

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 22, 2021  
6:05 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board of Education: J. Kopp, Y. Carrillo, J. Foster, J. Brodrick, J. Vue, C. Allen  
Z. Ellis was absent (pre-planned event).

**II. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Director Foster moved approval of the Order of the Main Agenda one change - to add the Board's review of the COVID resolution and vote to renew, amend, or rescind to be discussed immediately following the Superintendent's report. The motion was seconded by Director Vue.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

**III. RECOGNITIONS**

**BF 32399** Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Employees

SPPS staff deserve to be commended for their service and dedication to our students, families and fellow staff members throughout the pandemic. Staff members have and continue to work tirelessly, many of them behind the scenes, to ensure this school district keeps running; our students and families are well served, bills get paid, employees are hired, information is communicated, our people and facilities are

safe, meals are provided for students and learning continues, even through the hardest and most challenging times.

The Finance Department received the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) 2021 School Finance Award. Each year, MDE reviews each school district for criteria in the following areas: timely submission of financial data, compliance with Minnesota statutes, presence of select indicators of fiscal health, and 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.

**BF 32400** Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Partners

1. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Ecolab Foundation for their long-standing support of SPPS.

2. In particular, we are recognizing tonight our annual \$250,000 teacher grant program, which is on the consent agenda for school year 2021-22 grants. The specific teacher projects will be selected and awarded over the summer.

3. Additionally, we are highlighting the Ecolab Foundation for over \$1.5 million in direct grants in the last five years and their ongoing and abundant community support for the students, staff, and families of SPPS

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: Director Foster moved approval of the Order of the Consent Agenda with item E10 - Voluntary Benefits with Securian pulled for separate consideration. The motion was seconded by Director Allen.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 18, 2021
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 1, 2021
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 15, 2021

**MOTION: Director Foster moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 18, 2021; Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 1, 2021; and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Vue.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of June 15, 2021**

At the Committee of the Board Meeting on June 15th, 2021, Superintendent Gothard welcomed everyone, and provided an update on graduation ceremonies and congratulated the historic Class of 2021. He then provided a brief update on the Resolution in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in order to provide flexibility for the district. Due to the downward trend in case numbers, it is his recommendation that it will not be necessary to renew this resolution. He also shared a brief update on the work around Critical Ethnic Studies in SPPS and details on the development and program.

Groups within the Equity Committee then presented their identified inequities within SPPS, recommendations, and requests for further information. Next steps for the Committee and its charter were also shared. This presentation sparked robust discussion from the Board, including request for further information on the next iteration and steps for the committee, support needed from the Board, ongoing work into the next school year, appreciation of the open-ended questions for surveys and discussion, appreciation for calling out the identified inequities, engagement of student voice, and gained experience that will help to guide the next cohort of Equity Committee members.

Next, the Fiscal Year 22 Budget Update was presented. Within this presentation, board members requested further information on the clarification of staff in SPED and MLL in the figures, update from the Virtual Hiring Fair, information on substitute teachers in SPPS, as well as further discussion on the job-embedded professional development for teachers. Board members also raised questions on the possibility for slight revisions to the budget prior to its adoption, future budget revisions, adjustments and allocations based on federal funding, the personal impacts of staff to students, and the budget for the Office of Family Engagement and the needs assessment around ARP funding.

Within the Policy Update, a new proposal for Policy 619.00 - Student Fundraising was discussed. Questions and discussion included situations of outside organization partnering with a school on a fundraiser and inclusion of all families in those fundraisers, questions around the language regarding school stores in the proposal, consequences of non-approved fundraising, and general examples applicable to this policy. Overall, the Board approved moving this policy to the three-reading process, with the potential of revised wording regarding school stores.

Following the adjournment and within the work session, board members discussed a proposed Resolution to Fully Fund Public Education, including revisions and edits to the draft.

**MOTION:** Director Vue moved that the Board accept the report on the June 15, 2021 Committee of the Board meeting and approve the recommended motions and minutes of that meeting as published. Director Brodrick seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Gothard began his report by noting there will be two general announcements and two items that require Board action.

He provided an update on COVID-19 vaccine clinics at Gordon Parks, Washington Tech, and Harding and details around each clinic, with more information on the SPPS website.

He also shared details on the American Rescue Plan family forums and surveys, including details on meetings in multiple languages, and the online forum which received over 100 responses in a few days. Information on survey details were also shared with staff in June.

### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

- What are the different ways we will continue to engage families, especially for those who do not speak English as their primary language? Response: As we continue and have plans, we will be working with several strategies, including with our PACs and schools. We have found that going directly to buildings yielded good participation. As we continue feedback on the plan and monitoring, the Office of Family Engagement will assist in engaging with our families and community as well.
- Clarification was requested on how to align the engagement between all communities. Response: One of the ways for consistency is through asking the same questions, and so far, the responses have been fairly similar across all communities. Families are wanting safety for their children, cleanliness, and questions around learning needs, as well as engagement for students to have them be ready and excited to learn. We are finding that the desires of families are more similar and it is encouraging to us as we move forward.
- Details were requested on how we will engage with our community to ensure voices are heard around funds. Administration responded that we will not only rely on surveys or virtual forums, but also to find ways to go into the community and bring feedback. Progress monitoring was also noted, including how the money is being spent and the results and ways to adapt to emerging needs will be important. The engagement around the strategic plan was also noted, where we went into community and to our community partners to have dialogue. Within the needs assessment, there is also an overall engagement plan created - it is not "one and done". We will continue to work with our community partners and focus groups and go out to them, as well as pull in insights from board members

- The Board also followed-up from Public Comment. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear from folks who are very passionate about the music and arts programs in SPPS. One board member noted the eloquent manner in which the group spoke. He noted that in all his years on the Board, he saw a group of students, parents, and staff who have come together in a thorough, meaningful, respectful, and organized manner. This group brought up an issue at a public meeting, and feels there is a response needed - that is what democracy is about. This group from HPHS went beyond advocacy for their own school, and made the very real connection between their school's plight and the much broader questions of what this district needs to grapple with in terms of arts and music. They talked about the broader question of the real meaning of arts and music in terms of the development of our students and their role in cultural excellence. They also raised questions about the value of arts and music, and also equity for all inner-city students to reflect the diversity of our students and celebrate their diversity. He encouraged the Board and Administration to really reflect on what was said at tonight's Public Comment. A challenge was given to us tonight - to be a district that is truly transparent and truly values student, parent, and community voices. He noted the opportunity to have this arts committee lead the way for the district over the next several months and years to ensure we do have student voice and true parental input, and to be transparent in decisions for all classes and all curriculum.
  - Another board member noted that this Board does support the arts, and that they listened and heard what was said at tonight's Public Comment session. For equity in the district, they have asked for an audit, and to move forward with that and move with the community transparently to give direction to Dr. Gothard and the team.
  - Another board member noted it is important to acknowledge the work of the young people and her support of the arts, and to find ways to implement arts across the district especially with our high POC enrollment and low literacy rates. Studies show that rhythm and music can raise literacy rates for our students. She sees this as an opportunity to really listen to the community and time to restructure and holistically approach lessons. The Equity Committee mentioned collectivism, which is also applicable to this issue.
  - Another board member noted her experience as a parent to a student in the arts, and encouraged the group to stay tuned and be active, and to use their voices to move the work along so students in every school at the elementary level have a chance to explore, and find new things that are meaningful and important to them, as well as reliable and sustainable options. We want to build something that lasts, and want to get it right and be forever.
  - Another board member thanked the committee for the presentation and their voice. There is work to be done. He encouraged concreteness in this situation, because vagueness is the recipe for ineffective policy. We need to put positive pressure on our staff to be concrete and ask concrete questions about the needs - seeking vague questions will only bring vague answers. We also want to make this a sustainable process, and understand the outcomes and that is our priority and purpose.

A. Human Resource Transactions

**MOTION: Director Foster moved approval of the HR Transactions for the period May 1 through May 31, 2021. Director Vue seconded the motion.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent

Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

**B. Action on Resolution Adopting a Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Superintendent Gothard noted that as shared at the Committee of the Board Meeting, we are set to review the Resolution Adopting a Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic. In August 2020, he proposed this resolution to provide flexibility to make decisions for the District and was essential for sudden changes to guidelines and reactions to the trends in the pandemic. With the guidelines relaxing and the latest downward trend, Summer Session will go on as planned, and planning for Fall will begin. He then asked the Board to rescind the Resolution Adopting a Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**MOTION: Director Foster moved to rescind the Resolution Adopting a Saint Paul Public Schools Resolution in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic, as it is no longer needed by the Superintendent. Director Carrillo seconded the motion.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: Director Foster moved approval of all items within the consent agenda withholding item E10 - Voluntary Benefits with Securian, which was pulled for separate consideration. Director Vue seconded the motion.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

**A. Gifts**

**BF 32401** Gift Acceptance from Helen Podruska Trust

The Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to allow J.J. Hill Magnet School to accept a monetary gift of \$10,000.00 from Helen Podruska Trust. The total amount will be deposited in intraschool fund 19-493-291-0000-5096-U001.

