

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 19, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Directors Hardy, O'Connell, Brodrick, Street-Stewart, Carroll and Risberg, Superintendent Silva, Mr. Lalla, General Counsel and Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk.

ABSENT: Director Kong-Thao

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

A. Order of the Consent Agenda

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, approval of the consent agenda with the exception of Items C2 Contract with Legislative Liaison; D1 Approval to Enter into an Agreement with AVID Center and F1 Bid A9445-K Pupil Transportation for the 2011-2012 School Year which were pulled for separate consideration.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Absent
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Risberg	Yes

B. Order of the Main Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved approval of the main agenda as published. Motion was seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of June 21, 2011

MOTION: Mr. Hardy moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of June 21, 2011. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee of the Board Meeting of June 28, 2011

The first item on the agenda was a discussion on the Policy on Dangerous Weapons Relative to Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. (JROTC)

The purpose of the discussion was to determine if the Board would consider making an amendment to the Student Handbook that would address the use of Daisy Drill Rifles for JROTC practice and competition. Currently, the use of the drill rifle would be in contradiction to the Student Handbook under the Violations and Potential Interventions, Possession/Use of a Dangerous Weapon Other Than a Firearm, (6) any replica firearm, BB gun or pellet gun.

The Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools provided background on the JROTC Program and the Drill Rifle Program which is fully funded by the Department of Defense with no cost to SPPS.

Following extended discussion on the issues the following motion was made:

MOTION: That the Board of Education amend Policy 903.00, Dangerous Weapons, Firearms, with an exception, based on the models provided, permitting drill weapons for the Junior Reserve Office Training Corps (JROTC). It should include a specific reference to the Daisy Drill Rifle and be followed by a statement that any violations with the weapons or threats of violence must be reported to the Superintendent and failure to report such would be subject to disciplinary action.

Ms. Carroll indicated she was voting against this item as she objected to amending the policy.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	No
Mr. Risberg	Yes

The Chair stated a motion had been made at the COB meeting conducted earlier in the evening (July 19) and that action would be taken on it at this time.

MOTION: That the Board approve the revised language provided (*Facsimile/non-functional drill weapons for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), used, stored and handled in accordance with approved procedures*) and that the revised policy containing the new language be brought to the August Board of Education meeting for its first reading. Motion seconded by Mr. Risberg.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Abstain
Mr. Risberg	Yes

A directive as made to administration that SPPS implement an annual evaluation process of Policy 903.00 within the procedure specific to it. It was requested that the monitoring specifically include community concerns.

The second item on the agenda was Bullying

The discussion was framed within Minnesota Law and it was noted that the SPPS's policy is one of policies in the State that is best aligned and most broadly representative of State law being more inclusive of all types of bullying with consequences stated for various levels of bullying along with a requirement to report all types of bullying for staff and students.

The issues were addressed from several perspectives; that of the Lead Social Worker, Counselors at elementary, middle and secondary levels along with professional development on the issues. The discussion also encompassed Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

A list of items for discussion at future COB meetings was developed by Board members.

Under the Standing Item: Strong Schools, Strong Community Update/Program Changes an **Update on Action Teams** was provided.

There was no report relative to the Standing Item: Policy Update.

The Work Session addressed the new access procedures at 360.

MOTION: Mr. Risberg moved the Board of Education accept the report on the Committee of the Board Meeting of June 28, 2011. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Jon Kerr – Spoke regarding the Cherokee Pool indicating the community would like to work with the District to find ways to keep pool open.
- B. Bill Wederbrand – Spoke about the impact of the most recent transportation bids on First Student Bus Drivers
- C. Anna Botz – Spoke on the Cherokee Heights Pool and the Baker Recreation Center indicating she hoped the Board would work toward accomplishing a Joint Powers Agreement between SPPS and the Baker Community Center.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Debriefing on Legislative Session
She indicated a special session had been called today to end the shut down. The K-12 bill had not been posted at the time of the Board meeting but information is beginning to come in on its content. When the final bill is posted it will be placed on the SPPS website as well. It is known there will be a 60/40 payment shift with enough additional money provided to cover the cost of the borrowing. The principal/teacher evaluation piece will be included in some form. She indicated the provision for Achievement Plus and Promise Neighborhood Schools transport should passed allowing for ½ mile transportation for five SPPS schools.
- B. Summer School Update
The Superintendent indicated the summer session had gone very well. There was a daily attendance of 3,786 kids in elementary, 1,600 in middle and 3,600 in high school for a total of about 8,700. There were also 234 students at LEAP Academy High School, 141 at Gordon

