

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 19, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by the Board Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Brodrick, Ms. Street-Stewart, Ms. Carroll, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Kong-Thao, Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Varro, 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 Item C1: Ratification of Termination of Contract which was pulled for separate consideration. Motion seconded by Ms. Varro.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

B. Order of the Main Agenda

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

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of September 21, 2010

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for September 21, 2010 as published. Motion seconded by Ms. Varro.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Ms. O'Connell	Yes
Ms. Varro	Yes

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Committee of the Board Meeting of October 5, 2010

1. **Fiscal Update on the Final Budget Revision for FY 2009-2010**

The changes were routine budget adjustments to the fully financed funds to reflect changes in grant amounts. There were no changes to any other funds. The changes in the fully financed funds were a reduction of \$4,647,499 to the general fully financed fund and a reduction of \$1,756,632 to the community service fully financed fund. These reductions resulted in a year-end final revenue budget total of \$645,782,510.

Similar reductions occurred on the expenditure side (a reduction of \$4,647,499 to the general fully financed fund and a reduction of \$1,756,632 to the community service fully financed fund) resulting in a year-end final expenditure budget of \$657,128,257.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the final revisions to the 2009-10 Budget as presented.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

2. **Assessment and Update on Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)**

OPEB are benefits provided to employees and consist mainly of health care-related benefits promised to retirees in labor negotiations. Accounting for OPEB is now required under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 45 (GASB 45). The liability must be recognized on the financial statements.

On August 18, 2009, the Board of Education approved the recommendation to establish an OPEB Trust Fund during FY 2010. An actuarial valuation was done as of January 1, 2009 and updated on September 22, 2010 due to changes in the economic climate. This resulted in changes from the initial valuation and an increase in the liability. Steps have been taken to mitigate or offset the liability and include:

- Changes made in the SPPS labor agreements to post employment benefit eligibility
- Investment in an OPEB Trust

Administration released a Request for Information (RFIs) to financial institutions on establishing a OPEB Trust. Three responses were received and reviewed. Administration recommended selection of Wells Fargo who was most competitive and most experienced in this area. The initial investment to the OPEB Trust would be an estimated \$1 million.

Unknown factors, which may impact OPEB in future, include:

- Changes as a result of the National Health Insurance Initiative
- Changes in Minnesota legislation
- Return on Investment (ROI) from the OPEB Trust Fund
- The economic recovery

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education accept the OPEB actuarial valuation report and approve the establishment of the OPEB Trust with Wells Fargo.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

3. There was no report on the Standing Item: **Operation Planning Update**
4. A **Policy Update** was provided with a brief report on the status of the policy and procedure development process. Administration indicated they would bring forward policies around curriculum and instruction and accountability at the November 9 COB meeting. Procedures to support these policies will be brought forward as well by the January meeting along with a schedule of procedure development.
5. There was not report in the area of **School & Program Changes**.
6. A board **work session** was held and information was received in the areas of:
 - Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) & Procurement/Minority-Owned Businesses
 - Board Listening Sessions, and
 - Upcoming Conferences

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, acceptance of the Report on the Committee of the Board Meeting of October 5, 2010.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

VI. RECOGNITIONS

BF 28440 ING Unsung Heroes Award

ING Financial Advisors Unsung Heroes Award began in 1995. Grants are given to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning. The award is made to only 100 teachers in the nation each year.

Rick Olson, a science prep teacher at Horace Mann School, and **David Hodgson**, a Spanish teacher at Linwood/Monroe Arts Plus, received the ING Unsung Heroes Award for 2010. The grant is awarded to the teacher and the school to further fund their projects.

BF 28441 U.S. Census Bureau Recognition of SPPS

Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) received a letter from Dennis R. Johnson, the Regional Director for the U.S. Census, thanking the district for its efforts to promote an accurate Census count in 2010. These efforts helped ensure that SPPS will be accurately represented and eligible for funding for important community programs, services and facilities.

BF 28442 Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Employees and Departments

1. **Darrell Baggenstoss, Sidney Pudwill, Patrice Cassil and Ahna Logan**, teachers at Four Seasons A+ Elementary received the Spirit of Peace Award from Partners for Violence

Prevention for their work in engaging students by creating opportunities for students to cooperate, problem solve and persevere while demonstrating responsibility in daily arts lessons and in the school's annual all school summer musical.

