	\$61,334,980.57
	#0004670-0004700	
	#7004568-7004601	
	#0007591-0007683	
(b) Construction Payments	- 0 -	\$6,920,496.94

(c) Debt Service

- 0 -

0
\$68,255,477.51

Included in the above disbursements are two payrolls in the amount of \$41,591,936.82 and overtime of \$240,804.30 or 0.58% of payroll

(d) Collateral Changes

Released: None

Additions: None

That the Board of Education further authorize payment of properly certified cash disbursements including payrolls, overtime schedules, compensation claims, and claims under the Workers' Compensation Law falling within the period ending April 30, 2023

BF 33034 Recommendations for Exclusion of Students Non-Compliant with Minnesota Statute 121A.15 Health Standards: Immunizations

That the Board of Education exclude noncompliant students from school effective January 4, 2023, should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunizations on or before this date.

BF 33035 Establishment of the Unclassified Position of Fund Development Manager for Independent School District No. 625 and Relevant Terms and Conditions of Employment

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve the establishment of the Fund Development Manager job classification effective December 13, 2022; that the Board of Education declare the position of Fund Development Manager as unclassified; and that the pay rate be Grade 19 of the Saint Paul Supervisors' Organization (SPSO) standard ranges.

BF 33036 Establishment of the Unclassified Position of Violence Prevention Specialist for Independent School District No. 625 and Relevant Terms and Conditions of Employment

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve the establishment of the Violence Prevention Specialist job classification effective December 13, 2022; that the Board of Education declare the position of Violence Prevention Specialist as unclassified; and that the pay rate be Grade 17 of the Professional Employees Association standard ranges.

BF 33037 Add Controllers Lisa Rider and Lori Doehne as Signers to our MSDLAF Accounts and Remove Marie Schrul

That the Board of Education authorize the addition of Lisa Rider, Controller, and Lori Doehne, Controller, as signers on the SPPS MSDLAF accounts.

F. Bids

BF 33038 Phase Gate Approval of the FY23 Paving Program (Project # 0800-23-01): Gate #3 – Project Budget; Gate #3A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the FY23 Paving Program (Project #0800-23-01) at Phase Gate Check #3 – Project Budget; Gate Check #3a –Finance Plan Update, setting the final project budget at \$1,224,000 and indicating direction to proceed with construction bidding.

BF 33039 Phase Gate Approval of the Eastern Heights Playground Replacement (Project # 1070-23-01): Gate #3 – Project Budget; Gate #3A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the Eastern Heights Playground Replacement (Project #0170-23-01) at Phase Gate Check #3 – Project Budget; Gate Check #3a –Finance Plan Update, setting the final project budget at \$484,000 and indicating direction to proceed with construction bidding.

BF 33040 Phase Gate Approval of the FY23 Paving Program (Project # 0800-23-01): Gate #4 - Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the award as part of for the FY23 Paving Program (Project #0800-23-01) to Bituminous Roadways, Inc. for a lump sum base bid of \$242,946.

BF 33041 Phase Gate Approval of the Eastern Heights Playground Replacement (Project # 1070-23-01): Gate #4 - Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the award of playground equipment for the Eastern Heights Playground Replacement project (Project #s 1070-23-01) to Flagship Recreation for a lump sum base bid of \$271,855.

G. Change Orders - None

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

BF 33042 Changes to Board Policy 534.00 Unpaid Meal Charges

Director Ellis noted that she pulled this item, and it is changing based on new information from the State. She also requested clarification on our current practices in SPPS for students who may have insufficient funds in their lunch accounts. Director of Nutrition Services, Stacy Koppen provided additional information, including that a different lunch for students with insufficient funds is not in our current practice. If a student is not able to pay for their lunch, they still receive a hot lunch in the cafeteria.