Parks and 81 students who took night classes. There were 27 buildings open with approximately 1,000 staff working to provide instruction, food service, support, etc. during summer school. There was a new curriculum in elementary which was an applied math project so the students would work in creating and doing. It was piloted in grades 3-6 with the students working in teams to come up with a product at the end of the curriculum. The amount of writing done by students was also increased in order to improve their abilities in that area. A survey was provided to staff and students in order to find ways to further enhance the summer school experience.

Thanks were extended to everyone who participated in summer school for providing the opportunity for students to get an additional 17 days of instruction.

Director Hardy indicated he worked in tutoring for a student at one of the summer school sessions. He indicated it was a great opportunity to help students and encouraged other to take the opportunity.

C. School Year 2010-2011 Year-In Review

This portion of the Superintendent's report provided points to celebrate through efforts made in the 2010-11 school year. These included:

- **August 2010**
 - SPPS held its first-ever summer graduation , with 60 students graduating.
 - Preparations ensured the successful opening of school and included five school co-locations.
- **September 2010**
 - Enrollment exceeded projections by 400 students. For the first time in five years, the district bested its projections, generating an additional \$2 million in revenue, which went directly to schools.
 - The district successfully expanded the MAP testing to all schools. Data helps teachers adjust and improve instruction, while making PLCs (professional learning communities) more effective.
- **October 2010**
 - Through the use of innovation in ALC funding, the district continued its instrumental music program, growing and diversifying its enrollment. More than 1,300 students participated in instrumental music.
- **November 2010**
 - For the first time, the district offered Saturday Extended Learning Opportunities; two sessions, November and January, served more than 360 students.
 - The Broad Foundation cited SPPS as one of 16 large urban districts from around the county for its success in serving Hispanic students.
- **December 2010**
 - The fifth heaviest snowfall on state record forced schools to be closed for two days, a tough, but necessary, decision to ensure student safety.
 - A unique partnership among schools, funders and the City resulted in a significant planning grant for Promise Neighborhood.
- **January 2011**
 - The district held its annual Parent Info Fair, welcoming even higher attendance and debuting its new online school choice application.
 - The new strategic plan, Strong Schools, Strong Communities launched.
- **February 2011**
 - The district engaged with the community in more than 40 large group meetings on the Strong Schools plan. More than 3,100 people attended, including almost 1,000 parents whose first language is not English.
- **March 2011**
 - With broad community support, the Strong Schools plan passed by unanimous school board vote.

- Superintendent Silva joined Mayor Chris Coleman to launch Sprockets, out-of-school-time local learning opportunities, which connect families through an interactive website.
- **April 2011**
 - City and State officials stood together in defense of funding for city students in the face of severe legislative cuts.
 - The Obama Administration cited SPPS in the April 27, 2011 report Winning the Future: Improving Education for the Latino Community as an example of a school district showing progress in delivering ELL services.
- **May 2011**
 - The district expanded PAR (Peer Assistance Review) Program in partnership with St. Paul Federation of Teachers.
 - Business partnerships raised \$4.3 million in 2010-11, including:
 - **Target:** Library Remodel
 - **Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi:** Obama Prep
 - **Travelers:** Leadership Training and AVID
 - **3M:** STEM Programs
 - **Ecolab:** Humboldt High School.
- **June 2011**
 - District administration presented a balanced budget, which closed a \$24 million shortfall. A new central allocation system meant funding directly to schools increased by \$7 million. A three-tier transportation system saved \$2.4 million.
 - The Parent Academy awarded 172 parents with certificates for completing the seven-week course. The program will expand to 20 sites next year.
- **Looking Ahead: Priorities for the 2011-12 School Year include:**
 - Implementation of Strong Schools, Strong Communities in partnership with schools and community. Expand Cultural Proficiency training to schools.
 - Additional hour of instruction and reduced walk zone at Achievement Plus schools.

