

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 18, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Ms. Kong-Thao

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

A. Order of the Consent Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Hardy moved approval of the Order of the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Brodrick.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

B. Order of the Main Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Main Agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. O'Connell.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 20, 2010

MOTION: Mr. Hardy moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 20, 2010. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Committee of the Board Meeting of April 20, 2010**

Director Brodrick reported the meeting was a presentation and overview of the general reduction recommendations for the FY 11 budget. All actions were to move pieces of the budget forward for discussion at the Board of Education meeting of the same night where they were formally voted upon. The motions were as follows:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education move all of the Part A amounts and recommendations forward to the Board Meeting for discussion and adoption.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board move forward to the Board Meeting for discussion the closure of, effective June, 2010 for a period of up to three years, the following schools: Ames Elementary, Prosperity Heights Elementary, Sheridan Elementary, Franklin Music Magnet and Hazel Park Middle School Academy and that effective July, 2010 to co-locate the Ames Elementary program at Bruce F. Vento Elementary School; the Prosperity Heights Elementary program at Hayden Heights Elementary School; the Sheridan Elementary program at Highwood Hills Elementary School; the Franklin Music Magnet program at North End Elementary School and the Hazel Park Middle School program at Battle Creek Middle School.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board move forward to the Board of Education meeting for discussion the following: (1) to discontinue Arlington Senior High School except for those of the senior graduating class of 2011 who are on-track to graduate, which will remain at Arlington, (2) relocate Washington Technology Middle School to the Arlington Senior High School schoolhouse and (3) reconfigure the grades at Washington Technology Middle School from grade 7-8 to grades 7-10, all effective July, 2010.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the following motion be moved to the Board of Education meeting for discussion: To temporarily close, effective June, 2010 for a period of up to 3 years, the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Elementary schoolhouse and to relocate, effective July, 2010, the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Elementary program at the Washington Technology Middle School schoolhouse.

The total recommended reductions in this round were \$10,365,900.

B. Committee of the Board Meeting of May 4, 2010**1. Quarterly Financial Report**

The results for the General Fund showed projected general fund revenue of \$457,700,000 and projected general fund expenditures of \$460,800,000 with a total projected fund balance of \$59,500,000. The reserved portion is \$29.9 million. The reduction in revenue was mainly due to loss in interest revenue and the tie out of the deviation in enrollments. Expenditures are projected to be less than expected. The unreserved, undesignated fund balance as of 6/30/10 is projected to be \$27.9 million which represents 5.3% of the current year expenditures which is within the guidelines established by the Board of at least 5%.

The Chief Business Officer moved on and reviewed the Fully Financed General Fund (grant budget), the Food Service Fund, the Community Service Fund, the Fully Financed Community Service Fund, the Building Construction Fund and the Debt Service Fund. He noted revenue and expenditure changes and the fund balances in each area.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved that the Board of Education accept the Quarterly Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

2. **Capital Budget & Budget Update**

Many of the **capital projects** approved in 09-10 have been issued or bid. Bids have come in under budget for the most part. The projects which have been awarded are on schedule to complete prior to school start this coming fall. The remaining items will be brought to the Board for consideration at upcoming meetings.

Information was provided on the **signs** being proposed for eight schools.

An update was provided on the status of the development of an **early retirement incentive program**.

Administration was thanked for the updates and with the consensus of the Board, the meeting moved to the next subject.

3. **Standing Item: School & Program Changes**

• Investing In Innovation (I3) Grant Update

An overview was provided for the Board on the status of the Investing In Innovation (I3) Federal Grants. This provided an over view of where the I3 program falls within the overall ARRA funding. Various areas where SPPS is submitting proposals were described.

• Update on ECFE Site Changes

A review of the reorganization of the ECFE program was provided to Board members. ECFE is reorganizing into three zones with four sites in each zone. Details were provided on how service would be provided and improved.

4. **Standing Item: Policy Update** – there was no report.

