

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 16, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:56 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

A. Order of the Consent Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Order of the Consent Agenda with the exception of items C1 Request for Permission of the Board of Education to Enter Into a Renewal Contract with Leadership and Learning Center (LLC), C3 Contract Between Saint Paul Public Schools and School Space Media, D1 Request for Permission of Board of Education to Enter Into an Agreement with Scholastic, Inc. for the purchase of System 44 and Read 180 Next Generation Reading Programs, E6 Request for Permission to Support the Primary Project Program in Conjunction with the Wilder Foundation and F2 Bid No. A9475-K: Construction of Telepresence Room at Highland Park Senior High School which were pulled for separate consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Hardy.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

B. Order of the Main Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved approval of the Order of the Main Agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Special Closed Board of Education Meeting July 19, 2011
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of July 19, 2011

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved, seconded by Mr. Hardy, approval of the Minutes of the Special Closed Board of Education Meeting July 19, 2011 and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of July 19, 2011.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee of the Board Meeting of July 19, 2011

The first item on the agenda was a Legislative Update. The SPPS Legislative Liaison provided a recap of the completed legislative session noting a Special Session Agreement had been reached to move bills forward. She indicated there was an agreement for no amendments or any other bills being added to the agenda with the bills going straight to the floor for their third reading. She reviewed the major provisions of the bills, as known, and provided her insight on what might be expected in the final bill indicating a complete report would be provided to the Board and administration as soon as all details were known.

The next subject was a revision to Policy 903.00 Dangerous Weapons Policy which was reviewed with the following motion:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve the revised language provided and that the revised policy containing the new language be brought to the August Board of Education meeting for its first reading.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Director Carroll requested a vote on the recommended motion stating she was opposed to the use of the replica rifles within SPPS. Director O'Connell indicated she supported the motion, as JROTC deserved as full an experience as possible in their educational experience. The question was raised why a vote was necessary; the Chair indicated it was being voted on as an action coming out of the COB.

The Work Session was simply to ensure that the Conflict of Interest forms were collected from Board members.

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved the board accept the report of the COB meeting of July 19, 2011. Motion was seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Risberg
Mr. Hardy

Yes
Yes

VI. RECOGNITIONS (Time Certain 6:30 p.m.)

A. Introduction of New Administrators

The following individuals were introduced to the Board:

- Heidi Bernal, Adams Spanish Immersion, Principal
- Nancy Veverka, Adams Spanish Immersion, Assistant Principal
- Brooke Magill, American Indian Magnet & World Cultures, Administrative Intern
- Mary Weyandt, American Indian Magnet & World Cultures, Interim Principal
- Howard Wilson, Battle Creek Elementary, Principal
- Patrick Bryan, Capitol Hill Magnet, Principal
- Steve Hoffman, CIPD Academic Innovation & Technology Integration , Assistant Director
- Michelle Bierman, CIPD Curriculum Instruction & Professional Development, Assistant Director
- Christine Osorio, CIPD Curriculum Instruction & Professional Development, Executive Director
- Julie Schultz Brown, Communications, Marketing & Development, Director
- Scott Masini, Como Park Elementary, Administrative Intern
- Melisa Rivera, Crossroads Montessori & Science, Assistant Principal
- Ivar Nelson, Department of Information Technology, Director
- Marsha Baisch, Division of Schools Academic Support, Principal on Special Assignment
- Steve Unowsky, Division of Schools Academic Support, Director
- Willie Jett, Division of Schools -High Schools, Assistant Superintendent
- Billy Chan, Eastern Heights Elementary , Principal
- Efe Agbamu, ELL, Director
- Patty Murphy, Evening High School, Principal
- Jim Elander, Four Seasons A+ Elementary, Principal
- Craig Anderson, Hancock-Hamline Elementary , Principal
- Kirk Morris, Highland Park Junior High, Assistant Principal
- Eleanor Clemmons, Highwood Hills Elementary , Principal
- Chreese Jones, Jackson Preparatory Magnet, Administrative Intern
- Timothy Hofmann, Johnson Senior High, Assistant Principal
- Astein Osei, Johnson Senior High, Principal
- Hamilton Bell, Journeys Secondary School, Principal
- Beth Behnke, Linwood Monroe Arts Plus, Principal
- Concha Fernandez Del Rey, Mississippi Elementary, Administrative Intern
- Kate Flynn, Mississippi Elementary, Principal
- Isis Buchanan, Murray Junior High, Assistant Principal
- Lena Christiansen, Museum Magnet & Benjamin E Mays International Magnet, Assistant Principal
- Kris Peterson, Open World Learning Community School/ Creative Arts, Principal
- Angelica Van Iperen, Paul & Sheila Wellstone Elementary, Principal
- John Osorio, Paul & Shelia Wellstone Elementary, Assistant Principal
- Karen Duke, Randolph Heights Elementary, Principal
- Liz Keenan, Special Education & Support Services, Executive Director
- Omar Adams, St. Paul Music Academy, Administrative Intern
- Mary Yackley, Student Wellness, Supervisor
- Jayne Ropella, The Heights Community School, Principal