The Board expressed appreciation for the format and content of the presentation and encouraged administration to find ways to make the public aware of these accomplishments.

The Superintendent reviewed the creation of the SSSC Implementation Teams expressing gratitude for the commitment from the community to work with the school district to find ways to address various areas of the strategic plan and how to move forward to achieve them. She stated there is a true representation across all teams of community members, staff, business leaders, teachers, churches, etc.

She discussed “Beacon” schools which are pilot schools that will go deeper into the work on cultural proficiency training.

Regarding the Center for Professional Development, a focus group was established to inform administration about what was needed in professional development. The Center has been reorganized according to the SSSC vision and according to what the needs are in the organization. Staff identified the area of racial equity as a critical need in the district.

B. Human Resource Transactions

MOTION: Ms. O’Connell moved the Board of Education approved the Human Resource Transactions for the period June 1, 2011 through June 27, 2011. That it approve the appointment of the following individual to a Superintendency position, Dr. Efe Agbamu, Director of ELL effective August 15, 2011 and accept the following principal placements for 2011-12: Astein Osei, Principal, Johnson Senior High and Patricia Murphy, Principal, Gordon Parks Evening High School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:
Mr. Hardy Yes

Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Risberg	Yes

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved approval of all Consent Agenda Items as published with the exception of Items C2 Contract with Legislative Liaison; D1 Approval to Enter into an Agreement with AVID Center and F1 Bid A9445-K Pupil Transportation for the 2011-2012 School Year which were pulled for separate consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Hardy.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

A. Gifts

BF 28737 Acceptance of Portable Radios from Ramsey County Homeland Security and Emergency Management

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow the Department of Security and Emergency Management to accept this gift from Ramsey County Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

BF 28738 Gift Acceptance from South Washington County Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Washington Technology Magnet School to accept a monetary gift from the South Washington County School District 833 to be used as designated. The total gift of \$5,000.00 will be deposited into the Washington Technology Magnet School intra-school account, 191-252-000-000-5096-0000.

B. Grants

BF 28739 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Safe Routes to Schools Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Safe Routes to Schools Program to greatly improve the safety and the ability of children to walk and bicycle to school. The project will increase bicycle-parking capabilities, provide clearer markings for pedestrian crossings, and expand an existing sidewalk. SPPS will partner with Metropolitan Council for the project; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28740 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the St. Paul Children's Collaborative to Provide the St. Paul Freedom School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant of \$62,901 for 2011 summer programming from the St. Paul Children's Collaborative to provide space at Capitol Hill Magnet School, provide breakfast and lunch to the students and contract with the St. Paul Area Council of Churches to provide the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School to 120 students in St. Paul during ALC summer school; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Contracts

BF 28741 Request for Permission for Saint Paul Public Schools Adult Basic Education Program to Enter into a Contract with the Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota.

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota to provide SPPS ABE instructional and support services to adult learners participating in the Medical Career Pathway Program.

BF 28742 Request for Permission for Saint Paul Public Schools Adult Basic Education Program to Enter into a Contract with Ramsey County WorkForce Solutions

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the WorkForce Solutions to provide ABE instructional and support services to adult learners participating in the Emergency Medical Service Career Pathway Program.

BF 28743 Request Permission to Enter into a Contract with the Minnesota Literacy Council on behalf of the Saint Paul Literacy Consortium for 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the Minnesota Literacy Council on behalf of the Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium to provide coordinated delivery of training for volunteer programs and assist with management of member services for the 2011-12 fiscal year at the cost of \$170,445 to be accounted for in budget 04-005-520-322-6305-8522.

BF 28744 Racial Equity Training

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Pacific Education Group. The total cost for services will be paid from 29-005-216-470-6303/6304-2643

D. Agreements

BF 28745 Request for Permission of Board of Education to Enter Into a Service Agreement with EDmin

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with EDmin to provide Data Zone. The total cost for services will be paid from the Title II budget #29-005-204-414-6305-4430.

