

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
360 Colborne

June 16, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Carroll, Mr. Conlon, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Kong-Thao, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Brodrick, Ms. Street-Stewart, Interim Superintendent Kelly, Mr. Lalla, General Counsel and Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk.

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

A. Order of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Conlon requested that Item E7, page 68, Focus and Name Change for Cleveland Junior High (Aerospace at Cleveland) be pulled for separate consideration.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval, seconded by Mr. Conlon, of the order of the Consent Agenda with the exception that Item E7, page 68, Focus and Name Change for Cleveland Junior High (Aerospace at Cleveland) which was pulled for separate consideration.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

B. Order of the Main Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the removal of Items XI-B, Action to Approve Temporary Closure of Longfellow and Roosevelt Schools and XI-C, Action to Approve the Repurposing of Sheridan Elementary School from the main agenda and that these items be moved to the July 14 COB meeting for a comprehensive and full discussion and that they then be carried forward to the July 21 Board of Education meeting for further consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Hardy.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	No
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

Board members stated their reasons for removing these items from the agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Hardy moved approval of the Main Agenda, as revised by the above motion and the list of changes/additions provided at places. Motion seconded by Mr. Conlon.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 19, 2009
- B. Minutes of the Special Meeting Board of Education of June 9, 2009
- C. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education June 15, 2009

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 19, 2009, the Special Meeting Board of Education of June 9, 2009 and the Special Meeting of the Board of Education June 15, 2009 as published. Motion seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of May 19, 2009
This meeting was reported out at the May 19, 2009 Board of Education Meeting. The minutes are published for the record.

- B. Committee of the Board Meeting June 9, 2009
The agenda was very lengthy with the first item being:

- 1. Master Operations Plan

- The Chief Operations Officer indicated district-wide strategic operational initiatives include: large scale system changes, the Facilities Condition and Education Adequacy Assessments (FCA/EAA) and a strategy to address technology.

- Operations encompass six primary areas: facility operations and maintenance, nutrition and commercial services, transportation, information technology, facility planning and security and emergency management. Each of these areas has several initiatives on-going within it.

- The master Operations Plan highlights key operations strategies within a framework in support of a premier education for all.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education accept the Master Operations Plan and extend the Board's thanks for its development.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

2. SY 2009-2010 Transportation Bids including (Annual Vendor Performance Report Including Utilization of Sick Leave, Turnover, Recruitment & Retention)

Transportation bids were opened on June 4 and recruitment and retention plans were provide for Board review along with turnover rates and sick leave utilization practices for each of the lines submitting bids. For SY 2009-10 there are only two minor changes affecting school start times: Nokomis Montessori Magnet School has a five minute later start and Franklin Music Magnet will operate on a five minute earlier start schedule.

All St. Paul school bus contractors were in compliance with District contract and operational standards for the 2008-009 school year and district safety staff conducted random compliance audits of all of SPPS contractors this spring.

The contract period for the transportation bids runs from September 7, 2009 through June 13, 2010. There was approximately a 1.5% decrease in route service bids over previous year and approximately a 2.6% increase in field and athletic trip rates over previous year. The net result was a \$700,000 budgetary savings for the upcoming year.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to award basic routes to the indicated low bidders conforming to the Specifications for Bid and accept the rates for Additional Service, Hourly Rate Service and Field Trip Service as bid with the utilization to be made based upon the availability of equipment.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

3. Capital Expenditure Advisory Committee (CEAC) Recommendations on Capital Bonding & Administrative Response

The CEAC chair stated that at the May 20 Board meeting the Board approved an action that the 2008-09 school year would be used to design an appropriate process for future capital expenditure proposals using the FCA/EAA as guidelines. CEAC has done that and an overview of the capital bonding process model and the feedback process from the schools was described.

Administration stated it supports the capital bonding process adopted by CEAC and thanked CEAC for their hard work in creating a data-driven process that will effectively align resources with district priorities.

Building administrators were sent a list of potential capital projects and were asked to rank the projects in terms of priority and to submit one additional capital proposal

for their site. These are due back to Facility Planning on June 10. The joint administration/CEAC recommendation for capital projects will be presented to the Board on September 22.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education accept the Capital Expenditure Advisory Committee recommendations and the administrative response and that the Board instruct CEAC and administration to work on developing an evaluation/feedback process

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

4. Citizen's Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (CBFAC) Presentation & Administrative Response

The CBFAC chair presented the report.