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Time Certain 7:00 p.m.)

- Zora Chrislof - Use of Title 1 monies
- Bob Zick – change of public comment time, request for public data, cost of moving and furniture efforts within SPPS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Readiness for School Report

The Superintendent stated this was the last regular meeting before opening of school on September 6. She extended her thanks to all of those who worked during summer school and the opportunities they gave to students to enrich their learning. She then asked the Chief of Staff to summarize what is being done to start school this year.

In the area of Goal 1 (Achievement), three major areas were highlighted in the area of Academic Readiness.

1. Professional Development is being incorporated at all levels. Primary efforts include the Administrator's Academy that has three major elements concentrating on expectations and strategic direction, racial equity and data review and analysis. Other areas are new teacher orientation, opening week trainings, racial equity at district and site levels through the Beacon Schools and focus on the common core/literacy ELA.
2. Organizational Realignment to support teaching and learning. This included the reorganization of the Center for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development (CIPD). Supports for schools will be targeted in AYP stages 3.1 and above. Alignment was encouraged through a retreat to align the work of the Divisions of Academics, Schools and Accountability.
3. New enhanced academic programming which includes the Journeys Secondary School which will provide support to students identified with special educational needs; the new Mandarin Chinese Immersion at Benjamin E. Mays; expansion of the Discovery Club to Adams & L'Etoile Du Nord and work with the Leadership and Learning Center (LLC) to bring practices to scale.

Goal 2 (Alignment) focuses on systemic accountability and data readiness. The MCA reading and math results have been delayed by the State shut down. The release of the proficiency scores is expected no later than September 30. The MCA growth calculations and AYP results will probably not be available until late September or early October.

SPPS has been proactive and the Division of Accountability is providing a "Mining the Data" workshop on August 24, 25 & 30. This will be an opportunity for principals and key staff to go over data and learn how best to utilize it. This will provide for an on-going cycle of improvement and promotes data literacy and analysis for school improvement.

In the area of support for students, the SPPS Placement Center has been administering the WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) to all incoming students (K-12) who speak a language other than English in the home. The Title I Homeless Program is now being called Project REACH (Realizing Educational Advancement of Children who are homeless). 3M will provide supplies to more than 17,000 students as school opens. GRAD test prep classes have already been scheduled to prepare students for the October GRAD tests.

To support families SPPS is working toward more timely aligned information sharing to help families juggle schedules. The bus schedules have already been mailed out to families and the Back-to School Guides arrive this week. SPPS is adjusting schedules & services to meet the needs of families by providing extended hours at the Placement Center and providing off-site enrollment at various community registration sites. Central Office administrators will provide support to schools on the first day.

Operational Readiness is in "go mode" with:

- The Budget Office prepared to provide a FY 12 budget update at the August 23 COB.