BF 28746 Agreement with the Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seal Society of Minnesota

That the Board of Education enter into the 2011-12 agreement with Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seal Society of Minnesota to provide work adjustment training/placement of selected special education students using Goodwill facilities for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The agreement amount of \$150,000 will be funded from an existing Special Education General Fund Budget 01-608-380-835-6393-0000.

BF 28747 Ratification of Lease Agreement with Lifetrack Resources, Inc. for the East Side Community Center

That the Board of Education ratify execution by the Chief Business Officer of a Lease Agreement between the District and Lifetrack Resources, Inc. for lease of space at the East Side Community Center to Lifetrack Resources, Inc. for the term July 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012, for monthly rent of Two Thousand Two Hundred Four and 30/100 Dollars (\$2,204.30) and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

E. Administrative Items

BF 28748 REVISED - Integrated Workplace Management System (IWMS) Software

That the Board of Education authorizes the purchase of Integrated Work Order Management System software, TRIRIGA, per Request for Proposal No. A9441-K to eCIFM, Inc for \$273,015.00 to purchase the software, license and support fees for the first year, provide for the implementation of the TRIRIGA system by eCIFM, and for ongoing costs to license, maintain and support the software for as long as the District owns the software.

BF 28749 Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period June 1 – June 30, 2011.

(a) General Account	#489632-491342	\$53,002,010.37
	#3015679-3015810	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	1,509,188.75
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>1,967,713.71</u>
		<u>\$56,478,912.83</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$33,094,751.86 and overtime of \$107,439.53.

(d) Collateral Changes

Custodian	Cusip	Security	Maturity
US Bank	318PRLP2	FHLMC Gold Pool J12134	5/1/2025

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 October 18, 2011 .

BF 28750 Name Change of Current Open School to Journeys Secondary School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to change the name of the current Open School to the Journeys Secondary School.

F. Bids

BF 28751 Bid No. A9472-K: General Service Contract for Interactive White Boards and Related Equipment District-wide

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9472-K for a general services contract for purchase and installation of Interactive White Boards and Related Equipment to Peoples Electric Co. Inc. for Unit Prices 1 through 11 for a two year contract period.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

BF 28752 Contract with Legislative Liaison

Director Hardy indicated he had pulled this item because, despite his appreciation for the work accomplished, he was planning to vote no on this item.

Director Carroll extended thanks for the work accomplished by the Legislative Liaison and her ability reach out to so many other organizations in order to advance issues that benefit SPPS students.

MOTION: Ms Carroll moved that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Mary Dougherty Gilbert to provide legislative services to the District for a period of twenty four (24) months beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013 for the stated amount. Motion seconded Ms. O'Connell.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Hardy	No
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes

Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Risberg	Yes

BF 28753 Approval to Enter into an Agreement with AVID Center

Director Hardy indicated he had pulled this item in order to highlight AVID’s ability to address the educational equity gap. He extended his thanks to Dr. Fry, her administrative team, the building leaders and teachers on their implementation of the program.

The Superintendent noted that 99% of AVID students graduate.

MOTION: Director O’Connell moved the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with AVID Center for the continued implementation of the AVID program at the secondary level and at the elementary level. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. O’Connell	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Risberg	Yes

BF 28754 Bid A9445-K Pupil Transportation for the 2011-2012 School Year

Director Hardy expressed his appreciation for the background the Board had received. He stated he felt there should be some public discussion because of the streamlining of the routes. He specifically desired a conversation on the process for bids and how choices are made for carriers along with the evaluation process for carriers and the service they provide.

The CBO restated the question for clarity as an explanation of the process of selection and of evaluation. He indicated staff go through a very deliberate bid process focused on routes and what routes are needed for the academic year. Several things are taken into consideration (1) Maximizing the routes and the cost to run them, (2) The current financial situation and what guidance there is from the budget to produce savings within that budget and (3) Aligning the optimum solution to achieve that goal while at the same time ensuring there is full, safe coverage for students.