5. **Work Session**

The Board work session covered a visit to the Valley Branch; coverage for the May 13 listening session and details on the Celebration of Excellence

- C. Committee of the Board Meeting of May 18, 2010 – Minutes will be published in the June Board of Education book for formal acceptance. One motion was brought forward to the Board of Education meeting following the recess of this meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education move forward the FY 11 budget totaling \$623.8 million.

The motion was acted upon at the Board meeting during the Superintendent's Report on the Budget.

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved acceptance of the Minutes of the Committee of the Board meetings of April 20, 2010 and May 4, 2010. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Varro
Mr. Brodrick

Yes
Yes

VI. RECOGNITIONS

BF 28282. Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Employees and Departments

- A. **Ryan Vernosh, sixth grade teacher at Maxfield Magnet**, was chosen as the 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Vernosh is the second ever SPPS teacher to be named Teacher of the Year. As Minnesota's Teacher of the Year, Vernosh will be the state's nominee for National Teacher of the Year 2011.
- B. Eight SPPS employees are recipients of the 2010 Saint Paul Retired Teachers, Incorporated (SPRTI) scholarships. SPRTI members support continued professional growth among the tenured, licensed staff.
 - **Christina Babadjanian**, Harding Senior High School
 - **Nancy Geving**, Center for Professional Development
 - **Linda Jones**, Highland Park Junior High
 - **Justin Lamphere**, Harding Senior High School
 - **Kelly Lang**, Cherokee Heights Elementary
 - **Anthony Leciejewski**, Johnson Senior High School
 - **Christi Schmitt**, L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion School
 - **Jacalin Wyant Sall**, Discovery Club Program
- C. **Kathy Drinkwine**, school counselor at **Eastern Heights Elementary**, was named the Minnesota School Counselors Association's (MSCA) Elementary School Counselor of the Year.
- D. **Dr. Krista L. Ottino**, literacy coach at **Museum Magnet**, received the American Education Research Association's Dissertation of the Year Award for her work on Women and the Superintendency.
- E. The **Office of Community Relations** received two Star Awards from the Minnesota School Public Relations Association (MinnSPRA) for The Bridge and the 2009 Annual Report.
- F. **Dr. Anita L. Kozan**, speech and language pathologist at Arlington Senior High School, received the Diveristy Champions Award from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
- G. **Brad Ollmann**, music teacher at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, received a Yale University Distinguished Music Educator award at the Symposium on Music in Schools in summer 2009.
- H. **Jill Wall**, Aerospace Coordinator at Farnsworth Aerospace PreK-8 Magnet, received the 2009 MN Aerospace Educator Hall of Fame Award from the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Office of Aeronautics in cooperation with the North Central Region Aerospace Education Association.
- I. **Andrew Collins**, principal at **Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary**, received the Elementary Principal Leadership-Partnership Awards from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. In addition, he was selected as a Transformational Leader from the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

BF 28283 Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Schools

- A. **Hayden Heights Elementary** was honored by the Minnesota Center for Reading Research at the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota for making significant progress in teaching students to read over the consecutive years of 2007-08 and 2008-09.
- B. **Barack and Michelle Obama Service Learning Elementary** was announced as an elementary service-learning leader school by the National Youth Leadership Council at the National Service Learning Conference.
- C. **Como Park Senior High School's** partnership with Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom helped earn the community organization a 2010 Sustainable Saint Paul Award.

BF 28284 Acknowledgement of Accomplishments of SPPS Students

- A. Five Saint Paul Public Schools had teams that competed in a regional **robotics competition** at the University of Minnesota:

- **Highland Park Senior High School/AGAPE**
 - **Harding Senior High School**
 - **Arlington Senior High School**
 - **Humboldt Secondary School**
 - **Como Park Senior High School**
- B. **Trina Fasthorse**, a seventh grader at Battle Creek Middle School, took first place in the girls (grades seven to nine) Fancy Dance category at the Detroit Lakes Drum and Dance Invitational.
- C. **Helena Lee**, a senior flutest in the **Harding Senior High School** Concert Band, received a \$2,500 prize for her essay in the Toyota Contest.
4. **Arlington Senior High School BioSMART NJROTC Cadets** took first place at the 2010 Fargo JROTC Competition. Arlington cadets swept all categories with first place finishes, including Academic questions. The Junior Varsity Color Guard received first place and the Junior Varsity Drill Team took third place. Individual awards included: Cadet Ying Cheng and Cadet Sao Le Xiong. Arlington Senior High School cadets Beaty Thao and Hue Yang, earned first place and third place medals respectively in the “Knockout” Individual Drill Competition.
5. **Central Senior High School’s Symphonic Band and Orchestra** earned superior ratings at the 4AA large group music contest.
6. **Battle Creek Middle School’s** American Indian Studies Ojibwe Quiz Bowl Team, placed second at the Anoka-Hennipen Ojibwe Quiz Bowl.
- D. **Maxfield Magnet** students, Sunshine Noel and Elky Radcliffe, were honored for their essays at the University of Minnesota’s 3rd Annual Black History Month Celebration.
- E. **Elsa Mundt**, eighth grader at **Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet**, was the first place winner in the 2010 Districtwide fourth through eighth Grade Spelling Bee.
- F. **Randolph Heights Elementary** fifth grade **Math Masters team** took first place at the regional tournament in May. The team members included: Sovigne Gardner, Grace Gardner, Tristan Noble, Ashley Wahlberg, and Jimmie Belden. In addition, Sovigne too first place in the individual contest.
- G. Eighteen SPPS schools participated in the DestiNation ImagiNation (DI) regional tournament . Congratulations to DestiNation ImagiNation teams at: **Adams Spanish Immersion Magnet; Battle Creek Environmental Magnet; Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet; Chelsea Heights Elementary; Como Park Senior High School; EXPO for Excellence Magnet; Four Season A+ Elementary; Groveland Park Elementary; Hayden Heights Elementary; Hazel Park Middle School Academy; Highland Park Elementary; Highwood Hills Elementary; Horace Mann School; J.J. Hill Montessori Magnet; L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion School; Murray Junior High School; Open World Learning Community; and St. Anthony Park Elementary.**
- H. Three high school seniors have been selected to receive college scholarships at the annual meeting of the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC). Congratulations to: **Yolisbeth Sanchez Ruiz, Luis H. Hernandez, Gerardo Dominguez.**
- I. **Open World Learning Community** students received honors for the following projects at Minnesota State History Day at the University of Minnesota. Congratulations to:
- **Jim Hayward** received the Saint Paul Labor History prize for his history of the International Workers of World.
 - **Tristan Allen and Sarah Plonski** received honorable mention for their history of the steam engine.
 - **Jennifer Lor and Norma Romero-Rodriguez** took first place in the Senior Group Documentary and the Raoul Wallenberg Prize in Humanitarian History given by the American Swedish Institute, for their project on Satyagraha, Gandhi’s philosophy of nonviolent civil disobedience.
 - Other OWL participants included: Estephanie Romero-Rodriguez, Shengying Yang, Peter Moua, Say Khang, Johnny Lor, Ying Yang and David Hoh.

MOTION: Mr. Hardy moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, the Board of Education congratulate everyone recognized for their accomplishments and successes.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Betsy Kennedy – Ramsey Parent – Spanish issue at Ramsey
2. Phil Freed – Music instruction
3. Amy Nelson – Value of music education
4. Chaley Thames – Swimming at Cherokee
5. Kathy Dwelly – Cherokee swimming pool
6. Martha Mena – Cherokee swimming pool
7. Arielle Castillo – Swimming at Cherokee
8. Martha Mena & Guadalupe Ramirez – Cherokee pool
9. Kelly Lang – Cherokee pool

VIII. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Legislative Update

The SPPS Legislative liaison reported the legislature had adjourned Monday with a budget resolution that relies on codifying the levy recognition shift that was unallotted by the Governor in July 09. To further close the budget hole and cover the loss of Federal Medical Assistance Program funding, they further shifted payments to schools from 73/27 in FY 10 to 70/30 in FY 11, returning to 90/10 in FY 12. The budget bill also adops nearly all the governor's unallotments, including reductions to local government aid, higher education, health and human services and other cuts from July 09 that were not litigated and upheld by the Supreme Court. These were, for the most part, one-time reductions.

