

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 25, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Ellis, Ms. Foster, Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Vue, Ms. Vanderwert, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Marchese, Superintendent Thein, Ms. Cameron, General Counsel, Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk and Ms. Newman, SEAB Representative

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board amend the Order of the Main Agenda to include under Old Business, Consideration of the Superintendent Contract. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board approve the Order of the Main Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marchese.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

IV. RECOGNITIONS

BF 30864 Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Employees and Departments

1. Michael Houston and Ong Xiong have been named finalists for the **2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year award**. Michael Houston is a math teacher at Harding Senior High School. Ong Xiong is a kindergarten teacher at Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet. Overall 11 teachers from across the state have been named finalists in the Education Minnesota's annual award. A panel of leaders in the areas of education, government and nonprofits selected the finalists

from a group of 37 semifinalists. The 2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year will be named on Sunday, May 7.

The Board offered their congratulations.

V. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board approve the Order of the Consent Agenda as published. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marchese.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of March 21, 2017
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education March 30, 2017
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education April 11, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of March 21, 2017, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education March 30, 2017 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education April 11, 2017 as published. Ms. Vanderwert seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee of the Board Meeting of April 11, 2017

Staff presented an **Update on the FY 18 Budget** followed by an discussion on the **Update to the FMP 5 Year Implementation Plan**. Facilities also brought in a demographer to discuss **SPPS Demographic and Enrollment Trends**.

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board accept the report on the April 11, 2017 Committee of the Board meeting and approve the minutes of the same as published. Ms. Foster seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes

Mr. Schumacher
Mr. Marchese

Yes
Yes

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Budget Update

FY 2017-18 GENERAL FUND PRELIMINARY BIG PICTURE

	FY 17 Adopted (in millions)	FY 18 Prelim. (in millions)	Difference
Revenue (Current law)	\$518.2	\$514.2	(\$4.0)
Use of Fund Balance	0	0	0
Expenditures	518.2	541.5	(23.3)
Balance	\$0	(\$27.3)	

FY 2017-18 GENERAL FUND FACTORS IMPACTING PROJECTED SHORTFALL

Item	Amount (in millions)
Inflationary impact of "rolling over" FY 16-17 budget "as is" without any changes	(\$23.3)
Net revenue decrease due to enrollment and Compensatory Education	(4.0)
Total Projected Shortfall (as of 2/19/17 - subject to change)	(\$27.3)

FY 17-18 GENERAL FUND AREA OF CONSIDERATION FOR REDUCTIONS PROGRAMS

- Reduced inflationary allocations
- Enrollment related service and staffing reductions
- Vacant positions, staff attrition/retirements, negotiated contracts
- Targeted and 2% reductions

SITES

- Eliminate one time FY 17 Board allocations of \$85/pupil and SSSC 2.0 program additions
- Enrollment related service/staffing reductions
- Vacant positions, staff attrition/retirements, negotiated contracts

FY 2017-18 school allocations were sent out on March 31 with meetings over the following two weeks, all school budgets were due back on April 24. Program allocations were sent out April 14 and are due back April 28.

GENERAL BUDGET INFORMATION

- The budget meets contractual obligations
- FY 18 Revenue budget is based on current law
- All schools do not receive the same amount of money per pupil because:
 - Some school funding is categorical (it has specific criteria on its spending)
 - Funding for Comp Ed and Title I follow the students on a one year delay (previous year's October 1 count)
 - Higher poverty schools have greater access to categorical dollars than lower poverty sites.
- School enrollment affects the dollars allocated.

FY 2017-18 POTENTIAL REVENUE INCREASES

- 1.25% formula increase (House) = \$4.0 million
- 2.0% formula increase (Governor) = \$6.3 million
- Special Ed State increase (Governor) = \$1.2 million
- QComp (or ATPPS) = up to \$9.0 million.

RESTORING FUNDING TO SITES AND PROGRAMS

- FY 18 Revenue budget was based on current law
- Legislative formula increase range is 1.25% - 2.0% (\$4.0 to \$6.3 million)

Administration recommended the District allocate an additional \$4.0 million to sites and programs (75% sites, 25% programs) at this time. This is the minimum increase outlined in Legislative formula increases.

