

**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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**June 21, 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: H. Henderson, U. Ward, J. Vue, J. Kopp, Z. Ellis, J. Foster,
Superintendent Gothard

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

C. Allen was absent (travel).

II. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the order of the main agenda with two changes in this order: to move Old Business - Ramsey Middle School: Changing a School Name and Old Business - Policy Update to precede the Superintendent's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

III. RECOGNITIONS

BF 32833 Recognize SY21-22 Leadership Institute Cohort

1. In support of SPPS Achieves strategic objective 3C, the Division of Schools established a formal instructional leadership program called SPPS Leadership Institute for aspiring assistant principals and principals. Our first cohort began during school year 2020-21.

2. The purpose of the Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) Leadership Institute is to 1) continue to foster innovation and creative-thinking in our future leaders, 2) retain a high potential employee cohort ready to lead SPPS and 3) grow a successor pipeline of leaders from within Saint Paul Public Schools.

3. SPPS Leadership Institute is an eleven-month program that includes a week-long foundations training during the first week in August and monthly trainings throughout the school year.

4. This year's costs were:

1. Purchase of books for each cohort member (Dare to Lead by Brené Brown)
2. Hired external consultant to present on equity-driven leadership for five sessions throughout the year.
3. Purchase of plaques for each cohort member to honor their hard work, engagement and completion of the program.

5. This project meets the District strategic plan focus area of Effective and Culturally Relevant Instruction, Objective 3 (increase our capacity to meet the instructional needs of each learner), Initiative 3c (establish a formal instructional program).

6. We would like to recognize those who completed this year's program:

- a. **Abdul Sannie-Ariyibi, Assistant Principal at Creative Arts High School starting SY22-23**
- b. **Amanda Campbell, Lead for Learning Leads in Office of Teaching and Learning**
- c. **Guillermo Maldonado Pérez, Principal at Chelsea Heights Elementary starting SY22-23**
- d. **Jonathan C. W. Jones, Assistant Principal Washington Technology Middle School starting SY22-23**
- e. **Lois Pantoja, Assistant Principal at Saint Paul Online School starting SY22-23**
- f. **Meera Patel, PAR Lead in Office of Teaching and Learning**
- g. **Melissa Ehlers, Assistant Principal at Frost Lake Elementary**
- h. **Michael Krech, Assistant Principal at Central High School starting SY22-23**
- i. **Paul Ruble, PAR Educator in the Office of Teaching and Learning**
- j. **Shandyn Benson, Assistant Principal at Washington Technology Middle School**
- k. **William Hill, Student Equity Development & Leadership Program Manager in the Office of Equity**

BF 32834 Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Employees

1. **Tracy Alexander**, Nutrition Services Business System Manager, named Minnesota Manager of the Year by the Minnesota School Nutrition Association (MSNA.) The award recognizes the dedication, ingenuity and compassion shown by MSNA members who have excelled in keeping students fed during the pandemic. Tracy has worked tirelessly this school year to ensure students have healthy and exciting food options to nourish their school days. Like many districts, SPPS has faced extensive supply chain shortages and she made it her mission to find new vendors to meet the needs of their diverse student population. When a vendor shorted a tortilla order for a school, she went to a restaurant supply store to make sure there was enough for all students. Tracy was an integral part of the team that organized a

home delivery system when SPPS closed during the pandemic. The team brought an estimated 20 million meals to homes in the community and she worked to ensure appropriate and culturally relevant meals were sent to the district's 37,000 students. She also helped design a food truck and develop a menu for the delivery of meals to low income families. The truck has been invaluable to reach previously underserved members of the community. Recognizing technology is an important part of the day for school nutrition staff, Tracy created virtual and in-person training systems to help employees optimize their performance by learning new skills. "Tracy Alexander has been an asset to her school nutrition program and shown great leadership during these past few challenging years. We are proud to recognize her commitment to her students and the community," said MSNA President Carrie Frank. Alexander has been a member of the state and national School Nutrition Association for nearly a decade. She recognizes the importance of professional development and training for her staff. Alexander was recognized on May 6, 2022, as part of national School Lunch Hero Day. She will also be honored in August when MSNA members meet for their annual conference in St. Cloud.