- The Controller has all financial activities ready for FY 12
- HR has all principal positions filled and is working to fill the last 30 teaching positions.
- IT has all systems running with a greater focus on technology as a tool to support learning and efficiency.
- Nutrition & Custodial Services have the contracts for food and supplies established, free and reduced applications have been mailed and are also available on line.
- Transportation is finalizing routes based on latest information from the Student Information System (CAMPUS)
- Security & Emergency Management (SEM) have all security staff hired, trained and assigned for FY 12 The combined SEM and Transportation security staff will complete implementation by August 19.
- Facilities has 161/165 projects tracking on or ahead of schedule and will be ready for school opening.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- The question was asked if Board members would again participate in the distribution of school supplies provided by 3M. Staff indicated information on this would be provided.
- The Superintendent was asked what parents need to do to prepare for school. The Superintendent responded first with thanks to SPPS partners for their support and what they give to the community. She indicated SPPS seeks ways help to provide families with opportunities to save money and for children to have what they need. She noted if a family cannot afford uniforms or supplies, SPPS can assist them in this area. As far as getting ready for school the students should get to bed earlier so they get plenty of sleep and are ready for school. She noted the high schools would look more uniform with new furniture in the offices which will provide a more welcoming and functional area for staff and families. The parents should familiarize their students with the bus pick up area and times. SPPS has the expectation of staff that all students must and should achieve. She stated the District would work in collaboration with families, staff and community.

The Superintendent moved to recognition of staff leading the work of the new school year in the schools. She stated SPPS would be focusing on different ways to prepare staff for their current and future in the district.

B. Human Resource Transactions & Personnel/Position Recommendations

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board approve the Human Resource Transactions from June 28, 2011 through July 27, 2011 as published as well as the personnel recommendations for principal assignments of Beth Behnke, Principal, Linwood Monroe Arts Plus, Patrick Bryan, Principal, Capitol Hill Magnet and Dr. Marsha Baisch, Principal on Special Assignment for Leadership Development. Ms. Kong-Thao seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the items on the Consent Agenda with the exception of items C1 Request for Permission of the Board of Education to Enter Into a Renewal Contract with Leadership and Learning Center (LLC), C3 Contract Between Saint Paul Public Schools and School Space Media, D1 Request for Permission of Board of Education to Enter Into an Agreement with Scholastic, Inc. for the purchase of System 44 and Read 180 Next Generation Reading Programs, E6 Request for Permission to Support the Primary Project Program in Conjunction with the Wilder Foundation and F2 Bid No. A9475-K: Construction of Telepresence

Room at Highland Park Senior High School which were pulled for separate consideration. Motion seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

A. Gifts - None

B. Grants

BF 28756. Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to Health and Human Services for Child Welfare - Education System Collaborations to Increase Educational Stability Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Department of Health and Human Services to will develop, implement and evaluate a multi-system partnership to improve the educational stability and permanency outcomes for youth between the ages of 10 to 17 years old in foster care who are currently receiving special education services in a federal level setting 3 or 4. SPPS will partner with Ramsey County Community Human Services for the project; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28757. Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to United Way Women's Leadership Council for Student Readiness

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the United Way Women's Leadership Council that will support parents and children in the Promise Neighborhood area through the transition into school entry by providing them with the necessary culturally-specific tools to ensure school readiness; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Contracts

BF 28758. Request Permission to Amend the Contract Entered into with the Minnesota Literacy Council on behalf of the Saint Paul Literacy Consortium for 2011-12

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to amend the contract amount entered into with the Minnesota Literacy Council on behalf of the Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium for the 2011-12 fiscal year to \$166,179.

BF 28759 Approval of Amendment to Superintendent Employment Contract

That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the Superintendent Employment Contract.

D. Agreements

BF 28760. Agreement between Saint Paul Independent School District #625 and YMCA of Greater St. Paul

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the YMCA of Greater to reimburse the YMCA for providing direct childcare services in an amount not to exceed \$696,040 from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012.

E. Administrative Items

BF 28761. Designation of Full-Service School Zones

That, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.88, subdivision 1a, the Board of Education designate full-service school zones in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years, with

a review and consideration of renewal thereafter, for Jackson, Maxfield, St. Paul Music Academy, Dayton's Bluff, Obama and John A. Johnson elementary schools.

BF 28762 Approval of Renewal of Membership in the Minnesota State High School League
That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to renew the School District's membership in the Minnesota State High School League.

BF 28763 Monthly Operating Authority
That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period July 1 – July 31.