The Superintendent extended his thanks to everyone who has worked on the budget. He indicated the Administrative team would look at options that have been brought forward and will make decisions on how to equitably share the dollars (\$3 million) to schools and (\$1 million) programs. He expressed hope there will be additional dollars from the State and if they become available those additional funds would go to the schools as well. Additionally, there will be fall adjustments based on actual enrollment figures and money has been set aside to address these. SPPS is working to put resources where they will do the most good as every dollar has a name on it (student, staff, program, etc.).

The Chief Financial Officer then reviewed the budget adoption calendar and asked for questions.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- A Board member indicated the Budget Finance Advisory Committee has provided an opportunity for its members to learn about where the district is going, discuss opportunities and use of revenues. He expressed an interest in increasing transparency to the community and providing information on a building level to those individual communities. He asked when specific building allocations would be available. Response: Over the next few days Administration will address allocations and changes that have occurred. Information will be provided to the Board when the additional allocation has been applied to each budget. The same applies to programs; though, staff noted, there is some restricted funding connected to some programs. This information should be available for the May 2 COB meeting.
- The same Board member asked about budget meetings at the building level indicating he wanted to be sure that schools offer opportunities for principals to present budget information to staff and community. He asked if input from communities has been taken into consideration in developing the budget. He again stressed the Board wants to be as transparent as possible in developing the budget. Response: The budget is a product of the collective work being done and due diligence has been conducted at all levels. It is expected that there is some type of collaboration on the budget in all schools.
- Another Board member indicated he was excited money is being allocated back to the schools and would like it to be equitable and impactful.

B. School Choice Season 2017-18 Lottery Results

The Chief Operating Officer reviewed the admission priorities:

- Pre-K (all Pre-K programs are given priority enrollment based on income guidelines, home language and/or special education.)
 - Community School Zone
 - Area
 - Regional
 - District
 - Out of District

• Elementary		
<u>Community</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>District</u>
Community School Zone	Regional	Reflecting St. Paul
Reflecting St. Paul	Reflecting St. Paul	Specific Employee Consideration
Specific Emp. Consider.	Specific Emp. Consider.	District
Area	District	Out of District

District
Out of District

Out of District

- Middle & High School
 - Magnet/Articulation
 - Area
 - Specific Employee Consideration
 - Regional
 - District
 - Out of District

The Chief Operating Officer (COO) indicated sibling preference trumps all in each category.

The Lottery was completed on March 24, 2017. 5,890 on-time applications participated (down some from last year). There were 2,683 reserved seats with guaranteed articulation through high school if desired. There were 925 late applications (651 were placed in school of choice).

- For the Kindergarten Lottery 1,627 participated (on-time and late), 91% of students placed received their first choice. 95% of students were placed (82 have no placement). What's next? Phone calls, site-based outreach, late applicants, managing incoming (waitlist, walk-ins, online and paper applications) and work with the Enrollment Task Force. If families choose for Pre-K they are guaranteed staying at that school for Kindergarten.
- For grades 1-12 Lottery, 3,525 students participated; 80% of students placed received their first or second choice.
- Pre-Kindergarten - 1,663 students participated, 77% of students were placed and there are 386 students on the waiting list.

Schools with waiting lists (does not include Pre-K) are:

- Elementary - JJ Hill (81), St. Anthony Park (59) and Nokomis (48)
When asked to elaborate she stated St. Anthony Park is near capacity and though it is being modified to accommodate programming it will still only accommodate current enrollment levels.
- K-8 - Capitol Hill (416) and Farnsworth (31)
The COO stated Capitol Hill is very popular but it does share space with another school and early childhood education. It could accommodate an additional 30-50 students but she stated as capacity is added to one school it does take the same numbers away from other schools. Farnsworth is near capacity.
- Middle - Highland Park Middle (94) and Open (Grades 6-12) (135)
Highland Park Middle is near physical capacity. Open is very popular but the program is intentionally kept small and they do not want to change the size of the program. Teacher capacity could be added but that would need to be a collective decision.
- High School - Central (41), Washington (173) and Highland Park Senior (99).
It is anticipated the Central waiting list can be accommodated as they do have the physical space in the school to grow, they could also increase teacher capacity and stay within class size requirements. The COO noted enrollment space does need to be held to accommodate families coming into the district in July and August and this holds true for most schools. The Washington wait list will grow as they are at physical capacity in that building. Highland Park Senior is physically near limit and their list will also grow.