2. **Jamin McKenzie**, Principal at Murray Middle School, has been selected as one of the winners of the University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts (CLA), 2021 Civitas Community Partner Awards. Community Partners are individual community members and/or organizations engaged with CLA in the past year for the betterment of society in a manner that is aligned with CLA's purpose and demonstrates what it means to be a good partner. Classroom Partners, a program that places College of Liberal Arts students and staff as teacher's aides, tutors, and mentors, has only grown at Murray Middle School thanks to the help and support of Principal Jamin McKenzie. In his time as principal, McKenzie has created and supported an environment that fosters positive identity development and critical consciousness. As the program expanded, from supporting a few science classrooms to placing volunteers throughout the school, it needed more resources. McKenzie brought in his leadership team to provide volunteer supervision and to offer training courses in racial justice and positive behavioral intervention. This integration of Classroom Partners with existing student support systems at the school creates an ideal two-way learning and support system, in which university students deepen their ties to their community, and Murray students are introduced to the university. In the scramble at the beginning of 2020 to create community-engaged learning opportunities for students, Jamin McKenzie made us a priority and was able to offer positions to 60 volunteers, many from Youth Studies, Family Social Studies and Sociology departments. The Civitas Awards were launched in 2019 as part of the college's 150th-anniversary celebration. The Civitas Awards recognize individuals and organizations that are strong partners with CLA as well as individuals and organizations that make a strong, positive difference in their community. Through the Civitas Awards, the college recognizes community partners whose work and impact align with CLA's mission.

3. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) awarded **Saint Paul Public Schools' Finance Department** the Minnesota Department of Education 2022 School Finance Award. The School Finance Award is awarded annually by MDE, Division of School Finance, to recognize schools for:

- Timely Submission of Audited Financial Data
- Compliance with Minnesota Statutory Reporting Requirements and Deadlines
- Presence of Select Indicators of Fiscal Health
- Accuracy in Financial Reporting

This award is a testament to how the Finance Department is organized and accountable for the taxpayer dollars entrusted to us.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the Order of the Consent Agenda with no items pulled for separate consideration. The motion was seconded by Director Ellis.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 24, 2022
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 14, 2022

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 24, 2022; and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Foster.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of the Board of Education of June 14, 2022

At the Committee of the Board Meeting on June 14, 2022, Superintendent Gothard began by welcoming everyone to the meeting, and sharing the joy of the recent graduation ceremonies. He also noted his time in buildings, especially the continued work of students and staff as the school year drew to a close. He thanked everyone for a great school year, and looks forward to continuing the routines and momentum into the 2022-2023 school year.

Next, staff and alumna presented the Policy Update, which included the proposed new policy of Smudging. It was noted this policy would set a precedence for other school districts to follow. Personal experiences and connections to smudging in schools were also shared. The support of this policy by both the Parent Committee and community were also discussed. The presentation of this policy by students at the Minnesota Indian Education Conference was also noted. This policy is groundwork for students to mobilize and support this work to create change. The Board thanked the team for their work, and agreed to move this policy to the three-reading process starting with the June 21st Regular Meeting.

The next presentation was the American Rescue Plan Update. This presentation sparked discussion with the Board on topics including shifts and adjustments of funding allocations if needed, details on the history and timeline, alignment with SPPS Achieves, further details on the data collected for progress monitoring, examples of success stories from ARP funds, reporting requirements, clarification on the dashboard and data shown, and the role of students in the consulting groups for long-term student outcomes.

Next, the financial projection report for the period ending April 30, 2022 was presented. The Board approved the recommended motion to accept the report as presented.

Next, staff and members of the Latino Consent Decree Parent Advisory Committee shared their annual report. Details on the four strategic recommendations were presented, including Spanish Language Assessment, Student Plan, Coordination of the LCD Instructional Program at School Level, and Staffing. Details on each of these recommendations were also discussed. Board members thanked the team for their work, and their advocacy for students and families. The role of ARP funds in this work was also noted. LCD members shared the importance of the leadership team within the PAC and their work with district senior leadership, as well as personal experiences for their students and family within the District.

The next presentation was the FY2022-2023 Budget Update. Within the presentation, examples of the FY23 budget recommendations were reviewed. Questions from the Board included details on the impacts of the change to the high school schedule, alignment of Envision SPPS and well rounded education and the effects of the budget on elective classes and high school programming, as well as details on the fall adjustment. The Finance Team was thanked for their work in presenting the budget.