(a) General Account	#491343-492616	\$46,926,851.84
	#3015811-3015922	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	--
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>3,668,744.95</u>
		<u>\$50,595,596.79</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$25,801,475.16 and overtime of \$89,472.53. (3 pay periods)

(d) Collateral Changes None

And, 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 15, 2011.

BF 28764 Name Change for Four Seasons Building to Focus Beyond
That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to change the name of the current Four Seasons building to Focus Beyond Transition Services

BF28765 Establishment of the Unclassified Position of Transportation Data Coordinator for Independent School District 625 and Relevant Terms and Conditions of Employment

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve the establishment of the Transportation Data Coordinator job title effective August 16, 2011; that the Board of Education declare the position of Transportation Data Coordinator as unclassified and exempt from Civil Service; and that the pay rate be Grade 16 of the Professional Employees Association standard ranges.

F. Bids

BF28766 Bid No. A9474-K: Renovation of the former Creative Arts Building (1037 University Avenue) for the Relocation of the AGAPE Program

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9474-K for a construction of renovation of the former Creative Arts building (1037 University Avenue) to accommodate relocation of the AGAPE program to this building to the lowest responsible bidder, Rochon Corporation, for the lump sum base bid of \$3,460,000.00.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

BF 28767 Request for Permission of the Board of Education to Enter Into a Renewal Contract with Leadership and Learning Center (LLC)

Director Hardy indicated he had pulled this item so the community could have an overview of the LLC contributions and how it helps with Goal 1, Achievement.

The Superintendent stated this was complex work, which is now in its third year with Dr. Reeves and the Leadership and Learning Center. Staff indicated SPPS is moving toward expanding its internal capacity in this area and working toward deep implementation of the efforts so teachers have the practices they need. The work is focusing on practices not products. This year the plan is to (1) Deepen the Data Team process to support Professional Learning Communities

(PLCs) thru use of student data particularly individual assessments in content areas in order to help students become more proficient. 18 SPPS staff are now certified in the Data Team Process. (2) Continue work with formative assessments and how to utilize these to inform instruction thru identification of strategies to implement in the classroom for student cohorts. (3) Identify school needs at elementary and high school level and target assistance where it is most needed. (4) Continue work in Five East Steps for Balanced Math process (problem solving process) through a model on how to use the process within the individual classrooms and to provide examples to teachers on how best to use the process for the students' benefit. (5) Building capacity through LLC coaches by making onsite visits to create assessments and how to use the results of the assessments. (6) Further emphasis on the Right to Learn Strategies on how connect in content areas and support sound instructional practice, particularly in the high schools. (7) Continued involvement with Common Core to share practices with other districts to showcase and celebrate the work SPPS has done and to provide a model on how an urban district addresses issue of student achievement and works toward elimination of the achievement gap.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- With the focus on math and with the most recent science results, what kind of focus on science will there be? Response: In terms of standards and what is tested with MCA, there will be work on identifying, through right to learn strategies, the literacy components in preparing for the test. There will also be more science and math collaboration in professional development.
- The Common Core Conference, will the conference be done in partnership between SPPS and LLC? Is the cost of the conference part of the BAI? Response: Yes, it is collaboration between SPPS and LLC. It will highlight the work done, showcase standards and the work done to align with curriculum. LLC is covering PR costs and speakers. SPPS will handle design of the conference and location ensuring it is in St. Paul. This is a joint venture, sharing of costs for the summit between SPPS and LLC. Staff indicated they would provide a breakdown of costs to the Board.

Staff was encouraged to provide web-based information about the Common Core Standards so the public can understand it.

The Superintendent noted SPPS is one of five districts in the nation implementing common core. SPPS was selected because of its uniqueness and what it has done. The Gates Foundation has funded the Common Core effort. SPPS is working with the Teachers Federation and State Department of Education in this effort.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the Leadership and Learning Center (LLC), beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for an estimate cost not to exceed \$340,000.00.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

BF 28768 Contract Between Saint Paul Public Schools and School Space Media

Director Carroll stated she could not reconcile the approach in this item with policy 716.00 Advertising that states: (1) *No one shall employ by direct or indirect reference the name of the school district to endorse a commercial product or business enterprise.* (2) *Advertising to support district or school publications is permissible provided the subject matter meets criteria established by the Superintendent.* She noted the Board has addressed this policy in the past. She stated

the Board and administration need to sort out how deal with advertising within District. She suggested this item be tabled and sent to the COB in order to tackle the policy properly.