Reflecting St. Paul sites are: Capitol Hill, Chelsea Heights, Expo, Groveland Park, Horace Mann, Jie Ming Chinese Immersion, JJ Hill Montessori, L'Etoile du Nord, Nokomis South, Randolph Heights and St. Anthony Park. There were 2,166 seats available (20%). There are 253 available seats, 138 applicants, 95% of students placed received their first choice, 32%

of seats have been filled. Schools requested with no available seats include: Capitol Hill, Chelsea Heights, Expo, Groveland, JJ Hill, Nokomis South, Randolph Heights.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- Schools with wait lists, how many are classified as citywide magnets . Response: Washington, Open and Capitol Hill. Central has citywide component with French and German programs and is regional for IB.
- What schools get a bus from anywhere in city? Response: Highland for Spanish. French and German at Central. Farnsworth for aerospace.
- Do magnet schools have neighborhood preference? Response: Yes, Highland Middle & Senior, Central and Washington as well. JJ Hill is a regional magnet, Saint Anthony Park is a community school, Nokomis is a regional magnet. Farnsworth is citywide, Highland Park Middle and Open are citywide. Central is citywide for French and German and regional for IB. Washington is citywide for BioSmart and regional for Hmong studies as well as being community. Highland Park Senior is citywide for Chinese, Spanish, regional for IB and also community.
- In terms of Open school, is it neighborhood for the West Side? Response: As we look at families who have applied and received acceptance, the majority of families in the neighborhood made it into Open. We are aware the West Side has an interest in having neighborhood preference, this is currently not the case.
- A Board member noted there is a sense of urgency to overcome the perception that the West Side is not prospering as it should in its relationship with SPPS.
- He also noted with regard to neighborhood preference that Capitol Hill had originally received a promise that there would be neighborhood preference for the school. When SPPS moved into its SSSC strategic plan and its changes in placement criteria Capitol Hill lost that preference. He suggested the Board may want to look at that; to think about Capitol Hill and Open having neighborhood preferences. He also noted some neighborhood schools are finding it difficult to compete with magnet and regional schools. He noted SPPS needs to make all schools “star” schools.
- The Chair stated these issues might be better addressed in additional conversation in a COB meeting or work session. This is part of the larger conversation about school options/school choice.
- Schools with waiting lists – are they projected to be at capacity and are they being enrolled at capacity? Response: There is not one school in the district with a 100% retention rate, we project some schools will lose some students. We try to get as close to capacity as we can.
- So SPPS could, in theory, fill schools from waiting lists? Response: That does not always work in practice as families may not want that seat at that time and we need to balance the budgets. If those spaces are filled revenue moves from one school to another. In filling seats we need to consider where that will remove capacity. SPPS has to keep all schools running, we do not have the option of funding particular schools with resources; we must fund them all. Most schools within SPPS are within 95-98% of teacher capacity.
- Right now as the choice process is done there is the opportunity to fill every seat at every school that has demand. Response: We cannot assume a net increase in enrollment by maxing out at schools where there is demand.
- Every student coming into the district accrues money to the district. Response: As an example, Central has 41 on the wait list – if there are only 20 seats left, based on the lottery system some of those students may already have seats at other high schools. If we can't get to students from outside the city for enrollment we may need to reconsider priorities. SPPS does plan to get as close to teacher capacity as it can. The class size max makes it difficult to grow schools. SPPS will accommodate as many students as it can, it will push to max with teacher capacity and accommodate as many as it can from the wait lists.
- It is not a question of capacity, we need to get as many children who want a school into that school. Concern was expressed about knowing when SPPS is maxing out magnet schools regionally and citywide. When will that be reported back to the Board?

Response: As we look at enrollment and if we want to allow all students to go where they want, there will be winners and losers in schools. SPPS would need to be prepared to shutter, combine or close schools. You need to decide where/how you want to go - as this moves forward SPPS will need to make choices about what it no longer wants in the system. There is finesse involved in budgeting and placing schools. We try to push the envelope to make spaces available to families. We want successful programs to continue to be successful. Staff looks at ways to get kids into schools. Administration will come back in June with recommendations, ideas and an updated report.