2. **Marty Davis**, program manager science K-12, has been elected to the Board of Directors of SciMathmn as a representative for K-12 Education. SciMathmn is a non-profit, statewide education and business coalition advocating for quality K-12 science, technology, engineering and math education based on research, national standards and effective practices.

BF 28443 Acknowledgement of Accomplishments of SPPS Students

1. **Grace Thelemann-Bianchi**, fifth grader at L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion School, for her award-winning essay in the Dream Out Loud Challenge presented by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota College Saving Plan.
2. **Mia Xee Vang**, fifth grader at Nokomis Montessori Magnet, for taking first place in the Great River Art Contest at Fort Snelling State Park. The event was sponsored by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

- E. The Chief of Staff congratulated the Superintendent on the article published about her in the YAH magazine in Santiago, Chili.

MOTION: **Ms. Kong-Thao moved the Board of Education acknowledge everyone participating in the recognitions for this month and congratulate them on their contributions and outstanding work. Motion seconded by Mr. Hardy.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Nancy Gammel – Comment on the position of Family Liaison
- B. Janice LaFloe – Post-secondary supports for American Indian students
- C. Greg Copeland – Proposed tax increase

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. First Quarter Update

The Superintendent reported on the first quarter of the 2010-11 school year. Enrollment stands at 38,984. This is approximately 260 fewer than last year but 370 more than projected; the district lost fewer students than anticipated. SPPS is keeping its high schools as a priority choice for many families in St. Paul. Enrollment has leveled off in the elementary grades.

Now that numbers have been counted and confirmed it is the first year in which the District was able to hold schools harmless (no money was lost) and for some schools additional money was provided. This is the first time that the money generated by the 370 additional students has gone in total to the schools.

Extended day programming (after school programming through ALC) started last week. The students in extended time are taking classes in math and reading. Through the elementary schools they are doing enrichment classes. There are 40 elementary sites, 8 middle school

sites, and three high schools with two additional high schools starting later. The first week attendance is up 28% from last year in elementary and up 29% from last year in middle school. More than 1,100 students in grades 5-6 are taking instrumental music with a fully-staffed program.

Older students are taking prep classes for the GRAD tests and classes directed at credit recovery. Re-testing on the GRAD will occur in November and December.

In the last couple of weeks the District has done MAP testing in grades 3-9. This will provide a good look at areas where students are being successful and areas where there is a need to enhance learning and focus on areas with shortcomings. Results will be available by the first week in November. The test will be taken again in January and April. The tests were also administered at Humboldt and Gordon Parks. Results will be put into "View Point" which is an electronic instrument staff can use to assess where students stand.

The District has established the Office of College and Career Readiness whose purpose will be to prepare all SPPS students for a transition to post secondary education options or career opportunities. The office will put emphasis in several areas:

- Coordinated district-wide elementary engagement with post secondary and career exposure
- Targeted course selection for students in grades 7-12
- Structuring a system to encourage students in course completion with a B or higher
- Establishing exposure for students to career and college opportunities that are available
- Exposing families to grant and scholarship opportunities for their students
- Reduction of silos to offer more consistent, comprehensive support to schools, families and parents.

Administration has been working toward performance assessment plans for each individual in central office. Assessment tools for all top leadership will be finished by the beginning of January and will be used to assess the first six months of year. This will provide a way to know what goals have been accomplished and what areas are in need of acceleration.

SPPS is one of six districts nationally which have been selected to pilot core standards. A five year grant from the Gates Foundation and CGCS has been awarded to plan and implement this work. This project is expected to shape the future of American education.

QUESTIONS:

- Clarification was sought on transportation relative to afterschool programming. Response: Students participating in after school/extended day programming will be transported home.
- Do the current enrollment numbers mentioned include K-12? Response: Yes
- Was MAP testing done in the middle schools? Yes.

B. Human Resource Transactions

MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved approval of the Human Resource Transactions as published in the October 19 Board Book. The motion was seconded by Ms. Varro.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of all of the Consent Agenda Items with the exception of Item C 1: Ratification of Termination of Contract which was pulled for separate consideration. Motion seconded by Ms. Varro.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

A. Gifts

BF 28444 Gift Acceptance from the Target Corporation (Central)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Central High School to accept a monetary gift from the Target Corporation Take Charge of Education Program to be used as designated. The total gift of \$7,180.26 will be deposited into the Central High School intra-school account, 19-210-000-000-5096-0000.

BF 28445 Four Seasons A+ Elementary School PTO Donation for Four Seasons A+ Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept this donation of \$20,000 from the Four Seasons A+ Elementary School PTO for use at Four Seasons A+ Elementary School.