Director Hardy noted the Board had recently requested that the District look at revenue sources. He stated this item provided an opportunity for a revenue source for high schools and athletics. He asked how the opportunity had arisen and how other districts have handled similar situations.

The General Counsel stated this was not prohibited by the wording of Policy 716.00 Provision I. The district is not endorsing an advertising product put on signs. He stated Item 2 not applicable as it deals with publications. He further stated the State statute authorizes this type of contract. The one limitation is that revenue generated must be used according to a plan specified by the school board.

It was stated this was a way to provide revenue to benefit kids but the Board must apply its actions in compliance with policies.

MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved, for purposed of discussion, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with School Space Media Co. for one school year (2011-2012) with the option to renew the agreement at the end of each school year. Director O'Connell seconded the motion.

The Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools stated School Space Media approached SPPS with the proposal to use the signage at three athletic arenas. She stated they were not interested in putting them at all seven SPPS high schools. They had done a study determining the amount of participation and admission rates from each site and decided to offer placement of the signage at the three with the highest participation rate. The athletic directors were in support of the ideas as long as the revenue was returned to the district and distributed to all seven sites.

The District checked with Mounds View and Burnsville who were participating in the program and found they were satisfied with the arrangement. SPPS then worked to move the request through proper channels. Staff indicated they had compared the proposal with policy, particularly the Wellness Policy as well as consulting counseling and student services.

The question was asked as to what kind of advertising was put on the boards. Response: Colleges and universities, bank systems, auto dealerships, insurance companies, realtors, health industries and hospitals. SPPS would have the right to determine what could be used as advertising. Therefore, SPPS has preapproval of advertisers.

The question was asked about anticipated revenue receipts and if the proposal is tabled, are there any consequences? Response The revenue would be 50% of the net profit generated. Staff noted one district has received approximately \$15,000 under the contract. If the item is tabled it will result in a missed opportunity for revenue to the district for at least the fall season.

It was asked if there are criteria for approving advertising. Response: The use of common sense along with the Wellness Policy and, of course, no liquor or tobacco

The Board then discussed various means of looking at policy revision and establishment of protocols while still moving the proposal forward.

MOTION: Director Kong-Thao moved to table her motion. Director Carroll seconded the tabling. The motion was tabled.

MOTION: Director Carroll moved that the Superintendent work with the Board to develop a revised advertising policy that addresses the issues that have been raised relative to it. The timing is to have preliminary information at next COB meeting in order to bring it forward to the Board as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Director Brodrick.

Staff was instructed to research the history of the advertising policy. Issues which need to be addressed include who benefits, how this would support the Strategic Plan, how this supports

academics and student achievement, how does it align with other policy and who gets the revenue and on what basis? The underlying issues is the commercialization of children's education.

The question was asked if the Policy Work Group should be brought in to work on this. The Superintendent noted the next COB was next week and school is opening so staff is completely involved until early September. The next COB is September 13. The history will have to be researched and reviewed. She stated the work group would be called when appropriate.

RESTATEMENT OF MOTION: Director Carroll moved that the Superintendent work with the Board to develop a revised advertising policy that addresses the issues that have been raised relative to it. The timing is to have preliminary information at next COB meeting in order to bring it forward to the Board as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Director Brodrick.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION: Director Kong-Thao moved to remove her motion from the table. Motion seconded by Director O'Connell.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

RESTATEMENT OF ORIGINAL MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with School Space Media Co. for one school year (2011-2012) with the option to renew the agreement at the end of each school year. Director O'Connell seconded the motion.

MOTION: Director O'Connell moved to amend the motion to include reference to how revenues will be split between the seven high school athletic programs to be in compliance with State law on revenue sharing. All revenues to be split equally among the seven programs. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

There was discussion on various permutations on the contract with input from the General Counsel. There was also clarification on the earlier motion intent regarding changing the policy. The General Counsel noted the Board could spend as much time as necessary in revising the policy since its intent to change the policy has been moved upon already and the contract could be approved with no consequences under this scenario.