MOTION: Director Vue moved to approve that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the changes made to Policy 534.00 Unpaid Meal Charges. Director Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent

Director Ward Yes

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Certification of the 2023-24 School Year Tax Levy

Superintendent Gothard then welcomed Tom Sager, Executive Chief of Financial Services, to present the certification of the 2023-24 school year tax levy. He noted this is the final part of the annual tax levy certification process that began in September. At the last board meeting, the district provided detailed information on the tax levy and district budget as part of the Truth in Taxation hearing.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: None

BF 33043 Certification of the 2023-24 School Year Tax Levy

MOTION: Director Vue moved to approve that the Board of Education certify a tax levy in the amount of \$201,032,248.14 for the 2023-2024 school year. This amount represents a -0.87 percent change from the 2022-2023 school district property tax levy. Director Ward seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

B. Inclusive School Calendar Process

Superintendent Gothard then welcomed Craig Anderson, Executive Director, Office of Teaching and Learning, to present. The history of the calendar process was reviewed, as well as the call for inclusivity. The realities for SPPS were also shared, including MDE required hours of instruction, start after Labor Day, 6-hour school day (30 minute lunch), federal/SPPS holidays, contractual requirements, parent/teacher conference days, and professional development days. The Minnesota state statute regarding length of the school year and hours of instruction was also reviewed. The 2022 calendar process and timeline was shared. Options for the school year and proposals around winter break, spring break, and the end of the school year were also presented, as well as engagement around these options with PACs, bargaining units, and survey data from staff and families. The recommendations were also presented, including the approval of 2 years of calendars that follow Option 1, with 2 weeks of winter break and 1 week of spring break, recognition of cultural celebrations, work to eliminate interruptions in the first three weeks and last three weeks of the school year, and utilization of e-learning days for inclement weather when appropriate. The 2023-24 and 2024-25 district calendars were also available.

The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- Director Ward requested information on cultural holidays that students may not have school, but staff still need to report. Response: Those days are slated as staff development days, and the requirements of bargaining units for staff to receive the full salary with 187 days of continuous employment.
- Director Ward thanked the team for their work. He noted that for staff who do want to take the day off with PTO for religious or cultural holidays, he hopes they do not feel discouraged from doing so.

BF 33044 Inclusive School Calendar Process

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the proposed calendars for school years 2023-24 and 2024-25. Director Allen seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Authorizing the Saint Paul Public Schools Participation in the MN Trust Local Government Investment Pool

Mr. Sager provided more information on this item. School districts in Minnesota use two primary depositories to receive revenue from such sources as state aid payments, proceeds from bond sales, and federal funds. The Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund is one such depository. This depository is the one currently being used by the Saint Paul Public Schools. This fund is managed by PFM.

MN Trust is an additional approved depository to receive the district's sources of revenue, and provide financial and investment services. The fund is managed by PMA Financial Network. There are currently over 200 (of roughly 335) Minnesota public school districts participating in the MN Trust Fund.

Minnesota school districts are allowed to be members of both funds. The resolution entering into this agreement does not obligate the district to use these services; however, it does provide additional and alternative options for financial planning and services.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: None

BF 33045 Resolution Authorizing the Saint Paul Public Schools Participation in the MN Trust Local Government Investment Pool

MOTION: Director Vue moved to approve the resolution authorizing the agreement with MN Trust and PMA Financial Network, Inc. Director Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

B. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Final Budget Revision

Superintendent Gothard welcomed Mr. Sager to present information regarding the fiscal year 2021-22 final budget revision. Included in the presentation were details of revisions to the revenue changes in all funds, with descriptions of changes in the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Community Service Fund, and Debt Service Fund. Changes to expenditures were also reviewed with changes in the above funds shared as well. Revenue and expenditure changes in fully financed funds were also reviewed.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: None

MOTION: Director Vue moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Final Budget Revision. Director Ward seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

C. Resolution Ratifying and Affirming the Sale of \$29,190,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2022E

Mr. Sager provided additional information on this item.

At the September 28, 2022 School Board meeting, the School Board received information pertaining to an upcoming bond sale for purposes of obtaining the resources for ongoing Long Term Facility Maintenance needs. .

At the September 28 meeting, the School Board approved a resolution that authorized the Superintendent, Chief of Administration and Operations, or Controller and a Board Officer to execute a Bond Purchase Agreement for the stated purposes. The sale of these bonds commenced on Thursday December 1, 2022 and met all the parameters approved by the School Board to complete this sale.

Specially, bond proceeds will be applied to expenses related to deferred maintenance and health and safety projects as part of the District's capital plan, SPPS Builds, in accordance with the Long Term

Facilities Maintenance Revenue program. Examples of those projects include flooring, mechanical, roofing, and fire safety system replacements.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: None

BF 33021 Resolution Ratifying and Affirming the Sale of \$29,190,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2022E

MOTION: **Director Vue moved to approve the resolution relating to \$29,190,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance bonds, ratifying the award of sale. Director Kopp seconded the motion.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

D. Student Engagement and Advancement Board (SEAB) Update

Director Kopp then presented an update on the progress of the Student Engagement and Advancement Board (SEAB). A review of the work thus far was discussed, including the SEAB Work Group, and proposal to partner with Youth Leadership Initiative and their consultants. The budget for this work was also reviewed, with a landscape analysis, need and value analysis, and refresh of the SEAB model.

