

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PAY23 LEVY**

December 6, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Director Ward, Director Vue, Director Allen, Director Kopp, Director Ellis,
Director Henderson, Superintendent Gothard, Mr. Long, General
Counsel and Ms. Dahlke, Assistant Clerk

Director Foster was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: Director Vue moved the Board approve the Order of the Main Agenda as published. The motion was seconded by Director Henderson.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Pay22 Levy: Presentation of Proposal

Superintendent Gothard then welcomed Tom Sager, Chief Executive of Financial Services, and Lisa Rider, Controller, to present.

The basic information of school levy authority was reviewed. The District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for FY 2022 and FY 2023 were also presented. Information was then shared, including graphs, on all funds: revenue by source, all funds: expenditure by fund, 2022-23 General Fund revenue sources equaling \$719,228,924, and 2022-23 General Fund expenditures equaling \$719,228,924. Information on the determination of property tax was also reviewed, including state legislature, taxing jurisdictions, and county assessor. Major factors impacting property taxes were reviewed, as well as factor impacting the Saint Paul levy, and factors impacting school levies. The major levy categories of Operating, Pension/OPEB/Contractual, Facilities, and Community Service were also shared. Figures were then shown for the levy recap including the difference in levy categories from the certified Pay22 levy and the SPPS proposed Pay23 levy ceiling with a percent change of -0.87%. Estimated impacts to home market values, apartment market values, and commercial market values, assuming an increase in market value for each were shared, with the average estimated changes at -0.87% and the impacts to property taxes. The Pay23 levy calendar was also reviewed, with the Board scheduled to act on the certification of the Pay23 levy at the December 13 regular meeting, and certification sent to Ramsey County by December 30.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- Director Ward requested information on the implications of setting the maximum. Mr. Sager noted that if we do underlevy, there is a possibility of losing state aid with the local levies. For different funding sources received from the State, the expectation from the State is that we levy the full amount to do our part in being fiscally responsible, and if not, we could lose those funding streams.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

- Charlene Chan-Muehlbauer
- Peter Hendricks
- Rick Heller

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: **Director Vue moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Henderson.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 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.

Prepared and submitted by
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