MOTION: Director Kopp moved that the Board accept the report on the June 14, 2022 Committee of the Board meeting and approve the recommended motions and minutes of that meeting as published. The motion was seconded by Director Foster.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Gothard shared an update on the sudden passing of Darren Ginther, our Executive Director of Office of College and Career Readiness. He was a humble visionary and a collaborative leader. A moment of silence was observed in his honor, and Superintendent Gothard encouraged all to keep Darren's family in our thoughts and prayers.

A. SPPS Achieves & American Rescue Plan (ARP) Progress Update

Superintendent Gothard welcomed staff to present the SPPS Achieves and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Progress Update. Objectives of the presentation included an update on SPPS Achieves including our

reset on timeline and measurement, and update on the SY21-22 implementation of SPPS Achieves and ARP strategies, and details on what to expect in SY22-23. Information on ARP funding was provided, as well as the ARP timeline and projected spend, and ARP adjustments. Details were also provided on SPPS Achieves background, a review of 2017-2018 to 2020-2021, long-term outcomes, changes, the SPPS Achieves reset with timeline and measures, as well as alignment of ARP and SPPS Achieves. The referendum and ARP allocations to strategic plan initiatives by amount were shared, as well as May 2022 ARP strategy status update by focus area and in response to the COVID-19 strategies. Celebrations by focus area were also reviewed, as well as challenges and resolutions. The monitoring strategies were also shared, including activities and outputs to outcomes, the dashboard, monitoring framework by focus area, and a strategy highlight of school counseling. Within the Looking Ahead portion, information was provided on the outcome consultation groups and the monitoring calendar.

The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- Director Ward requested further information on the process for membership of the outcome consulting groups.
- Director Henderson requested information on the metrics, specifically around graduation rates.
- More details were requested on the shift of the timeline and ARP funds with an end date, and the impact of that in the lags in data or programming, and what we are doing to think about those differences in a few years.
- Director Foster noted that this presentation was helpful in order to see the alignment to the budget, as well as the clarity around the data. She also noted appreciation for the data and this work in regards to systemic equity.
- Director Ellis requested information on short term goals. She also noted at that the discussion of challenges and celebrations is also important.
- Director Kopp also appreciated the focus on student outcomes and noted the work with the Council of the Great City Schools and their language that aligns with our work on student outcomes. She also noted the reporting structure on the completion of items within initiatives, and the impacts on students. She also requested more information on metrics and measurements for specific items, such as students' sense of belonging.
- Director Ellis requested more information on the student survey and information from those.
- Director Foster reiterated the importance of celebrations. She also shared the notice in the shift in using the data points to how we are aligning and using that information for student outcomes.
- Director Vue noted he is encouraged by the presentation, and asked for information on how COVID has impacted the strategic plan, and how ARP funds will intertwine and shift. He is also encouraged by student voice in the outcome consultation groups, as well as requested information of the involvement of stakeholders who participated in the original needs assessment. He also requested information on the challenges around staffing, especially through COVID, through this work.

B. Human Resources Transactions

Superintendent Gothard recognized Kenyatta McCarty, Chief of Human Resources and Talent, as this is her final meeting before she transitions out of SPPS. He thanked her for 17 great years serving the SPPS community.

It was also noted that Arleen Schilling, Controller, is retiring this month.

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the HR Transactions for the period May 1 through May 31, 2022. Director Foster seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of all items within the consent agenda withholding no items for separate consideration. Director Foster seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

A. Gifts

BF 32835 Acceptance of Gift from Henry Weiner, Como Park Alumnus, presented to Como Park High School's Athletic Program

Authorize the Superintendent (or Designee) to accept the gift from Henry Weiner for Como Park Athletics.

BF 32836 Cadet Summer Leadership Camp

The Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to allow Como Park Senior High School/MCJROTC to accept the monetary gift from North Star Marine Veterans of \$5,000.00. The money will be deposited into the JROTC intra-school account 19-212-291-000-5096-J001, and will be used with the above projects.

BF 32837 Acceptance of Donation from Lance Martinson

The Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Johnson High School to accept this gift from Lance Martin.