RESTATEMENT OF MOTION: Director O'Connell moved to amend the motion to include reference to how revenues will be split between the seven high school athletic programs so as to be in compliance with State law on revenue sharing. That all revenues to be split equally among the seven programs. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes

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

AMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with School Space Media Co. for one school year (2011-2012) with the option to renew the agreement at the end of each school year. All revenues from the agreement are to be split equally among the seven high school athletic programs.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

BF 28769 Request for Permission of Board of Education to Enter into an Agreement with Scholastic, Inc. for the purchase of System 44 and Read 180 Next Generation Reading Programs.

Director Hardy indicated he had pulled this item to highlight what the programs offer and to ask if the District is breaking new ground through their use.

The Superintendent stated SPPS has used System 44 last year with implementation at ALC Gordon Parks. She stated it is the right program for adults who are reading at a very low level. Read 180 has been used extensively across the nation with excellent results if it is rigorously implemented. The Council of Great City School has, in an uncharacteristic move, put its support behind the Read 180 program due to the results it achieves. She noted SPPS needs to implement the program rigorously as recommended in order to achieve similar results.

The programs will be implemented at:

- System 44 member schools will be: Secondary: Battle Creek M.S., Highland Jr. H.S., Murray Jr. H.S., Ramsey Jr. H.S., Washington
- Read 180 Next Generation member schools will be: Elementary: (none). Secondary: Battle Creek M.S., Central Sr. H.S., Como Sr. H.S., Farnsworth Aerospace Upper, Harding Sr. H.S., Highland Jr. H.S., Highland Sr. H.S., Humboldt Complex, Johnson Sr. H.S., LEAP, Murray Jr. H.S., Ramsey Jr. H.S., Washington

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Scholastic, In. in the amount of \$350,855.00 for the purchase of licenses, instructional materials, and the implementation of System 44 at the secondary level, and Read 180 Next Generation at the secondary level.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

BF 28770 Request for Permission to Support the Primary Project Program in Conjunction with the Wilder Foundation

Director Hardy stated he had pulled this item in order to thank Wilder for the program and the great results it is achieving for students.

MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connell, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to collaborate with the Wilder Foundation in delivery of the Primary Project in the district.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

BF 28771 Bid No. A9475-K: Construction of Telepresence Room at Highland Park Senior High School

Director Hardy stated he had pulled this to highlight SPPS moving into the 21st century and for information on what opportunities this provides to SPPS.

The Chief Business Officer stated the telepresence systems have been received from CISCO Corp. They are state of art integrated video conference systems. The Highland system will provide a distance-learning classroom using very highly capable technology utilizing VOIP. It gives Highland distance learning capability for utilization providing global reach as a learning institution. There are innumerable other applications for live time applications to leverage learning opportunities. SPPS has six units; Highland's is the largest unit. There are smaller units at 360, 1930 and Johnson. These represent another component to IT's strategic effort to move instructional technology and student learning as its first priority. These are all donated systems from CISCO Corp.

The Chief of Academics stated there was a concerted effort to preserve this system for the students as a shared academic resource. There are four areas to concentrate on: shared academic resources, blended classrooms, for immersion and to scale across jurisdictional and cultural boundaries. Students needs will drive the use of the telepresence units.

Will other schools have access to the room? Response: There is a smaller unit at Johnson. Administration is working on a process for other utilization and logistics behind that. The intent is to provide as many opportunities to district schools as possible.

Is SPPS looking at the opportunity to utilize facilities for community or business organizations as an additional source of revenue?

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9475-K for construction of a telepresence room at Highland Park Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, J.S. Cates Construction, for the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1 of \$160,800.00.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

X. OLD BUSINESS -- None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading: Revision to Policy 903.00 Dangerous Weapons Policy
The Chair noted this was the first reading of the revised policy. She asked that the record show the details were presented in the COB report presented earlier in meeting.

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. Information Requests & Responses -- None
- B. Items for Future Agendas -- None
- C. Board of Education Reports/Communications
Director Kong-Thao announced the Annual Hmong Resource Fair on October 1, 2011 from 10-2 at Aldrich Arena.

XIII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 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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