The payment change from 73 to 70 does delay an estimated \$10.5 million in cash payments over 12 months. Under current law SPPS planned and included in its budget the cost of borrowing money for cash flow purposes. The additional delay in payments can be covered under the district's current balanced budget proposal.

The final agreement ends the FY 11 year with a \$6.3 million surplus and a negative \$5.766 billion in FY 12/13. Of that amount, repaying the schools (90/10) accounts for \$1.39 billion. It is unlikely the district will be paid back in the next biennium given the forecast.

The budget resolution also includes a change to the State's authority to borrow money from schools for cash flow purposes. Under the changes, the State is not required to borrow money from districts – it is permissive. The threshold for borrowing is also increased, only permitting an amount that exceeds a cash balance of \$700 per resident pupil unit, minus the amounts of payments by the county treasurer. In no case can it exceed the \$700 times the resident pupil count.

The 2010 legislative session ended with no K-12 Finance bill. Several provisions SPPS is supporting were in the bill, but as neither provision requires legislation the District will continue to work with the agencies.

The Early Childhood Omnibus Bill was signed and contained several additions or revisions and cleans up the school readiness program language.

The Omnibus Pension Bill was signed by the Governor and addresses serious solvency issues raised by the major public employee pension fund.

The Transportation Bill includes the SPPS provision to add after school programs run by a political subdivision under the regular to and from school transportation statute.

The final Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill maintained almost all of the children's mental health grants, including those available to schools.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- Board members requested the Legislative Liaison keep the Board updated as things evolve at the Capitol.
- What can be done to focus legislative attention on K-12 education funding? Response: This is an election year with every office up for election. This is the perfect time to discuss education priorities. It would be well to remind legislators education is a Constitutional obligation. The public needs to be reminded this is a very Important year to choose wisely; the choices in gubernatorial candidates will be very clear on the future for expectations for the State.

B. Budget Update on SY 10

The Chief Business Officer provided a brief version of the presentation provided to the Board at the COB meeting. Enrollment is driving the deficit and the decline will continue over the next several years. Interest revenue and inflation are also impacting the deficit. He reviewed the reductions made to reach a balanced budget figure. The proposed budget for FY 11 is \$623.8. He then reviewed each of the funds contained within the budget. 84% of the district's money goes into the schools.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- The Superintendent stated administration has presented a balanced budget proposal for FY 11 and went on to say it would be helpful to administration to move the approval of the budget as quickly as feasible. She noted it was important so information could be provided to HR so they could move forward with personnel issues from the changes/reductions/relocations in a timely manner.
- It was stated the Board is solid on the budget figure of \$623.8 million. However, it is also true there is still work to be done around alternatives to some of the cuts that were approved. Those dollars, if they materialize, will not end up back in the General Fund. There may be other ways to get at the concerns and issues raised by the community and the Superintendent has expressed willingness to look at alternatives as long as they meet the law, requirements, mandates and rules which govern education funding.
- It was suggested the Board move final approval of the budget number to the June 1 Special Board meeting as there seems to be no advantage to extending approval out to the 15th.
- Last year the Board talked about choice as it relates to SPPS. It was impressed on administration that this conversation should take place sooner rather than later. The deficit will continue into FY 12. Response: The Superintendent stated that as soon as the budget is approved conversation will begin on school choice. A consultant has been gathering data which will assist in the discussion on school choice. The process will start in June with the discussion to be in the fall in order to allow sufficient time for thorough review/discussion. The process will go beyond one year and provide the district with a long-term plan for evolving the district. It will provide for stewardship of the whole district and future budgets.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education advance the proposed FY 11 budget of \$623.8 million to the June 1, 2010 Special Board meeting for the Board's approval at that time. Mr. Hardy seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:

- It was stated there seems to be a misconception about the budget in the community about the budget process. The real decisions were made prior to this point in the budget process. The budget supports the decisions that were made, it does not lead the decisions being made. What is done in the schools every day with the kids is the whole end point of process. And, of course, State law requires the district adopt a balanced budget by the end of June. The choice to do so earlier expedites the work to be done.
- The Superintendent stated that due to the HR implications of some of the decisions which have been made, administration will continue its process of providing information to staff if their position is being eliminated, cut or if they need to move to another position. The work on the co-locations will also continue to move forward.
- The questions was raised as to why this year is different from past years. The Superintendent responded that she had been hired into her position late in the year and that has condensed the process to some degree. There have also been several fairly major changes (co-locations) which have widespread impacts and this affects the timing as well. She stated that leaving the approval to the last minute generally puts everyone on edge and affects the human capital of the organization. It becomes a cold process with little personal contact. The process should begin sooner and move to approval earlier.

C. Update on School and Program Changes

The principals from Ames and Sheridan provided a brief update on the process they are using for the co-location of their schools. They stated they have held several meetings involving the site councils and staff both individually and as a group. They have established the floor plan and met with Facilities Planning to organize moves. They stated their staff and students are excited about the changes. The co-location is moving forward and have provided staff a chance to look at things from a new perspective and great collaboration has resulted in the end being what is best for the students.

HR and the Student Placement Center have provided direct support to staff, students and families who have been directly affected by the changes of 2010-11. Student Placement is working to process the enrollment applications.

The Placement Center has also worked closely with the 11th grade students at Arlington. At this point there are a significant number of applications in but there are still too few for a viable program. The final numbers should be in by the end of the week so the students should have a clear idea of where they will be next year.

D. Update on Federal Grants

The District has been moving forward in making applications for additional monies for SPSS through Federal grants. This is a positive and collaborative process in conjunction with the City, other agencies and organizations. The District has a chance to apply for \$33 million in grants. The Superintendent outlined some of the grants which were being applied for. This provides an opportunity to reinvent what is being done in St. Paul. It is not just money these grants provide but innovation and the chance to collaborate with the community, the City and the partnerships.

E. Human Resource Transactions and Adoption of Personnel/Position Recommendations

1. Personnel/Position Recommendations

- a. Appoint the following individual to the following Superintendency position:
Executive Director of Operations -- Michael L. Kremer, effective July 1, 2010
- b. Establish the following Saint Paul Supervisors' Organization positions and associated salary grade:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Security & Emergency Management Director	24
Operations & Maintenance Manager	23

- c. Revise the following Professional Employees Association job title, effective July 1, 2010: Multimedia Specialist to Communications Specialist
- d. That the 2010-11 Saint Paul Supervisors' Organization agreement and the 2008-2009 Professional Employees Association agreement be amended to comply with the foregoing.

MOTION: Ms. O’Connell moved the Board adopt the personnel/position recommendations outlined above and approve the Human Resource Transactions as published. Motion seconded by Ms. Varro.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Hardy moved approval of all Consent Agenda Items. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

A. Gifts

BF 28285 Gift Acceptance from the Gallery Covenant Church

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Barack & Michelle Obama Service Learning Elementary School to accept this gift from The Gallery Covenant Church. The total of the gift of \$5,830.00 will be deposited into the Intraschool fund, 19-578-000-000-5096-0000.

BF 28286 Gift Acceptance from the Kopp Family Foundation - Central High School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Central High School to accept a monetary gift from the Kopp Family Foundation to be used as designated. The total gift of \$6,000.00 will be deposited into the Central High School intra-school account, 19-210-000-000-5096-0000.

BF 28287 Life Time Foundation Gift Check

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to send a letter of appreciation to the giver of the gift.

B. Grants

BF 28288 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant to 3M

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to 3M to support, maintain and expand the district’s Strategic Science and Engineering

Initiative; to accept funds, as necessary; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28289 Permission to Submit an Adult Basic Education Proposal for 2010-2011 and Distribute Funds to Saint Paul Literacy Consortium Members

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Education to provide Adult Basic Education services for the 2010-2011 year, to accept funds if awarded, and to disburse funds to Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium members based on the adult basic education formula.