The CBFAC topic of study was enrollment trends, their impact on the budget and recommendations. The committee brought forward several recommendations:

- That a method be developed for collecting data on why departing students are leaving and where they are going and that this be analyzed for trends and other information to be used to develop a plan to attract and retain students.
- That a plan be developed and implemented to better inform high school students and their parents of programs and opportunities for high school studies as a method of retaining secondary students.
- That successful programs (those with waiting lists) be replicated to retain/increase enrollment (per LSSC proposals)
- That a long-term building maintenance schedule and projected budget to support this be developed
- That the District work collaboratively with all bargaining units to recruit and retain the correct number of the best and brightest staff through performance assessments and credentialing.

Administration concurred with the CBFAC recommendations and publically thanked the members of the committee for their hard work and due diligence of their task. The administrative response included:

- Development of standardized data collection on students leaving and those attracted to SPPS with the result of arresting the district revenue loss is tied up with student enrollment.
- Marketing program strategies and seeking other opportunities to communicate effectively with secondary students and their parents
- Replicating successful programs
- Creating a long-term building maintenance schedule and budget to support the schedule;
- Seeking system change to attract/retain the best possible staff.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Education accept the CBFAC Report and Recommendations and extend its thanks for the thoughtful work by the committee and staff. Additionally that staff and CBFAC provide ongoing updates on the specific issues which were called out in the CBFAC recommendations.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
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Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

5. SY 2009-2010 Budget Discussion & Proposed Action Timeline

Administration reviewed the budget planning timeline and the financial climate impacting the budget. They reiterated the need to reduce the budget by \$25 million. The Interim Chief Financial Officer proposed the FY 10 budget including the addition of the ARRA funding. This ARRA funding includes \$29.1 million in State stabilization funding; this is a supplanting of funds and does not change the originally projected budget amounts. Additionally there are additional ARRA dollars of \$28.9 million in Title 1 and IDEA which changes the General Fund Fully Financed budget from \$42.6 million to \$71.6 million.

There was a brief review of the Budget Reduction Summary Chart as presented on April 14 which reflects the reductions to central administration and the restorations to Itinerant Instrumental Music Teachers and Athletics as requested by the Board.

There was a brief review of the budget survey results which had a total of 1,370 responses (858 staff, 512 non-staff).

Next steps are the budget adoption on June 16, 2009 with in-progress budget reporting and fall revision and quarterly updates in fall and spring.

The discussion then moved to the use of ARRA funds beginning with a review of the guiding principles: (1) spend quickly to save and create jobs; (2) ensure transparency and accountability; (3) thoughtfully invest one-time funds and (4) advance effective reforms.

The district utilized the following planning assumptions to ensure Title I and IDEA funding will be used to support components of key district reforms: (1) use two-years of stimulus funding as leverage for sustainable long-term district-wide change; (2) implement well-designed research-based systems that maximize resources; (3) increase fidelity of implementation through alignment with existing efforts and (4) use a project management approach to set and meet clear benchmarks and timelines.

There are four major revenue sources for K-12 ARRA funding:

- State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) - \$29.1 million to SPPS (supplanting State funds)
 - This is the largest source of funding for education.
 - This money has already been accounted for in all SPPS budget discussions to date
 - SPPS must apply for funding and account for the monies differently than General Education Revenue.
 - The State Fiscal Stabilization Funds provide no budget relief.
- Title I, Part A - \$18.1 million to SPPS over the next two years
 - This funding is tied to the four priority areas identified by USED for ARRA funding: college and career readiness; interventions (for lowest performing students/schools); teacher effectiveness and education data systems.
 - The district will build upon existing efforts to minimize "initiative fatigue"
 - Efforts will be aimed at building capacity and improving professional practices for lasting impact; these include: direct services to students in Title I schools; district AYP professional development initiatives; equitable

services for non-public students; parent involvement funding to Title I schools and support for systemic implementation of ARRA initiatives.

- IDEA, Part B - \$10.9 million to SPPS
 - Early intervention services aimed at reducing referrals to special education (a State requirement)
 - EIS over-identification or non-compliance with IDEA
 - Special Education reform (improvement of collaboration between general education and special education; reduction of paperwork burden and improved IDEA compliance; assistive technology, transportation, support and accountability)
- School construction - \$32 million for SPPS which will result in a saving of \$17 million in interest for the taxpayers.