B. Grants

BF 32838 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from Twin Cities Public Television for

Community Education's Freedom Schools Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from Twin Cities Public Television for Mashopolis, a media project for young learners designed to enhance their executive function skills and knowledge about diverse career options to prepare them for future careers; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 32839 Request for Permission to Submit Grant Application to the Cargill Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Cargill Foundation for the funds to support Nutrition Service's Grow Our Own Program, to accept funds if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 32840 Request for Permission to accept a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for funds to provide newcomer students with academic supports and better coordination between families and community service organizations; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Contracts

BF 32841 Active Employee and Early Retiree Health Insurance with Medica

That the Board of Education approve a contract for employee health insurance coverage with Medica, effective January 1, 2023.

BF 32842 RFP #A217128-A: Renewal Fresh Bakery Items

That the Board of Education authorize the renewal of RFP #A217128-A to Bimbo Bakeries USA for furnishing and delivery of fresh bakery items for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for an estimated value of \$245,000.

BF 32843 RFP #A218951-A: Renewal Prime Vendor for Groceries

That the Board of Education authorize the renewal of RFP #A218951-A to Indianhead Food Distributor for furnishing and delivery of groceries for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for an estimated value of \$6,500,000.

BF 32844 RFP #A218951-A: Renewal Secondary Vendor for Groceries

That the Board of Education authorize the renewal of RFP #A218951-A to Sysco Western for furnishing and delivery of groceries for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for an estimated value of \$500,000.

BF 32845 RFP #A217036-A: Renewal Prime Vendor Contract for Dairy and Juice Products

That the Board of Education authorize the renewal of RFP #A217036-A to BevSo for the furnishing and delivery of dairy and juice for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for an estimated value of \$2,000,000.

BF 32846 RFP #A219429-A: Renewal Prime Vendor Contract for Non-Food Supplies

That the Board of Education authorize the renewal of RFP #A219429-A with Trio Supplies for furnishing and delivery of non-food Supplies for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for an estimated value of \$600,000.

D. Agreements

BF 32847 Blackboard Inc Services Renewal Confirmation Notice

That the Board of Education authorize administration to enter into a Cloud renewal services agreement with Blackboard for a service period of 12 months in the amount of \$220,281.87.

BF 32848 Request to Sign Agreement with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation to Continue Achievement Plus Programming at Three (3) SPPS Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation for the purpose of continuing the provision of Achievement Plus education reform initiatives and activities for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$418,688.00 for fiscal year 2023 and \$139,563.00 for fiscal year 2024.

BF 32849 Memorandum of Understanding between St. Olaf College TRIO Upward Bound and Saint Paul Public Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with St. Olaf TRIO Upward Bound.

BF 32850 Memorandum of Understanding between Metropolitan State TRIO Upward Bound and Saint Paul Public Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Metro State TRIO Upward Bound.

BF 32851 Memorandum of Understanding between University of Wisconsin – River Falls TRIO Upward Bound and Saint Paul Public Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with UWRF TRIO Upward Bound.

BF 32852 Approval of Employment Agreement Between Independent School District No. 625 and Manual and Maintenance Supervisors' Association Representing Facility and Nutrition Services Supervisor

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

BF 32853 Approval of Employment Agreement Between Independent School District No. 625 and Saint Paul Supervisors' Organization Representing Supervisors

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment for Saint Paul Supervisors Organization in this School District; duration of said Agreement is for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

BF 32854 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with United Association of Steamfitters, Pipefitters, and Service Technicians, Local Union No. 455, to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2022-2023

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Memorandum of Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment of those employees in this school district for whom the United Association of Steamfitters, Pipefitters, and Service Technicians, Local Union No. 455, is the exclusive representative; duration of said agreement is for the period of May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023.

BF 32855 Approval of an Employment Agreement With International Union of Painters & Allied Trades District Council 82 to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2022-2025

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment of those employees in this school district for whom International Union of Painters & Allied Trades District Council 82, is the exclusive representative; duration of said Agreement is for the period of May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2025.

E. Administrative Items

BF 32856 Monthly Operating Authority

1. That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and electronic transfers for the period April 1 through April 30, 2022

(a) General Account	#747848-748692	\$58,896,365.78
	#0004459-0004493	
	#7004400-7004430	
	#0006901-0007006	
(b) Construction Payments	- 0 -	\$5,200.00
(c) Debt Service	- 0 -	<u>\$2,927,202.76</u>
		\$61,828,768.54

Included in the above disbursements are two payrolls in the amount of \$42,696,730.27 and overtime of \$172,691.46 or 0.40% of payroll.