**BF 32402**      Gift Acceptance from West Central Initiative

The Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to allow J.J. Hill Magnet School to accept a monetary gift of \$6,000.00 from West Central Initiative. The total amount will be deposited in intraschool fund 19-493-291-0000-5096-U001

B. Grants

**BF 32403**      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from The Aspen Institute

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Aspen Institute for athletics programming at Harding High; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 32404**      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Calmenson Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Calmenson Foundation to support Journeys' Photography Club; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 32405**      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Ecolab Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Ecolab Foundation for funds to support the Ecolab Teacher Grants Program; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 32406**      Permission to Accept Grant Award from Minnesota Department of Education for ESSA Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit the ESSA grant and accept funds to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 32407**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Extension to the Minnesota Department of Education – McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Education Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the Minnesota Department of Education for funds to serve students experiencing homelessness; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 32408**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Education McKinney Vento Grant Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the Minnesota Department of Education McKinney Vento Grant Program for funds to serve homeless students in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 32409** Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from No Kid Hungry

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from No Kid Hungry for funds to support the Saint Paul Public Schools Summer Food Service Program; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 32410** Request for Permission to Accept a Grant Amendment from the Minnesota Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant amendment from the Minnesota Department of Education to support the Integrated English Literacy and Civics program; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Contracts

**BF 32411** Expanding Robert Half Contract for IT Staffing

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the proposal from Robert Half for temporary IT staffing, in the amount not to exceed \$1.7 Million per year.

**BF 32412** Information Technology Service Management Solution

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the proposal from Insight for an Information Technology Service Management solution for 3-years, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.

**BF 32413** Ricoh Fleet All-In-One Copier Lease Renewal

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the lease renewal proposal from Ricoh for 18-months, in the amount not to exceed \$720,000.

**BF 32414** SPPS Switch and Wireless Access Point Refresh

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the proposals from Insight and Net Guys for the purchase and implementation of new Switches, Wireless Access Points, Implementation and Warranties, in the amount not to exceed \$13.7 Million.

**BF 32415** VPN and Cybersecurity Solutions

That the Board of Education authorize administration to approve the proposal from DirSec for the purchase of a VPN and Cybersecurity solutions for 1-year, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.

**BF 32416** RFP #21-1508 Contract Security Services



That the Board of Education accept and approve the recommendation to award a contract for RFP 21-1508 for contracted guard services to American Security, LLC for the proposed rates as detailed in the pricing worksheet, not to exceed \$1.5 million expenditure annually.

#### D. Agreements

**BF 32417** Approval of an Employment Agreement with Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 10, to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2021-2024

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 Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 10, is the exclusive representative; duration of said Agreement is for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024.

**BF 32418** Approval of an Employment Agreement with United Association of Steamfitters, Pipefitters, and Service Technicians, Local Union No. 455, to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2021-2024

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 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, 2021 through April 30, 2024.

**BF 32419** Lease Agreement with Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington County - Head Start

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute the Lease Agreement between the District and Head Start at the Belvidere Building, located at 271 Belvidere Street East.

**BF 32420** Lease Agreement with the Saint Paul Public Library Agency at the Baker Center

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute a Lease Agreement between the District and the Saint Paul Public Library to lease space at the Baker Center, 209 West Page Street, Saint Paul, MN 55107.

**BF 32421** Memorandum of Agreement to amend Bus Driver Collective Bargaining Agreement

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 for Teamsters Local No. 320, representing Bus Drivers in the school district; duration of said agreement is for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

**BF 32422** Memorandum of Agreement to amend Operating Engineers Local No. 70 representing Custodians, Collective Bargaining Agreement

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 for Operating Engineers Local No. 70

representing Custodians in the school district; duration of said agreement is for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

**BF 32423** Oracle Database Cloud Services Agreement with Collier

That the Board of Education authorize administration to enter into a Cloud renewal services agreement with Collier for a service period of 12 months in the amount of \$419,172.80.