It is estimated implementation will require new short-term positions (approximately 29 FTEs for Title I and 50 FTEs for IDEA). Staff impacted by recent budget cuts may apply, if qualified, for the new positions.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: **That the Board recommend the Board of Education accept the FY 10 Proposed Budget and ARRA Spending Plan Report and approve of the timeline.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

6. Standing Item: Policy Update
No report on policy will be made until the July COB meeting.

7. Standing Item: School and Program Changes Update

- **LSSC – Possible Changes/Impacts on Schools & Programs**

Administration summarized the actions and timelines administration recommends for the LSSC proposal. Administration reviewed a draft of language for actions related to various LSSC changes and the suggested timeline.

The Chief Community Relations Officer reviewed the LSSC Community Engagement responses from the various public forums held over the past months. She reviewed feedback results on school choice, rightsizing/consolidation, employee effectiveness and development, academic reform and budget. Themes and questions in all the areas were outlined. She reviewed the proposed timeline for action on these items.

RCOMMENDED MOTION: **That the Board of Education approve the proposed timeline and move it forward to the Board of Education meeting of June 16.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	No
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

8. Work Session

- **Superintendent Transition**

The Superintendent reviewed a document on which she had outlined key action items which will serve as a transition plan and provide benchmarks for future actions.

The Board Chair announced work had been completed on an RFP for a search firm to assist in the superintendent search. It should be posted within the next week to 10 days.

The Chair acknowledged the advisory committees and all staff members for their work in putting together the information necessary for this meeting.

- **BoardBook Training**

This was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

- **Board Vacancy**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board recommend the Board of Education not act to fill the vacancy opened by Mr. Conlon's departure but that the vacancy be filled through a special election.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Abstain
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

C. Committee of the Board June 15, 2009

The purpose of the meeting was to allow for a board discussion on budget in order to clarify questions and concerns relative to it. Areas of questions addressed during the discussion included:

- ARRA dollars and clarification on the application of these funds, which would be eligible for employment, what can be expected in terms of the employees not longer working for the district but might be eligible to reapply in the future and further definition of the areas where a district is prohibited from using the ARRA dollars.
- The projected impact of proposed changes on students, schools, families, community, partners and staff.
- An examination of categories of the budget for amounts in case things might be shifted, the efficiency of making changes in budget recommendations at this time and a review of places where, if dollars were redirected, redesign would be necessary and other impacts there might be.
- Areas of cost with information clarification for various programs.
- Cost of professional development across a variety of categories of employees
- The rationale for making particular recommendations and assessments.

The Board recognized that the current budget consideration for SY 09-10 is just the beginning of what might be still another two years of volatile economic conditions. The Board recognized the cuts being made now are devastating but looking at the economic forecast the Board needs to be ready to move forward with potential additional cuts in the next years.

Several motions brought forward failed.

The Board looked forward to monitoring roles for next year and recognized the need to carefully monitor the impact of cuts being made and instructed administration to be very aware of this need and asked them to begin to explore how this can be provided.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education thank our students, families, Site Councils, staff, and administration at school and district levels for spending so many hundreds of hours to think through and prepare recommendations on these terribly difficult budget cuts tied to enrollment and the economic downturn.

We would also like to thank the office of Community Relations for designing and co-hosting with community partners the series of nationally recognized opportunities to gather, compile and present thoughtful community input to the Board.

We listened to every person who participated in this challenging process and we are grateful to everyone for your help.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

D. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Committee Meetings Reports

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved acceptance of the minutes reported; seconded by Mr. Conlon.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

VI. **RECOGNITIONS**

The Chair announced the Board is moving its reporting (agenda & board book) to an electronic format as of the July meeting so there will no longer be paper copies of the book unless an individual chooses to print it out.

A. **BF 27978** Acknowledgement of the Good Work of Retiring Board Member

The Board took this opportunity to recognize Director Tom Conlon for his 18 years of service to SPPS. Board members offered comments in recognition of Mr. Conlon and shared memories of his time on the Board. Mr. Conlon offered his thanks and appreciation for the recognition and expressed his pleasure in having served the district over the years.

MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved the Board of Education recognize Director Tom Conlon and acknowledge him for his service, contributions and outstanding work. Motion seconded by Mr. Hardy.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

The Chair then stated Mr. Conlon had tendered his resignation effective July 6, 2009; she requested a motion accepting his resignation.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education accept the resignation of Tom Conlon from the SPPS Board of Education effective July 6, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Hardy.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

- B. Resolution of Appreciation for Director Conlon from the Saint Paul City Council
Ms. Street-Stewart presented Director Conlon, on behalf of Council member Lee Helgin and the City Council, with a Resolution of Appreciation from the St. Paul City Council, and read the Proclamation in which the Mayor of Saint Paul named Tuesday, June 16, 2009 Tom Conlon Day.
- C. Proclamation of Recognition for Director Conlon from the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
Ms. Street-Stewart presented Director Conlon, on behalf of Commissioner Toni Carter and the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, with a Proclamation of Thanks from the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.
- D. **BF 27979** Acknowledgement of Good Work Provided by Outstanding District Employees and Departments
- Central Senior High School – John Steinmaus, automotive teacher, was honored by City of St. Paul
 - Galtier Magnet School – Ann Egyhazi, ECFE teacher, received a grant from the Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.
 - Nutrition Services – Pat Mergens, Nutrition Services coordinator, raised \$10,600 for the Global Child Nutrition Foundation
 - SPPS Office of Community Relations – won a Gold Medallion Award from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA)
 - 2009 3M Ingenuity Grants were awarded to: John Weimholt, Ames Elementary; Jamin McKenzie, Jordon Anderson & Susan Fourneia, Battle Creek Middle School; Andrea Lindorfer, Aaron Benner, Stephanie Bensen & Monica Johnson, Benjamin E. May Magnet; Juliana James, Crescence Nabil, Margretta Ballingrud, Roger Riesgraf, Barbara Hinrichs, Mary McCrossan & Debbie Peterson, Frost Lake; Lyne Motylinski & Maijune Xiong, Galtier Magnet; Kelly Gibson, Hancock Hamline University Collaborative Magnet; Christi Schmitt, Mary Nhia Ly & Henriette Ngo-Bissory, L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion; Kelsie Onyango, Maxfield Magnet; Sarah Wellington, North End Elementary; Nicola Turner, Open School; Jim Schrankler, St. Anthony Park and Denis Kapier, Washington Technology Middle School.

- E. **BF 27980** Acknowledgement of Good Work by Schools
 AGAPE celebrated 50 years of academic excellence for teen parents on May 20, 2009 having provided an alternative program for the education of pregnant and/or parenting girls since 1958.

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Hardy, that the Board of Education recognize the good work provided by outstanding district employees, departments and schools.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Ring – Destination Imagination – which cost basis is to be used for the program
- Robin Olson -- District-wide dance team
- Amanda Hang – District-wide dance team
- Mary Reis – Achievement gap
- Joan Duncanson – Special education & elimination of CDTs
- Pu Kwa Htoi – Int’l Academy LEAP
- Amanda Hang – LEAP
- Ya Yang- LEAP
- Tou Yeng Moua – LEAP
- Mark Dahlay – LEAP
- Deih Htoo – LEAP
- Ronald - LEAP
- Junior Victor Lu -- LEAP
- Abebe Legusu - LEAP
- Long Yang – Support for students at LEAP (Lao family Community of MN)
- Xang.Vang – Support for students at LEAP (Lao family Community of MN)
- Mary Cathryn Ricker (SPFTA) – support of teachers at LEAP academy
- John Krenek – Acknowledgement of Tom Conlon – Budget situation
- Steve Brown – Cleveland name change
- Victoria Davis – Cost of school use
- Tim Hausker -- Support for athletics

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Summer School Preview

The Interim Superintendent noted summer school will run from June 22 – July 14. She indicated the number of weeks has been condensed but the length of day has been expanded so students are receiving the same number of instructional hours as in the past. She went on to list the various programs/services available to SPPS students throughout the summer.

QUESTIONS:

- Concern was raised that transportation for summer school is not available for Sheridan. The Chief Academic Officer stated Sheridan is not having summer school this year, it is being held at Frost Lake. Transportation is provided for Sheridan students to Frost Lake. If a student lives within one mile of Frost Lake

they will not have transportation but will have to walk.

B. LEAP Situation

The Interim Superintendent stated the LEAP situation is difficult. SPPS has been able to provide instructional services at LEAP to students older than 21 for the last few years. This decision was made despite the lack of State aid for those students. It was also made despite a full knowledge of the governing laws and their implications for other students in the district. The District has now been made aware of the laws and the implications of those laws for equity of service. The District has met with the students and staff at LEAP. The Interim Superintendent stated the District applauds the teaching staff at LEAP for their dedication and commitment to their students. She went on to stated the district is faced with a situation in which anything that is done for students at LEAP over age 21 must also be offered throughout the district for all students over age 21. This is a dilemma for the district as there are significant legal and cost implications to that.