BF 32857 Approval of Pay Equity Implementation Report

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report and Request for Reconsideration of Pay Equity Non-Compliance to be submitted to The Office of Minnesota Management and Budget.

BF 32858 Approval of Renewal of Membership in the Minnesota State High School League

That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to renew the School District's participating schools' membership in the Minnesota State High School League. The schools are: Central HS, Como Park HS, Harding HS, Highland Park HS, Humboldt HS, Johnson HS, and Washington Technology Magnet HS.

BF 32859 Insurance Renewal - General Liability, Commercial Auto, Crime, Educators Legal Liability, Excess Liability, Law Enforcement Liability

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to accept a 12-month bundled policy for General Liability, Commercial Auto, Crime, Educators Legal Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, and Excess Liability coverage with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at a cost of \$1,469,502.

BF 32860 Property Insurance Renewal

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to renew a 12-month policy for property insurance coverage with Affiliated FM for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at a cost of \$1,143,500.

BF 32861 Facilities Department FY223 Purchases over \$175,000

That the Board of Education authorize the purchases listed for the Facilities Department anticipated to be over the \$175,000.

BF 32862 2022-23 Rights & Responsibilities Student Handbook Revision

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the proposed revisions made to the Rights & Responsibilities Student Handbook for SY22-23.

BF 32863 Phase Gate Approval of District Service Facility Addition & Renovation (Project #4000-16-01): Gate #5.1 – Project Closeout; Gate #5.1A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education accept the financial report provided for District Service Facility Addition & Renovation (Project #4000-16-001) at Phase Gate Check #5.1 – Project Close-out; Phase Gate Check #5.1a – Finance Plan Update.

BF 32864 Phase Gate Approval of Phalen Lake Hmong Studies HVAC (Project #1200-19-01): Gate #5.1 – Project Close-out; Gate #5.1A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education accept the financial report provided for Phalen Lake Hmong Studies HVAC (Project #1200-19-01) at Phase Gate Check #5.1 – Project Close-out; Phase Gate Check #5.1a –Finance Plan Update.

BF 32865 Phase Gate Approval of Washington Technology Magnet Athletic Field (Project #4040-19-01): Gate #5.1 – Project Close-out; Gate #5.1A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education accept the financial report provided for Washington Technology Magnet Athletic Field (Project #4040-19-01) at Phase Gate Check #5.1 – Project Close-out; Phase Gate Check #5.1a –Finance Plan Update.

BF 32866 Warranty Deed – 1287 Ford Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55116 (formerly Edgcumbe School)

That the Board of Education authorize the Chair, Treasurer, and Clerk to sign a Warranty Deed transferring the School District's rights in the Property to The Talmud Torah of St. Paul and authorize the issuance of a check payable to Ramsey County in the amount of \$1360.00.

F. Bids

BF 32867 Pre-Employment, Student Teaching, and Volunteer Background Check Services

That the Board of Education authorize approval for providing pre-employment, student teaching, and volunteer background check services during the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 to Trusted Employees.

BF 32868 Phase Gate Approval of FY22 Flooring Replacement Program (Project # 0225-22-01): Gate #4 - Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the award of carpet flooring to Grazzini Brothers & Company. for a lump sum base bid plus Alternates #1 & 2 of \$340,275 for work on the FY22 Flooring Replacement Program at Hubbs Center and Capitol Hill Magnet School (Project #s 0225-22-01) at Phase Gate Check #4 – Contract Award and Phase Gate Check #4a – Finance Plan Update.

BF 32869 Phase Gate Approval of Jie Ming Phase II Addition & Renovation (Project # 3090-21-01) – WS 21A: Gate #4 - Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the award of Bid No. A22-2287-A fire protection work for the Jie Ming Phase II Addition and Renovation project (Project #s 3090-21-01) to, Gilbert Mechanical for a lump sum base bid of \$198,500.

BF 32870 Phase Gate Approval of Jie Ming Phase II Addition & Renovation (Project # 3090-21-01) – WS 31A: Gate #4 - Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the award of Bid No. A22-2288-A earthwork, utilities, and building demolition work for the Jie Ming Phase II Addition and Renovation project (Project #s 3090-21-01) to, Rachel Contracting, Inc. for a lump sum base bid of \$1,062,800.

G. Change Orders - None

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION - None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ramsey Middle School: Changing a School Name

Superintendent Gothard welcomed Principal Vibar from Ramsey Middle School to present the third reading of the proposed name change.