C. Human Resource Transactions

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved approval of the HR Transactions for the period March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017. Ms. Ellis seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

The Chair announced Cedric Baker will be coming on as Board Administrator and that Ms. Her is leaving. He extended the Board's thanks for her good work

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board approve all items on the Consent Agenda as published. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foster.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

A. Gifts

BF30865 West St. Paul Commercial Club Gift for Humboldt Scholarship Donation 2017
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept the \$7,000 gift from the West St. Paul Commercial Club and provide a letter expressing appreciation for the gift.

B. Grants

BF30866 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation to purchase sports equipment at Como Park Senior High School; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF30867 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Caring Tree Program of the Kids in Need Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the Kids in Need Foundation for school supplies for students experiencing homelessness in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 30868 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant to the Minnesota Department of Education – 21st Century Community Learning Center, Cohort 7 Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the Minnesota Department of Education for funds for cohort 7 of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Program; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 30869 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant to the Minnesota Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to Minnesota State Colleges & Universities for funds to expand CTE programming in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 30870 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union for funds to conduct ornithological research at Murray Middle School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 30871 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the NEA Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the NEA Foundation to fund a garden and outdoor classroom at Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet Academy; and to implement the project as specified in the award document.

BF 30872 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the National Writing Project

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the National Writing Project's LRNG Innovation Challenge for funds to launch a Creativity and Innovation Center at Harding Senior High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 30873 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the National Writing Project

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the National Writing Project's LRNG Innovation Challenge for funds to develop curriculum for student inquiry in the sciences and digital technologies at Ramsey Middle School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 30874 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant to Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless to school supplies and hygiene items for use with SPPS families experiencing homelessness; to accept the grant if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 30875 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from Rutgers University

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from Rutgers University to improve staff capacity around electronic records in SPPS; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents

BF 30876 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from Search Institute
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from Search Institute to improve student perseverance and character in SPPS; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Contracts

BF30877 Request for Permission to Enter into a Contract with Right Track to Provide Jobs and/or Internships for Youth Career Connect (YCC) Students
That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211626-A New K-8 School RiverEast to the lowest responsible bidder.

D. Agreements - None

E. Administrative Items

BF 30878 Recommendations for Exclusion of Students in Non-Compliance with Minnesota Statute 123.70 Health Standards: Immunizations
That the Board of Education excludes the named students from school effective April 27, 2017, should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunizations on or before this date.

BF 30879 Salary Schedule Change for ECFE Coordinator
That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve the salary schedule change for the ECFE Coordinator effective December 9, 2016; that the Board of Education declare that the upgrade be applied to the current incumbent on the effective date of the change.

BF 30880 Monthly Operating Authority
That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period February 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017.

General Account	#672080-673681	\$32,228,215.45
	#0002402-0002449	
	#7002170-7002224	
	#0001430-0001468	
Debt Service	-0-	\$29,329,261.56
Construction	-0-	<u>\$1,315,202.28</u>
		<u>\$62,872,679.29</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$38,231,079.90 and overtime of \$183,657.54 or 0.48% of payroll.

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 July 31, 2017.

F. Bids

BF 30881 RFP #A2088827-A Amendment of Request for Prime Vendor Groceries

That the Board of Education authorize the amendment of RFP #A208827-A to increase the dollar amount of the contract with Indianhead Foodservice Distributor by \$1,000,000 to a total of \$5,500,000 for furnishing and delivery of groceries.

BF 30882 Bid No. A210939-A Linwood Monroe – Upper Major Building Renovation
That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A210939-A Linwood Monroe – Upper Major Building Renovation project to Shaw Lundquist for the lump sum base bid plus alternate 1 for \$18,439,000.00.

BF 30883 Bid No. A211023-A Linwood Monroe Arts Plus – Lower Building Addition
That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211023-A Linwood Monroe Arts Plus – Lower Building Addition project to Donlar Construction for the lump sum base bid plus alternates 2,3,4,5 for \$19,798,000.00.

BF 30884 Request for Proposal No. A211038-A Contract for Facilities Cleaning Assessment Services
That the Board of Education authorize award of Request for Proposal No. A211038-A contract for Facilities Cleaning Assessment Services for a three year period beginning July 1, 2017 to the best value proposer, Dalco Enterprises, Inc. for an estimated annual cost of \$800,000.00.