BF 28290 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to Dollar General for funds to promote literacy through Chelsea Heights Baggy Books program; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28291 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to ING's Unsung Heroes Awards Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application from Central High School to ING's Unsung Heroes Awards Program to upgrade technology for the Central Morning News program; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28292 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the McCarthy Dressman Foundation for Murray Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the McCarthy Dressman Foundation to fund an in-school tutoring program; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28293 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Agriculture Education Leadership Council (MAELC)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Minnesota Agriculture Education Leadership Council for programs that focus on promoting education and training in large animal agriculture and the sciences involved; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28294 Minnesota Department of Education-Adult Basic Education (MDE-ABE) Supplementary English as a Second Language Services to Refugees Grant Award Amendment

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to amend the allocation of the Supplementary ESL Services to Refugees Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education-Adult Basic Education in the amount of \$330,600.

BF 28295 Request for Permission to Accept Carl D. Perkins Allocation from the Minnesota Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept supplemental funds of approximately \$710,000 for FY 2011 from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technology Education Act; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28296 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Education ELL Department

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application from the English Language Learner Department to the Minnesota Department of Education to support programming that assists newcomer students learn math and science;

to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28297 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Education for a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Education and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to introduce fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options to elementary school children during the school day. The project will use fruit and vegetable classroom kits for students to consume, while teachers provide a presentation on or read a book to students about fruits and vegetables. SPPS will partner with Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Health, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Bergin Fruit and Nut Company, Cre 8 It Inc., and Community Design Center of Minnesota for the project; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28298 Read Naturally Grant Check

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to send a letter of appreciation to the giver of the grant.

BF 28299 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Snapdragon Book Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Snapdragon Book Foundation for purchase of books for the libraries at Chelsea Heights Elementary School and Murray Junior High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28300 Request for Permission to /submit a Grant Application to the Target Foundation Arts and Culture Grant Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application from The Lab to the Target Foundation to support the organization's arts and wellness program with resident artists; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28301 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Target Foundation Literacy Grant Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application from Chelsea Heights and Hancock Elementary to the Target Foundation to support the school's Baggy Books and Family Literacy Night programs; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

BF 28302 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for a Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Education Elementary and Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse Program to prevent and decrease student use of alcohol and develop healthy student attitudes about alcohol by leveraging the identification, referral, and monitoring of high-risk students through counselors and Student Assistance Teams organized within the PBIS Framework. In addition, the project will provide targeted interventions for high-risk students and their family through proven SAMSHA strategies. The project will develop a positive school environment using a pro-social normative campaign, and engage and educate parents and families to reduce adolescent alcohol use and abuse. SPPS will partner with Options Family and Behavior Services, Children's Home Society and Family Services, and Rock Star Supply Company for the project; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28303 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for a Foreign Language Assistance Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Education Elementary and Foreign Language

Assistance Program for innovative model programs providing for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of foreign language study for elementary and secondary school students. This will be done by developing and implementing an Elementary Mandarin Chinese Immersion School (K-6) with a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) emphasis, beginning with Grades K-3. SPPS will partner with The University of Minnesota (UMN): Department of Curriculum and Instruction, UMN's Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition, and UMN's Confucius Institute; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28304 Request for Permission to Submit A Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant to the U. S. Department of Education to establish a K-12 BioSMART pathway between five elementary schools: Crossroads Elementary, Chelsea Heights Elementary, Jackson Elementary, Washington Technology Secondary School and Wellstone Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28305 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for a School Leadership Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the U.S. U.S. Department of Education's School Leadership Grant Program for a grant to create an integrated system of supports and continuous improvement efforts that will address identified gaps and barriers for leaders at underperforming schools; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28306 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the United Way

BF 28307 Request for Permission to Partner with the Working Family Resource Center

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) support the Working Family Resource Foundation's application to apply for funds for its Positive Parenting of School-Age Kids program; to accept funds; if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Contracts

BF 28308 Request for Permission of the Board of Education to Enter Into A Renewal Contract With The Leadership and Learning Center (LLC)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the Leadership and Learning Center (LLC), beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for an estimate cost not to exceed \$800,000.00.