**BF 32424** Request for Permission to Participate in Student Nurse Agreement with Morrison Family College of Health School of Nursing, University of St. Thomas

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a Student Nurses Agreement with the University of St. Thomas, effective August 1, 2023, and continue through July 31, 2026, unless written notice to terminate this Agreement is given to the other party by April 1 of the preceding year.

**BF 32425** Request to Sign Memorandum of Understanding between the American Nursing Institute (ANI) and Saint Paul Public Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to sign the MOU between Saint Paul Public Schools and the American Nursing Institute.

E. Administrative Items

**BF 32426** Monthly Operating Authority

1. That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period April 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021.

(a) General Account	#735768-736662 #0004066-0004098 #7004039-7004072 #0005589-0005694	\$58,899,605.72
(b) Debt Service	-0-	\$3,000.00
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>\$2,855,445.61</u>
		\$61,758,051.33

Included in the above disbursements are two payrolls in the amount of \$40,248,523.33 and overtime of \$103,706.20 or 0.26% of payroll.

(d) Collateral Changes

Released:

None

Additions:

None

2. 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 November 30, 2021.

**BF 32427** 2021-22 Rights & Responsibilities Student Handbook Revisions

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the proposed revisions made to the Rights & Responsibilities Student Handbook for SY21-22.

**BF 32428** Designation of an Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity Access Management

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to authorize Cheryl Carlstrom, Cheryl.Carlstrom@spps.org, to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Saint Paul Public Schools ISD 625.

**BF 32429** Facilities Department FY21 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 32430** Facilities Department FY22 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 32431** Pre-Qualification of Professional Architects for Large Projects

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to pre-qualify the following professional architectural firms for future project-specific solicitations for calendar years 2021-2026:

1. 292 Design Group
2. ATS&R
3. Bentz Thompson Rietow, Inc.
4. BWBR Architects, Inc.
5. Cuningham Group Architects
6. DeVetter Design Group
7. DLR Group, Inc.
8. Krech, O'Brien, Mueller & Associates, Inc.
9. Miller Dunwiddie
10. MLA Architects, Inc.
11. MSR Design
12. Pope Architects, Inc.
13. Snow Kreilich Architects, Inc.
14. Toltz King Duvall Anderson, Inc.

15. U+B Architecture & Design, Inc.
16. Wold Architects & Engineers

**BF 32432** Pre-Qualification of Professional Architects for Small Projects

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to pre-qualify and enter into Master Agreement with the following professional architectural firms for future project-specific solicitations for calendar years 2021-2026:

1. The Adkins Association, Inc.
2. Boarman Kroos Vogel Group, Inc.
3. BNDRY Studio
4. Busch Architects, Inc.
5. Clever Architecture LLC
6. Kodet Architectural Group, LTD.
7. LHB, Inc.
8. Paul Meyer Architects, Inc.
9. RoehrSchmitt Architecture LLC
10. Wendel
11. 292 Design Group
12. ATS&R
13. Bentz Thompson Rietow, Inc.
14. BWBR Architects, Inc.
15. Cuningham Group Architects
16. DeVetter Design Group
17. DLR Group, Inc.
18. Krech, O'Brien, Mueller & Associates, Inc.
19. Miller Dunwiddie
20. MLA Architects, Inc.
21. MSR Design
22. Pope Architects, Inc.
23. Snow Kreilich Architects, Inc.
24. Toltz King Duvall Anderson, Inc.
25. U+B Architecture & Design, Inc.
26. Wold Architects & Engineers

**BF 32433** 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a cost of \$1,367,863.

**BF 32434** 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at a cost of \$1,034,239.

**BF 32435** Active Employee Dental Insurance with HealthPartners

That the Board of Education approve a contract for active employee dental insurance coverage with HealthPartners, effective January 1, 2022, at the proposed premium renewal rates

**BF 32436** Adjustment of Student Calendar for FY 2020-2021

That the Board of Education approve the end of the school year 2020-21 be changed from Friday, June 11, 2021 to the new date of Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

**BF 32437** Settlement of Partially Insured Claim

That the Board of Education approve the Settlement Agreement in the above referenced matter; authorize its Superintendent to sign the Settlement Agreement; and authorize School District administration to issue payment and otherwise perform the Settlement Agreement.