What has been determined is that students aged 21 who are enrolled in 08-09 school year (including summer school) would be able to complete that this year. This might be just the difference they need to get their diploma. This is not a budget issue; it is a mandate to provide equal service to all students. ABE programming is provided at the LEAP site and expanding that program is being explored along with ways to get a GED for the students. Administration will continue to meet with students and staff to do everything possible to assist the students.

The General Counsel stated he had the matter under advisement. There are a number of legal concerns involving statutory interpretation including interpretation of the ALC statute, State and Federal constitutional concerns and statutory problems and possible discrimination concerns. The initial threshold issue would be is there a harm that is recognized and remedial by law. The District is not denying any of the students the opportunity to obtain a free education. There might be no harm recognized by law as necessitating remediation.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- A Board member stated Administration needs to find some kind of reasonable solution that is defensible, legal and sustainable and limited and can be carried forward over the next years. Additionally, it needs to do a better job of informing kids who come in at a late age, in their home language, what issues they face.
- This appears to be a liability issue; make it clear to the students so there is a clear understanding how the program works. Explain the significance of a GED in comparison to a diploma.
- The questions was asked: Is it within district purview to say that a particular school can serve students within 14-20 years of age? It would be helpful if this issue was clarified for the Board. Response: It is not illegal for school districts; but as a public body a district is only authorized to do what statute authorizes it to do. The law that gives statutory authorization to do something is called Dillon's Rule. Statute 128.20 states everyone is entitled to a free public education from Kindergarten to age 21 and continue that until age 21 through the end of that school year.
- A Board member requested that in the Weekly Update the Board get a recap of options available to the students at 21 and slightly over in finishing through summer.
- How can the District help students who start at 20 understand how to carry on? What is the average amount of time to finish and get a diploma?
- SPPS is unique in State in many ways, what does it mean to receive a diploma in the district. What else is offered in the State? If SPPS is unique, the board needs to comprehend the challenge changes in population trends will bring and how things can be done in a sustainable manner.

- The Council of Great City Schools ELL Task Force might be able to provide input or may have models of something comparable outside of Minnesota – Texas, California.
- The adult program at the Hubbs Center was eliminated. Does it make sense for students to enroll at LEAP if they can't graduate? Was funding eliminated for the adult diploma program? What is the difference between a GED and diploma? What is the overall strategy? Administration responded the details will be provided in an upcoming Weekly Board Update. The adult diploma program was eliminated. The perception for some students is that a GED is less than a diploma. The reality is colleges take a GED or diploma, it is considered the same. The District is working, through the system, to help students understand their options.

C. Update on Governor's Budget Actions

The Governor announced how he would balance the State budget. A full analysis of all of the numbers is not available at this meeting, however for the most part the changes did not take away funding. It did change how much the District (and others) receives in State Aid Payments resulting in a potential cash flow issue. Previously the State sent district 90% of the State Aid Payment during the fiscal year and the remaining 10% in the following fiscal year. The Governor has changed this to 73% in FY 2010 and the remaining 27% in FY 2011. The combined effect is less cash over time and creates the potential need to borrow as the fiscal year progresses in order to meet payroll and operating payments. The Business Office is doing projection assessments to determine if and when the District may need to borrow and the Board will be updated as information becomes more specific.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

- The issue is the cost of borrowing so please provide that information as it becomes available.
- Is there a fiscal impact which might require budget adjustment? This is still being analyzed, the Chief Business Officer stated the assessment at this time is the District believes there is a potential for cash flow impact, no other impact is foreseen. In general the news is good because there were no unallotments to the education budget. For FY 10 the Governor's word is final, but this is a budget and the Governor can revisit it.
- Administration was asked to provide information on what the unallotment process involves. Administration indicated the Legislative Liaison would be asked to provide this.