BF28309 Contract with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to Use the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Computer Adaptive Test and Related Professional Development

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve an order to Northwest Evaluation Association for licensing and related training and assessment costs not to exceed \$386,163.00 for fiscal year 2010-2011.

BF 28310 Amendments to the Contract for Services with Power of Relationships, P.A.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into amended contract with Power of Relationships, P.A., to provide an additional one month of therapeutic services for students with disabilities in day treatment classrooms for the period July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010 at the cost not to exceed \$29,000 and to be accounted for in the Special Education Extended School Year budget (29-998-420-740-6393-1190)

D. Agreements

BF 28311 Authorization for Lease Agreement with Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Specialized Transition Employment Planning (STEP) Program

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of a lease agreement between the District and Carl Bolander and Sons Company for suites 126 and 127 at 251 Starkey Street, Saint Paul, for the term August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the Specialized Transition Employment Planning (STEP) program, and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

BF 28312 Authorization for Lease Agreement with Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Transition Plus Program

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of a lease agreement between the District and Carl Bolander and Sons Company for suite 128 at 251 Starkey Street, Saint Paul, for the term August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for a Transition Plus Program, and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

BF 28313 Approval of Agreement with Health Start

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Health Start, a program of Westside Community Health Services, for provision of school-based clinic services for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

BF 28314 Approval for Memorandum of Agreement Between Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools and Saint Paul Federation of Teachers and the Saint Paul Principals' Association

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the Memoranda of Agreement between the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers, the Saint Paul Principals Association and Saint Paul Public Schools regarding the Special Retirement Incentive for teachers, principals and educational assistants.

E. Administrative Items

BF 28315 Oracle Business Intelligence Suite Software Application

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to purchase Oracle Business Intelligence Suite Software for \$600,159.99 (three payments of \$200,053.33 over three years) and to license software and related utilities of Oracle Business Intelligence Suite Software functions. That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to purchase Oracle Business Intelligence Hosting for \$490,000 (payable over three years at \$170,000 for year one and \$160,000 for years two and three).

BF 28316 Human Resources/Payroll Information System

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to license software and related utilities of PeopleSoft/Oracle for as long as the District utilizes PeopleSoft/Oracle for HRMS and Payroll functions.

BF 28317 Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period April 1 – April 30, 2010.

(a) General Account	#470200-471601	\$49,548,063.48
	#3014420-3014532	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	0
(c) Construction	-0-	901,770.87
		<u>\$50,449,834.35</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$34,842,942.96 and overtime of \$105,536.65.

(d)

Collateral Changes

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 August 17, 2010.

BF 28318 Adoption of Independent School District No. 625 Post-Retirement Health Care Reimbursement Arrangement

That, the Board adopt the PRHRA Plan document, entitled Independent School District No. 625 Post-Retirement Health Care Reimbursement Arrangement. And, that, the Board of Education authorize and direct the Superintendent (designee) to execute the PRHRA Plan document, to execute additional agreements and documents necessary to carry out the purposes of the PRHRA Plan, and to take all actions necessary or advisable to effectuate the PRHRA Plan's purposes and to ensure the PRHRA Plan's compliance with law.

BF 28319 Textbook Adoption for Secondary Health

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to formally adopt the textbook as recommended by the Textbook Selection Study Committee for Secondary Health.

F. Bids

BF 28320 Bid No. A9364-K: Pavement Repair and Construction (Parking Lot) at Homecroft School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9364-K for pavement repair and construction (parking lot) at Homecroft School, to Midwest Asphalt Corporation for \$168,700.00 for the lump sum base bid.

BF 28321 Bid No. A9371-K: Security Improvements at Various Sites

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9371-K for installation of security improvements at various locations to Peoples Electric for \$195,400.00 for the lump sum base bid.