The Director of the Department of Transportation was called on to provide additional detail on the process. He indicated they publish detailed specifications including actual routes to be run for the following year. Contractors fine tune their bids based on terminal locations, service outside St. Paul, etc. The bids are opened and analyzed in great detail. Each contractor will cap the number of buses for bids. Staff then conducts a very complex multiple regression analysis of the bids ending with a recommendation being made that is in the best financial interest of the district. This is then brought to the Board.

In regard to evaluation of contractors, a compliance audit is done of each contractor in the spring. This includes a review of personnel files, summary data on drug and alcohol analysis is reviewed, a random selection of driver qualification files are reviewed, training received by drivers is reviewed, checks are made to ensure licensing is in place and that terminal staff are qualified under Federal regulations to assess drug and alcohol impairment.

Operational performance records are kept on each contractor by the Transportation Department. Overall contractor performance is very good. Problems are addressed as they arise.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- The Board received a five year history of contract bids, a trend was noted where routes are taken away and/or added. Is that based primarily on competitive bid or are there other reasons? Response: It is primarily due to competition. The District fosters competition with its annual bids in order to have one contractor take over the routes and then raise prices. The variation in route assignment is due to competition and low bid.
- When there is a new bidder, is that to ensure the District has the most competitive bids so the District proactively seeks new bidders? Response: The new bidder this year has approached the District in the past. They are not one the District has contacted though the District has contacted carriers in the past. This group is the fifth largest contractor in the country and they do meet all of the District's standards.
- In the past there was concern about the dominance of bus routes by a single carrier at that time; however as the markets have changed competition has created more funds which are available to go into classrooms. Per Board direction a number of years ago the District has gathered information on turnover, health care, etc. What is looked at and when in the process? Response: The District requires a number of documents as part of the bid process, particularly from new carriers. Carriers are asked to submit recruitment and retention plans to ensure they can provide sufficient drivers and can retain experienced drivers. Given the cost of training, carriers make efforts to retain their experienced drivers. SPPS also looks at turnover rates and these have been relatively low. For the most part, the drivers are highly experienced and there is competition for drivers among the carriers.

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to award basic routes to the indicated low available bidders conforming to the Specifications for Bid and accept the rates for Additional Service, Hourly Rate Service, and Field Trip Service as bid with the utilization to be made based upon the availability of equipment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IX. OLD BUSINESS
BF 28755

Resolution Accepting Bid on Sale of \$16,695,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2011C, Providing for Their Issuance and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof

The representative from Springsted was called upon to provide an update on the bond sale which occurred earlier in the day. She indicated it was a strong sale with eight bidders for the SPPS refunding. Robert Baird and Co. won the bid with an interest rate of 2.48% which will provide a future savings to taxpayers of over \$1.6 million. She noted the strong credit rating given to SPPS by Moody's and S & P is recognized in the industry. She also indicated Moody's and S&P will be making a visit to the Twin Cities next year and would like to include SPPS in that visit.

MOTION: Ms Carroll moved the Board of Education approve the Resolution Accepting Bid on Sale of \$16,695,000 General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2011C, Providing for Their Issuance and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof. Motion seconded by Ms. O'Connell.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

X. NEW BUSINESS - None

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Information Requests & Responses - None

B. Items for Future Agendas - None

C. Board of Education Reports/Communications

Director Hardy provided a report on his attendance at the recent Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Issues Forum. He reviewed some of the issues facing school boards across the country, the value of membership in CUBE, a brief overview on common core standards implementation and the need to increase student mentors from colleges who come into high schools to encourage students to graduate and go on to higher education experiences. He also noted the value of community liaisons to reach families early in the application process for college to assist them through the process.

XII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connell, that the Board of Education scheduled a **Special Closed Board Meeting to discuss labor negotiations on August 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

A. Board of Education Meetings (5:45 unless otherwise noted)

- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 13
- January 10, 2012 -- SPPS Annual Meeting (4:30 p.m.)
- January 17

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

- August 23
- September 13
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6
- January 10, 2012 -- 5:00 p.m.
- January 31

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved the meeting adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Hardy
Ms. O'Connell
Mr. Brodrick
Ms. Street-Stewart
Ms. Carroll
Mr. Risberg

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 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
Marilyn Polsfuss
Assistant Clerk, St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education