BF 28446 Donation of Classroom Supplies and Teacher Materials to Highwood Hills Elementary from Data Recognition Corporation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept the donation of supplies and materials with a total value of \$17,149.20 from Data Recognition Corporation for use at Highwood Hills Elementary School.

BF 28447 PTA Computer Donation: Horace Mann School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept the donation of 14 laptop computers and one computer mobility cart with a total value of \$18,568.71 from the Horace Mann School PTA for use at Horace Mann School.

B. Grants

BF 28448 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application 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, if necessary; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28449 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Best Buy Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the Best Buy Foundation for funds to expand the Pilot One-On-One Tutoring program at Murray Jr. High; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28450 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant to the Ecolab Foundation for Humboldt High School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Ecolab Foundation for the 7-12 Environmental Studies program and the AVID program at the Humboldt Secondary Schools, to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28451. Authorization to Accept a Grant for Energy Efficiency Improvements

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a Facility Cost Share Grant from the State of Minnesota for energy efficiency improvements; to accept funds; and for the Superintendent to execute the Grant Contract with the State of Minnesota.

BF 28452. Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the FastBreak Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the FastBreak Foundation for funds to bring in resident artists at The Lab at Homecroft; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28453. Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for funds to plan for translating and adopting the Common Core State Standards that improve student performance and college readiness in the district; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents

BF 28454. Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the H.B. Fuller Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the H.B. Fuller Foundation for funds to expand the Pilot One-On-One Tutoring program at Murray Jr. High; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28455. Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to International Baccalaureate (Central)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to International Baccalaureate for funds to lower the testing costs to families of Central High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28456. Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the March of Dimes

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the March of Dimes, Minnesota Chapter for funds to reduce the risks of health disparities during pregnancy, poor pregnancy outcomes and lower academic achievement including school failure or dropout through combination one-to-one support and group prenatal education at Harding High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28457. Request for Permission to Apply for a Grant to the McNeely Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the McNeely Foundation for funds to extend the credit completion programming at Washington Technology Middle School and Battle Creek Middle School; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28458 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for archery program funding Highland Senior High and Chelsea Heights Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28459 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board (J.J. Hill)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant award from the Minnesota State Arts Board for fund to implement arts-related learning projects at J. J. Hill Montessori Magnet School that support classroom curriculum and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28460. Request for Approval to Apply to the Minnesota State High School League's Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Minnesota State High School League's Foundation for monies being awarded to high schools in the State of Minnesota; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF28461 Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Perpich Center for the Arts

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Perpich Center for the Arts for professional development funds at Highland Park Senior High and World Cultures Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28462. Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Target Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Target Foundation for field trip funds at Central High School, Highwood Hills Elementary and Paul and Sheila Wellstone Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 28463 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to Walmart

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant to Walmart for transportation funding for Central High School's Saturday school and "College Conversations" program; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Contracts – Pulled for separate consideration

D. Agreements

BF 28464 Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative - Joint Powers Agreement

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to approve and adopt the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative – Joint Powers Agreement.

BF 28465 Approval for Memorandum of Understanding Between Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools and Saint Paul Federation of Teachers, Representing Teachers

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers and Saint Paul Public Schools clarifying the parties' understanding of Article 10, Section 2, Subd. 1 of the labor agreement.

E. Administrative Items

BF 28466 Submission of Annual IEIC Plan and Transfer of Part C Funds to Mounds View Public Schools

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to submit the 2010-2011 Interagency Early Intervention Part C annual plan approving the transfer of \$384,906.75 of the \$688,531.10 Part C Funds to Mounds View Public Schools so they can provide early intervention services and preschool interagency services for Saint Paul eligible children and their families for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

BF 28467 Recommendation for Exclusion of Students in Non-Compliance with Minnesota Statute 123.70 Health Standards: Immunizations

That the Board of Education excludes the named students from school effective October 28, 2010, should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunizations on or before this date.

BF 28468 Monthly Operating Authority

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

(a) General Account	#477055-478244	\$65,930,748.84
	#3014933-3014990	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	4,551.50
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>3,443,320.28</u>

\$69,378,620.62

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$30,949,162.62 and overtime of \$69,361.79.

(d) Collateral Changes

	<u>Cusip</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
FHLMC GOLD POOL A885048	312931TD0	03/01/2039
FNMA POOL 835751	31407NQC0	08/01/2035

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 January 18, 2011.