**BF 32438** Request Authorization to Transfer \$1,894,687.31 from General Fund 01 Unassigned Fund Balance to the Food Service Fund 02 Fund Balance

That the Board of Education authorize the Chief Financial Officer to transfer \$1,894,687.31 from the General Fund 01 unassigned fund balance to the Food Service Fund 02 no later than June 30, 2021.

F. Bids

**BF 32439** Phase Gate Approval of FY22 Fire Safety Systems Program (Project # 0652-22-01): Gate #3 – Project Budget; Gate #3A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education approve the FY22 Fire Safety Systems Program (Project #0652-22- 01) at Phase Gate Check #3 – Project Budget; Gate Check #3a –Finance Plan Update.

**BF 32440** Phase Gate Approval of FY22 Fire Safety Systems Program (Project # 0652-22-01): Gate #4 – Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education authorize award of FY22 Fire Safety System to Nasseff for the lump sum base bid for \$265,800 at Phase Gate Check #4 – Contract Award and Phase Gate Check #4a – Finance Plan Update

**BF 32441** Phase Gate Approval of FY22 Fire Safety Systems Program (Project # 0652-22-01): Gate #4 – Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education authorize award of FY22 Fire Safety System to Nasseff for the lump sum base bid for \$248,700 at Phase Gate Check #4 – Contract Award and Phase Gate Check #4a – Finance Plan Update.

**BF 32442** Phase Gate Approval of FY22 Fire Safety Systems Program (Project # 0652-22-01): Gate #4 – Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education authorize award of FY22 Fire Safety System to Egan for the lump sum base bid for \$273,895 at Phase Gate Check #4 – Contract Award and Phase Gate Check #4a – Finance Plan Update.

**BF 32443** Phase Gate Approval of Nokomis Montessori Magnet North Playground (Project # 1180-22-01): Gate #3 – Project Budget; Gate #3A – Finance Plan Update; Gate #4 – Contract Award; Gate #4A – Finance Plan Update

That the Board of Education authorize award of playground equipment and poured-in-place surfacing for the playground at Nokomis Montessori Magnet North to Flagship Recreation for the lump sum base bid for \$232,274 at Gate #3 – Project Budget, Phase Gate #3A – Finance Plan Update, Gate Check #4 – Contract Award, and Phase Gate Check #4a – Finance Plan Update.

G. Change Orders - None

#### **ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

**BF 32444** Voluntary Benefits with Securian

Director Carrillo noted that he pulled this item because he is an employee of Securian. While he does not have direct, indirect, or voluntary input into the contract and will not personally benefit from it, for transparency and to avoid any conflict of interest, he will not participate in any discussion on this item and will abstain from the vote.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:** None

**MOTION:** Director Foster moved that the Board of Education approve a contract for voluntary benefits insurance coverage with Securian Financial, effective January 1, 2021, at the proposed premium rates. Director Vue seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Abstain
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

#### **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Financial Projection Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2021**

Chief Schrul then reviewed the highlights of the Financial Projection Report, Financial Projection report for the period ending April 30, 2021, and the glossary of financial terms.

The full report can be found in the BoardBook.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

- Further information was requested on the construction and service funds, and the allocation of those dollars. Response: Every single dollar is dedicate and restricted within those funds and are not flexible within the other areas of the district.

**MOTION: Director Foster moved that the Board of Education accept the Financial Projection Report for the period ending April 30, 2021. Director Brodrick seconded the motion.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

**B. FY22 Proposed Budget**

Chief Schrul then shared the FY22 Proposed Budget presentation, including the adoption of the FY22 Budget by the Board of Education. The influencing factors were reviewed, as well as a recap of the budget process. Figures were shown on the FY22 Revenue Projection for the General Fund, FY22 Resource Allocations for the General Fund, FY22 Proposed Budget Expenditures, and a FY22 Proposed Budget Revenue and Expenditure Summary. The timeline for the FY21-22 budget development was also shared.