Principal Vibar then presented the process of changing the school's name to a more inspiring and representative name. The presentation included a brief history on Alexander Ramsey, an overview of the process, and name change voting including the top 10 names, and the top 5 names.

The name with the most votes is Hidden River Middle School.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- It was noted that beginning in September 2022, the name will be changed, and it is official with the Board's vote of approval.

BF 32871 Ramsey Middle School: Changing a School Name

MOTION: Director Vue moved that the Board of Education accept and declare that the name of Ramsey Middle School be changed to the new name of Hidden River Middle School, and authorize the Superintendent and his designees that all steps necessary to effectuate this change. Director Ward seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

B. Policy Update

1. FIRST READING: Policy --- Smudging

Superintendent Gothard then welcomed John Bobolink, Supervisor of the Office of Indian Education, to present the First Reading of this policy. The presentation included details on the rationale for the policy, information on smudging, procedures for smudging, and next steps include the second and third readings of the policy.

The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: None

C. FY2022-2023 Proposed Budget

Superintendent Gothard then welcomed Marie Schrul, Chief Financial Officer to present the FY23 proposed budget to the Board of Education for adoption. Influencing factors were reviewed, as well as the overall budget process. The FY23 General Fund Revenue was presented, as were the FY23 General Fund Allocations. The FY23 proposed budget expenditures were also shared. The FY23 Proposed Budget Revenue and Expenditure Summary was shown.

The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- Director Vue requested information on the effects of the enrollment decline to the management of the budget. The record inflation and challenges to the workforce were addressed. The underfunding by the state and federal governments of public education, especially in specialized services and ELL services in ELL was also noted. We need to hold our public officials accountable for public education, and to ensure adequate and sustainable funding for our public schools, which is currently not being done by our legislature.
- Director Henderson also noted the accountability and plan for this budget document as we move forward in future years.
- Director Ward shared a statement recapping his experiences, thoughts, and suggestions, as this is his first time voting on a budget. He thanked Superintendent Gothard, Chief Schrul, Chief Turner, and Chief Collins, as well as staff, for their time in answering hsi questions. He shared what he has learned from the process and how we may approach it differently, including board engagement in the crafting of the budget.

MOTION: Director Vue moved that the Board of Education adopt the FY23 Proposed Budget of \$909,027,742 as presented. Director Kopp seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Adopting an Amended Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution Requiring All Staff Either to be Vaccinated Against COVID-19 or to Submit to Regularly Scheduled COVID-19 Testing

Superintendent Gothard welcomed General Counsel Long and Chief McCarty to introduce this amended resolution. This revised resolution includes new language for employees during summer break. The amendment in paragraph 9 clarifies that for those not working over the summer or those not interacting

with other staff or students, that the weekly testing requirement does not apply to them during the period of summer break.

Board members noted that this amendment makes sense, and thanked staff for the clarification.

BF 32872 Resolution Adopting an Amended Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution Requiring All Staff Either to be Vaccinated Against COVID-19 or to Submit to Regularly Scheduled COVID-19 Testing

MOTION: Director Vue moved approval of the Resolution Adopting an Amended Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution Requiring All Staff Either to be Vaccinated Against COVID-19 or to Submit to Regularly Scheduled COVID-19 Testing. Director Ellis and Director Ward seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Information Requests & Responses

- Director Ward noted discussion on the development of strategy around enrollment, as well as his proposed draft of a resolution regarding this topic. Further details were requested by board members including the timeframe for this resolution.
- Director Ellis requested information on the timeline for the next Envision SPPS update, and questions about early childhood hubs, as well as an update on summer school and locations for the food truck this summer.
 - Chief Turner noted that the next Envision SPPS update will take place at the July Regular meeting, and focus on the framework and logistical updates. She also noted that there is typically a summer school update at the end of summer, including programming and enrollment.

B. Items for Future Agendas

C. Board of Education Reports/Communications

- Director Vue provided a recap of his experience at the Jackson Jubilee.
- Director Ellis noted Juneteenth, and a Happy Pride. She also shared her experience at graduation ceremonies.

XI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- July 19
- August 23
- September 20

- October 18
- November 15
- December 13
- January 4, 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)

- August 10 (Wednesday)
- September 6
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6
- 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	Absent
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 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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