BF 28322 Bid No. A9372-K: Security Improvements at District Service Facility

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9372-K for security improvements at the District Service Facility, 1930 Como, to DNR Construction for \$195,376.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2 and 3.

BF 28323 Bid No. A9373-K: Technology Improvements at Hayden Heights Elementary School.

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9373-K for construction of technology improvements at Hayden Heights Elementary School, to Peoples Electric for \$310,100.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BF 28324 Bid No. A9375-K: Miscellaneous Improvements at Mounds Park Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9375-K for construction of miscellaneous improvements at Mounds Park Elementary School to Schreiber Mullaney Construction for \$134,601.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

BF 28325 Bid No. A9377-K: Technology Upgrades at Frost Lake Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9377-K for construction of technology upgrades at Frost Lake Elementary School, to MP Nexlevel for \$282,758.18 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2 and 3.

BF 28326 Bid No. A9378-K: Swimming Pool Surge Tank Replacement at Humboldt Secondary

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9378-K for replacement of swimming pool surge tank at Humboldt Secondary, to Aqua Logic for \$108,000.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

BF 28327 Bid No. A9380-K: Auditorium Improvements at Battle Creek and Hazel Park Middle Schools

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9380-K for construction of auditorium improvements at Battle Creek and Hazel Park Middle Schools, to Peoples Electric for \$137,975.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 3 and 4.

BF 28328 Bid No. A9381-K: Miscellaneous Improvements at Phalen Lake Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9381-K for construction of miscellaneous improvements at Phalen Lake Elementary School, to Meisinger Construction for \$197,800.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 4.

BF 28329 Bid No. A9383-K: Lighting Replacement in Athletic Rooms at Highland Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9383-K for completion of lighting replacement in athletic rooms at Highland Park Senior High School to Phasor Electric for \$115,800.00 for the lump sum base bid.

BF 28330 Bid No. A9384-K: Piping Replacement at St. Anthony Park Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9384-K for construction of piping replacement at St. Anthony Park Elementary School to Corval Constructors Inc. for \$427,975.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BF 28331 Bid No. A9387-K: Abatement Restoration at Washington Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9387-K for construction of abatement restoration at Washington Middle School to RAK Construction for \$351,493.00 for the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

X. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Amendment to SY 2010-2011 District Calendar

At the BOE meeting held on February 16, 2010 the Board of education voted to approve the 2010-2011 District calendar recommended by the committee, which included a start date for kindergarten students of Thursday, September 9, 2010.

Since the calendar adoption it has been brought to the attention of the committee that the proposed start date for kindergarten falls on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. That schedule is not in keeping with District practice of avoiding the placement of significant days of the school calendar on holidays or other dates where it can reasonably anticipate high rates of absenteeism or disruption to families.

Administration recommended to the Board that the first day of kindergarten be moved to Monday, September 13. This change serves two purposes: first it is respectful to a large number of families who want to have their kindergarteners have a memorable and uninterrupted first day of school. Secondly, the Transportation Department believes that delaying the start – similar to the precedent set during the Republican National Convention – will allow them a full week to focus on any transportation challenges that might arise due to all of the school changes which will be implemented in the fall.

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved that the Board of Education approved an amendment to the 2010-2011 District Calendar that moves the first day of kindergarten from Thursday, September 9, 2010 to Monday, September 13, 2010. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:
Ms. Street-Stewart Yes

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Ms. Varro	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes

XI. **NEW BUSINESS** -- None

XII. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A. Information Requests & Responses -- None

B. Items for Future Agendas -- None

C. Board of Education Reports/Communications

Director Carroll provided an update on the St. Paul Public Library Strategic Initiative Planning Committee kick off. The Director of IT serves on the committee representing SPPS in this collaborative effort. The initiative is looking for ways to partner collaboratively in a very far-sighted manner on behalf of St. Paul children.

XIII. **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- June 1 - Special Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 14
- January 4, 2011 – Annual Meeting
- January 18

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

- June 1 -- 5:30 p.m.
- July 13
- August 3
- August 24
- September 14
- October 5
- November 9
- November 30
- January 11, 2011
- February 1

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 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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