

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE Pay 2013 PROPERTY TAX LEVY
December 4, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Brodrick, Ms. Street-Stewart, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Doran,
Ms. Seeba, Mr. Hardy, Ms. O'Connell, Superintendent Silva and Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk

III. ORDER OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Street-Stewart moved approval of the Order of the Agenda. Mr. Hardy
seconded the motion:

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Ms. Doran	Yes
Ms. Seeba	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes

A. Public Hearing on Saint Paul Public Schools Pay 2013 Property Tax Levy

The Deputy for Schools and Business Operations stated he was providing an update on the status of the Pay 13 levy for the benefit of the public hearing.

Key developments since the initial levy presentation in September include:

- Voters approved the SPPS referendum ballot
- The Minnesota Department of Education has issued a new calculation for the levy with the latest adjustments, including the new referendum
- The new State authorized levy shows a 10% increase in total levy over Pay 12 and
- SPPS limited their levy to the referendum increased or 6.1% honoring the Board's promise to "hold the line" on levy.

A chart was provided showing the changes in the following areas: Certified Pay 12, BOE proposed Pay 13 (without the referendum), the MDE calculated Pay 13 with the referendum and the recommendation for the final certified Pay 13 levy amount of \$133,719,340 or a 6.1% increase.

Another chart provided projections on the Pay 13 tax increase (with the referendum included) on various estimated market values for homes. Ramsey County calculates property taxes, bills, collects these taxes, and distributes the payments.

The presentation concluded and time was provided for comments from the public.

B. Public Hearing Participants:

- Greg Copeland

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: **Ms. Seeba moved the Special Board Meeting adjourn, seconded by Ms. Carroll.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Ms. Doran	Yes
Ms. Seeba	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Marilyn Polsfuss
Assistant Clerk