Director Kopp noted the work group searched for sustainable solutions to problems identified, and to improve the program. She also noted that YLI has been a partner of SPPS in the past, and they are able to jump into this work in knowing SPPS and about SEAB at its inception. She also provided details on the funding of the contract, which includes carryover funds to cover the consulting costs, from previous years' budgets.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- Director Ward noted that since he has been on the board, one of the most common concerns/critiques from folks has been around SEAB. It is frustrating that it has taken so long to get to this point, and it's unfortunate that it has been a period of time where students have not participated in SEAB, and for SEAB to inform the work of the Board.
- He thanked everyone for their work in this, and taking everyone's perspectives, for ways that will be long-term and sustainable. He also thanked Director Kopp, Director Henderson, and Director Allen for their work in this plan.
- Director Vue requested information on the role of the SEAB Work Group.
- The Board also thanked Kaying Thao, Board Administrator, for her work in this topic.
- It was also noted that while the process to this point has been frustrating, this plan will benefit future SEAB members and to create a strong foundation.

- Director Vue also requested information on the monitoring and reporting of progress. Director Kopp noted that the timeline will need to shift, and reporting can be discussed with the consultants and SEAB Work Group for a good cadence for reporting, and venue.
- Director Vue requested information on the rationale for choosing this particular organization. Director Kopp noted that this is an instance where we met folks in community, and knew they would be well-positioned for this work and get started right away with their prior knowledge and experience. There is a real urgency to move quickly and well, and this group seems well poised for this work.
- Director Ellis noted questions on the timeline of the work. Response: We are looking to start in January. The deliverables will be specific in the constant, and would like phase 2 to begin when students and community are available.
- The important work of making connections and connecting with folks was mentioned.
- The role of the SEAB manual and the working relationship with the Board and SEAB was also noted.
- Director Kopp noted the board will be involved in conversations and it will be a reciprocal relationship for the importance and sustainability of this work.

MOTION: Director Vue moved to approve the Board of Education partner with YLI to assist with assessing the state, value, and need of the Student Engagement and Advancement Board (SEAB) to further discover and co-design a process and content that meets the needs of students and SPPS. Director Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Absent
Director Henderson	Absent
Director Ward	Yes

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Information Requests & Responses

B. Items for Future Agendas

C. Board of Education Reports/Communications

- Director Ward noted that he was able to attend the School Choice Fair, and thanked everyone for their work in coordinating this event. It was great being able to interact with staff and families and answer questions, and meet folks, including those who were doing an amazing job of highlighting their school. He especially noted Dr. Lawson and staff from Highwood Hills for their enthusiasm.
- Director Ward also noted that public comment will shift beginning with the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting. Regular Meetings will now begin at 5:30 p.m. and public comment will occur after recognitions within the agenda. There will also be a reminder at the Annual Meeting.
- Director Vue also recounted his time at the School Choice Fair, and thanked Director Ward for being present at the Board of Education table. Director Ward also thanked Director Kopp for helping with the table.
- Director Ellis shared her experience at the School Choice Fair, and noted it was nice to be together again - since 2019 - and to see all our schools in one space. She thanked the District for their work in

this event, and noted the WEB leaders from Washington Tech who were able to answer questions for potential students and families. She also noted that she attended the MSBA Delegate Assembly, and thanked Mary Dougherty for her responses to information while board members were at the assembly. She thanked Ms. Dougherty and that she will be missed. Director Ellis also noted that it feels like a solid beginning, and acknowledged the hard work of the District and wished everyone a restful winter break.

XI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

A. Board of Education Meetings (6:05 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- January 3, 2023 | Annual Meeting: 4:30 p.m.
- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
- May 23
- June 13 | Special - Non-Renewals: 4:00 p.m.
- July 18

B. Committee of the Board Meetings (4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- January 3, 2023
- February 7
- March 7
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Director Vue moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the original Agenda and not necessarily the time during the meeting the items were discussed.

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