The full report can be found in the BoardBook.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

- A board member requested information on the impacts of the actions of the legislature, and the forecast for the next six months and next year.
- Another board member noted that there is a 1100 enrollment decline, and to be clear the community that the Board is not overlooking this fact. There will be ongoing conversations about what we can do around enrollment loss, and understanding the future of enrollment in the district now and into the future. Superintendent Gothard noted that the State is discussing 2.5% in year 1, and 2% in year 2, and there may be some funding adjustments to SPED cross-subsidy and EL services, as well as VPK seats in SPPS. We will wait for final approval to learn more about the exact impact on SPPS, and he thanked the lawmakers, and especially those who support public education and SPPS, for their hard work in reaching a deal prior to July 1st.
- Chief Schrul also thanked Jim Engen for his 22 years of service to SPPS and the past 10 years in Finance, and this is his last budget presentation.

**MOTION: Director Brodrick moved to approve the recommendation to adopt the FY22 Proposed Budget of \$908,320,163 as presented. Director Allen seconded the motion.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes

Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

C. Policy Update

1. THIRD READING: Policy 510.01 - Students: Retention and Promotion

Superintendent Gothard then welcomed Chief of Staff, Cedrick Baker, to present the Policy Update presentation.

The rationale for the changes to Policy 510.01 Students: Promotion and Retention were reviewed, as well as proposed updates.

The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

Chief Baker thanked Darren Ginther for this work on this policy.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:** None

**MOTION:** Director Foster moved to approve the third reading of Policy 510.01: Student Promotion, Retention, Acceleration and Program Design. Director Vue seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

2. SECOND READING: Policy 812.00 School Emergency Management

The rationale for the updates were shared, as well as the proposed updates to the current policy, and links to the current policy and proposed policy were also provided.

The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:** None

3. FIRST READING: Policy 619.00 Student Fundraising

The rationale for this proposal of this new policy were reviewed, as well as a thorough review of the eight sections of the policy. A draft of the proposed policy was also shared.



The full presentation can be found in the BoardBook.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:** None

**X. NEW BUSINESS** - None

**XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A. Information Requests & Responses

B. Items for Future Agendas

- Director Vue noted that at the past few meetings, there have been Public Comment speakers on the topic of solar energy in SPPS. The Board has received information from Facilities on this work, but would like to learn more, and suggested it as a possible agenda item at a future meeting.
- Director Allen requested information on the outcomes from summer programs.

C. Board of Education Reports/Communications

- Director Kopp highlighted the recent graduation ceremonies, and the individuality of each ceremony by school with its own traditions and energy. It was a privilege to be a part of these milestone events. She also provided an update on her work with Ramsey County League of Local Government and her service on their Executive Committee, including their collective work around mental health, and aligning resources across the city, county, school district, and where there are overlaps. She also noted her work with the Safe Routes to Schools Steering Committee, and the cross-collaboration across different departments in this work, as well as with our district partners. She hopes to hear more about their initiatives and programming in the future.
- Director Allen shared her experiences in attending the Highland Park Senior High walkout, and was reminded of the student leaders in our district and the importance of uplifting leadership for students and voices. She also noted the national holiday of Juneteenth and the events that occurred across the city, and is excited to learn more about how SPPS will incorporate and implement this holiday, including with the start of CDF Freedom Schools.
- Director Foster noted the graduation ceremonies and the educational journeys of our students. She noted the mental health of our students after this past year, and thanked our students, staff, and families for raising up our students to be confident young adults and successful in life. She also appreciated the report out of the celebrations of the team and recognitions and that every person in SPPS has a role in affecting the lives of our students. She also noted it is the first week of summer school, and Freedom Schools, and encouraged the community to remain cautious as we navigate in community, while continuing to uplift one another for the sake of our students, staff, and families in SPPS.
- Director Allen also noted that it is Gay Pride Week, and the ongoing and continued support for our students.

**XI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- July 20
- August 24
- September 21
- October 19

- November 16
- December 14
- January 4, 2022 | Annual Meeting | 6:05pm
- January 18, 2022
- February 22
- March 22
- April 19
- May 24
- June 7 | Special | Non-Renewals | 4:00pm
- June 21
- July 19
- August 23

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

- There is no Committee of the Board Meeting in July
- August 10
- September 7
- October 5
- November 9
- December 7
- January 4, 2022
- February 8
- March 8
- April 5
- May 10
- June 7
- August 10 (Wednesday)

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Director Foster moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Allen seconded the motion.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Kopp	Yes
Director Carrillo	Yes
Director Ellis	Absent
Director Foster	Yes
Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Vue	Yes
Director Allen	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 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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