BF 28469 Post Age-65 Retiree Health Insurance Annual Renewal

That the Board of Education approve the contracts for retiree health insurance coverage with HealthPartners effective January 1, 2011, at the proposed premium renewal rates.

F. Bids - None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

BF 28470 Ratification of Termination of Contract

Director Hardy indicated he had pulled this item in order to learn Administration's plans for the continuation of the focus on cultural proficiency. Response: The Superintendent stated approximately 95% of staff have taken the cultural proficiency training. The next steps will be cultural proficiency training within the context of teaching and application to curriculum. The first steps will be working with principals for a deeper level of training and then move to teaching staff.

Will this address some of the concerns expressed by the LCD and American Indian Parent Committees? Response: This will move efforts from the previous training which was for staff not in the classroom. This will address the teachers who do not feel they had all the tools needed to differentiate instruction and address cultural proficiency within it. One of the biggest concerns in education is the quality of the teacher in front of students, use of best practices and a knowledge of cultural proficiency. It is motivating a student by taking their cultural background and enhancing it to acknowledge different students learn in different ways.. It is how to change instruction to meet the needs of all students in the classroom.

Will the training be done by in-house staff? Response: No, training will be done by outside experts. The District is researching different districts who have done it and utilizing their knowledge to enhance SPPS training.

Director Carroll asked that at a subsequent COB meeting administration provide information on how they will measure progress and change and how they expect to see change demonstrated. How will tangible changes be "seen?" That they provide a look at the plan for monitoring and measuring outcomes and afterwards what was achieved.

MOTION: Ms. O'Connell moved the Board of Education ratify the Superintendent's termination, effective October 29, 2010, of the contract with deepSEE Consulting, Inc. Motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sale of Bonds

The Chief Business Officer introduced the representative from Springsted who addressed execution of the sale. She stated Springsted, on behalf of SPPS, accepted bids for two issues of bonds. The rating on the bonds was confirmed by S&P. Northland Security purchased the Series 2010B at a rate of 2.69. Series 2010C was purchased by Bank of America Merrill Lynch which after calculations resulted in a 0% coupon for SPPS (this was through ARRA funding).

BF 28471 Resolution Accepting Bid on the Sale of \$7,750,000 Taxable General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2010B (Build America Bonds - Direct Pay), Providing for Their Issuance and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education approve the Resolution for the Sale of \$7,750,000 Taxable General Obligation School Building Bonds (Build America Bonds - Direct Pay), Series 2010B. Motion seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

BF 28472 Resolution Accepting Bid on the Sale of \$18,250,000 Taxable General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2010C (Qualified School Construction Bonds - Direct Pay) Providing for Their Issuance and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education approve the Resolution for the Sale of \$18,250,000 Taxable General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2010C (Qualified School Construction Bonds - Direct Pay). The motion was seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

BF 28473 Appointment to the Civil Service Commission

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Varro, the resolution that the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education consent to and approve the appointment, made by the Mayor, of the following individual to serve on the Saint Paul Civil Service Commission: Fred Owusu with his term to expire December 31, 2016.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

XII. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A. Information Requests & Responses
None

B. Items for Future Agendas
Addressed earlier.

C. Board of Education Reports/Communications

1. **Council of Urban Boards of Education Annual Conference - 9/30-10/2/2010**

Director Hardy present highlight of the conference.

- An update on legislation particularly relative to diversity
- Partnerships with charter schools
- Use of social media (primarily Facebook)
- Recognition of top Boards of Education
- The STEM program at Portsmouth, VA
- "Waiting for Superman"
- Site Visits
- Updates on ESEA, Secondary Education Act, No Child Left Behind, Nutrition Legislation

2. Director Kong-Thao gave an overview of the 9th Annual Hmong Resource Fair and extended thanks to all SPPS staff who participated in the fair and the outreach to the community. She noted the date for 10th Annual Fair was 10/1/2011. She also thanked UCARE for its support in providing free flu shots.

3. The Chair announced the first Board Listening Session – November 11 in the Atrium at the Linwood/Monroe Upper Campus (810 Palace). Time from 7-8:30 p.m.

XIII. **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

A. Board of Education Meetings

- November 16
- November 30 – 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting to hold a Truth In Taxation Hearing
- December 14
- January 4 – Annual Meeting
- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- April 19

- May 17
- June 7 – Special
- June 21
- July 19

A. Committee of the Board Meetings

- November 9
- November 30
- January 11
- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 28
- July 19

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved the meeting adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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