BF 30885 Bid No. A211150-A Rondo Education Center Partial Flooring Replacement – REVISED
That the Board of Education ratify the award of Bid No. A211150-A Rondo Education Center Partial Flooring Replacement to Schreiber Mullaney Construction for the lump sum base bid plus alternates 1 & 2 for the revised value of \$641,719.00.

BF 30886 RFP #A211174-A Petite Bananas
That the Board of Education authorize the award of RFP # A211174-A to Russ Davis Wholesale, Inc. for furnishing and delivery of petite bananas for the period of September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for an estimated value of \$245,000.

BF 30887 Rescission of Authorization of Award on Bid No. A211214-A Adams Spanish Immersion School Renovation and Addition
That the Board of Education rescind the authorization of award of Bid No. A211214-A Adams Spanish Immersion School Renovation and Addition to Bal-Tech for the lump sum base bid for \$39,000.00.

BF 30888 Bid No. A211481-A, Sale of District iPads
That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211481-A Sale of District iPads to the highest bidder My Fav Electronics, Inc for approximate price of \$4,896,667.50.

BF 30889 Bid No. A211487-A Como Senior High School Field - REVISED
That the Board of Education authorize the revised award of Bid No. A211487-A Como Senior High School Field project to Peterson Company for the lump sum base bid plus alternate 2 for \$1,383,000.00.

BF 30890 Bid No. A211596-A St. Anthony Park Addition and Remodel
That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211596-A St. Anthony Park Addition and Remodel project to Century Construction for the lump sum base bid plus alternate 1 for \$490,275.00.

BF 30891 Bid No. A211597-A St. Anthony Park Addition and Remodel
That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211597-A St. Anthony Park Addition and Remodel project to B&D for the lump sum base bid plus alternate 1 for \$819,800.00.

BF 30892 Bid No. A211598-A St. Anthony Park Addition and Remodel
That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211598-A St. Anthony Park Addition and Remodel project to S&J Glass Inc. for the lump sum base bid for \$598,600.00.

BF 30893 Bid No. A211599-A Adams Spanish Immersion School Renovation and Addition

That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211599-A Adams Spanish Immersion School Renovation and Addition project to Commercial Flooring Services, LLC for the lump sum base bid for \$652,325.00.

BF 30894 Bid No. A211600-A Adams Spanish Immersion School Renovation and Addition

That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211600-A Adams Spanish Immersion School Renovation and Addition project to Steenberg-Watrud Construction, LLC for the lump sum base bid for \$1,084,423.00.

BF 30895 Bid No. A211626-A New K-8 School RiverEast

That the Board of Education authorize the award of Bid No. A211626-A New K-8 School RiverEast project to Northern Glass & Glazing, Inc. for the lump sum base bid for \$596,000.00.

BF 30896 Adams Spanish Immersion School Portables, Lunchroom & Atrium

That the Board of Education authorize award of the Adams Spanish Immersion School Portables, Lunchroom & Atrium bid to RAK Construction Inc. for the lump sum base bid for \$159,132.00.

X. OLD BUSINESS

BF 30899 Approval of Employment Contract for Joseph Gothard as SPPS Superintendent

The Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education announced it has reached a verbal agreement with Dr. Joseph Gothard to become the next superintendent of Saint Paul Public Schools. Details of the agreement were finalized on April 25 and the three-year contract will be signed later in the week. Dr. Gothard will begin in his role on July 1. His base salary will be \$232,000 and will include a business allowance. There will be a potential for performance bonuses in the next two years beginning in 2018. His contract also includes medical and dental coverage. There is not a residency requirement included, but if Dr. Gothard decides to move to the City of Saint Paul within the next 18 months, he will be offered one-time assistance with moving his household goods. The contract will be made public when it has been signed.

