

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

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Available via Live Stream at [www.spps.org/boe](http://www.spps.org/boe)**

**April 21, 2020  
4:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Marny Xiong, Chair.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board of Education: M. Xiong, J. Brodrick, C. Allen, J. Kopp, Z. Ellis, J. Foster  
S. Marchese arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Staff: Superintendent Gothard; Chuck Long, General Counsel; Cedrick Baker, Chief of Staff; Dave Watkins, Chief of Schools; Kate Wilcox-Harris, Chief Academic Officer; Kenyatta McCarty, Executive Director of Human Resources; Jim Vollmer, Assistant Director, Employee/Labor Negotiations; Kevin Burns, Director, Office of Communications; Kaying Thao, Board Administrator; Sarah Dahlke, Board Secretary

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Chair Xiong, and seconded by Director Ellis, to approve the order of the agenda.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Xiong	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Marchese	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes

**IV. MAIN AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Xiong and seconded by Mr. Brodrick that the Board of Education close the special meeting and continue the meeting as a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies, developments, discussion, and review of labor negotiation proposals for

**the Saint Paul Principals' Association bargaining unit, as allowed for by Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03, subd. 1.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Xiong	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Marchese	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes

The Board of Education and staff discussed the matter of labor negotiations for the Saint Paul Principals' Association bargaining unit.

**MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Xiong to conduct the remainder of this meeting as an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marchese.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Xiong	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Marchese	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: It was moved by Chair Xiong, and seconded by Director Foster, to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

Director Brodrick	Yes
Director Xiong	Yes
Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Marchese	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 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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