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the SPPS Board of Education approve the employment contract for Joseph Gotthard as SPPS Superintendent for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellis.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

B. SECOND READING: Policy 501.03 -- STUDENT DRESS CODE

C. SECOND READING: Policy 801.01 -- BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: NAME SELECTION

Staff reviewed the changes made to each policy. No action is necessary at the second reading.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

BF 30897 Resolution Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$15,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2017A

Resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale of \$15,000,000 general obligation school building bonds, series 2017a; covenanting and obligating the district to be bound by and use the provisions of Minnesota statutes, section 126c.55 to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds. Whereas, the School Board of Independent School District Number 625, Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "District") has heretofore determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$15,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2017A (the "Bonds") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 and pursuant to Laws of Minnesota, 2007, Regular Session, Chapter 146, Article 4, Sections 12 and 13, as amended by Laws of Minnesota, 2013, Chapter 116, Article 6, Section 8, to finance the acquisition and betterment of school facilities; and whereas, the District desires to use the prov1s10n of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to take advantage of the State guarantee program. Whereas, the District has retained Springsted Incorporated, in Saint Paul, Minnesota ("Springsted"), as its independent financial advisor and is therefore authorized to sell the Bonds by a competitive negotiated sale in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9).

BF 30898 Resolution Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$25,965,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2017B

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District Number 625, Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "District") has heretofore determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$25,965,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2017B (the "Certificates") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 and Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.40, Subdivision 1, to finance the acquisition and construction of a facility to provide early childhood education services; and whereas, the District has retained Springsted Incorporated, in Saint Paul, Minnesota ("Springsted"), as its independent financial advisor and is therefore authorized to sell the Certificates by a competitive negotiated sale in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9); and whereas, the Department of Treasury has promulgated final regulations governing the use of proceeds of tax exempt bonds, all or a portion of which are to be used to reimburse the District for project expenditures made by the District prior to the date of issuance of such bonds. Those regulations (Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2) (the "Regulations") require that the District adopt a statement of official intent to reimburse an original expenditure not later than 60 days after payment of the original expenditure. The Regulations also generally require that the Certificates be _ issued and the reimbursement allocation made from the proceeds of the Certificates within 18 months after the later of the date the expenditure is paid or the date the project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date the expenditure is paid. The Regulations generally permit reimbursement of capital expenditures and costs of issuance of the Certificates.

The Springsted representative stated the sale would occur on May 16 at 10 am. Two resolutions are being presented; a general obligation bond which is a tax exempt bond under special legislation for the District allowing for \$15 million in bonds for projects approved on the FMP. The second is a Certificate of Participation (COP) which, under Minnesota statute, allows principal and interest to come from lease levy revenue. The general obligation bond is backed by the Minnesota Credit Enhanced Program under which the State credit rating on bonds transfers to the district. The risk is very low on these bonds allowing for good interest rates. The COP is an annual appropriation and is considered slightly more risky in the market. It is, however, common to districts and generally also finds lower interest rates. The week of May 1 will see rating calls between SPPS and S&P and Moody's. The bonds will go out for competitive bids on May 16. Closing on both and issuance of revenue will occur on June 16. If there is any reason to stop one or both and pull it, the district is not out anything in stopping the sale.

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the Board approved the Resolution Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$15,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2017A and the Resolution Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$25,965,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2017B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brodrick.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. Information Requests & Responses - None
- B. Items for Future Agendas - None
 - Continuation of discussion on school choice (June COB?)
 - Update on school start times - this is scheduled for July when new superintendent starts.
 - Conversation re SROs and how things going prior to next renewal.
- C. Board of Education Reports/Communications - None

XIII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Board of Education Meetings (6:05 unless otherwise noted)
 - May 16
 - June 13 - Non-Renewals - 4:00 p.m.
 - June 20
 - July 11
 - August 15
 - September 19
 - October 17
 - November 14
 - December 19
 - January 9, 2018 - Annual Meeting 4:30 p.m.
 - January 23
 - February 20
 - March 20
 - April 24
 - May 22
 - June 12- Special (Non-Renewals)
 - June 19
 - July 17
 - August 21
- B. Committee of the Board Meetings (4:30 unless otherwise noted)
 - May 2
 - June 13 - 4:45 p.m.
 - July 11
 - September 12
 - October 3
 - November 7
 - December 5
 - January 9, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.
 - February 6
 - March 6
 - April 10
 - May 8
 - June 12
 - July 17

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Schumacher moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Ms. Ellis.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Ellis	Yes
Ms. Foster	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes

Mr. Vue	Yes
Ms. Vanderwert	Yes
Mr. Schumacher	Yes
Mr. Marchese	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 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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