D. Human Resource Transactions Including principal appointments 8/10/2009

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education adopt the Superintendent's proposed administrative reorganization and in connection therewith: (1) That effective July 1, 2009, the position of Executive Director High School Education be discontinued; (2) That effective July 1, 2009, the job title Executive Director Middle Grades Education be amended to Executive Director Secondary Schools; and (3) That the 2007-2009 Terms and Conditions of Professional Employment for the Members of the Superintendency be amended to comply with the foregoing. And,

That the Board of Education approve the Human Resource transactions occurring between April 23 and March 25, 2009 as published in the Board Book along with the principal placements for the 2009-2010 School Year as follows: Barbara Evangelist, Principal, Franklin Music Magnet; Linda Parker, Principal, Highwood Hills Elementary; Brenda Lewis, Principal, Capitol Hill Magnet; Tim Williams, Interim Principal, Roosevelt West Side School; Shoua Faith Moua, Principal, Bruce Vento Elementary and Katherine Holmquist-Burks, Principal, Sheridan Elementary. Motion seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Street-Stewart moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items, as published, with the exception of Item E7, page 68, Focus and Name Change for Cleveland Junior High (Aerospace at Cleveland) which was pulled for separate consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Conlon.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

A. Gifts

BF 27981 Gift Acceptance from the Jack and Gretchen Norqual Foundation
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Como Park Senior High School to accept this gift from the Jack and Gretchen Norqual Foundation. The \$15,000.00 will be deposited in Intra-school Fund: 19-21 2-291 -000-5096-0000.

B. Grants

BF 27982 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Airborne Teacher Trust Foundation
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Como Park Senior High School to accept this gift from the Jack and Gretchen Norqual Foundation. The \$15,000.00 will be deposited in Intra-school Fund: 19-21 2-291 -000-5096-0000.

BF 27983 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Boss Foundation
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Boss Foundation to fund an in-school tutoring program at Murray Junior High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 27984 Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Minnesota Department of Education for Magnet School and Program Grants
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Minnesota Department of Education for Magnet School and Program Grants for Galtier Magnet School, Museum Magnet School, and Webster Magnet School, to assist in the integration of public schools by supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of minority group isolation in public schools; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 27985 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the National

Education Association

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the National Education Association to fund a program that will improve academic success at the Lab at Homecroft; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 27986 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from State of Minnesota, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Gordon Parks High School to accept a monetary gift donation of \$500.00 from State of Minnesota, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

BF 27987 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from St. Anthony Park Community Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to St. Anthony Park Community Foundation for the Tutoring Program, Murray Band trip, and environmental camp scholarships at Murray Junior HS; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the grant as specified in the award documents.

BF 27988 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to Workforce Solutions for FastTRAC -Supplemental Funds

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to Workforce Solutions to provide ABE Services to adults to improve education (basic skills) and employment readiness skills to be able to enter and be successful in occupational skill training programs; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 27989 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the John P. and Eleanor R. Yackel Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Yackel Foundation to fund a literary arts and community collaboration for Highland Park Elementary School and Benjamin E. Mays International Magnet School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

C. Agreements

BF 27990 Agreement with the Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seal Society of Minnesota

That the Board of Education enter into the 2009-10 agreement with Goodwill Industries, Inc./ Easter Seal Society of Minnesota to provide work adjustment training/placement of selected special education students using Goodwill facilities for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The agreement amount of \$150,000 will be funded from an existing Special Education General Fund Budget 01-608-380-835-6393-0000.

BF 27991 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Local No. 61, to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 20092010

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Memorandum of Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment of those employees in this school district for whom International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Local No. 61 is the exclusive representative; duration of said agreement is for the period of May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

BF 27992 Permission to Continue an Agreement with the County of Ramsey to Provide Childcare Service to Adolescent Parents

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to continue a contract with the County of Ramsey through Community Human Services Department to

provide childcare services at the state approved rate increases through August 31, 2014.

BF 27993 Authorization to Lease Land at 1930 Como Avenue from Regents of the University of Minnesota

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to execute a lease agreement between the Regents of the University of Minnesota and Independent School District No. 625 allowing the district to lease land under a University of Minnesota intercampus transitway bridge for 1930 Como Avenue vehicle parking and equipment storage beginning August 1, 2009, and subject to all other terms and conditions of said lease agreement.

D. Contracts

BF 27994 Contract for Legislative Services

That the Board of Education enter into a contract with Mary Dougherty Gilbert to provide legislative services to the District for a period of twenty four (24) months beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$221,820.

BF 27995 Contract for Services with Northwest Youth & Family Services and Independent School District No. 621

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Independent School District #621 and Northwest Youth & Family Services to provide educational and mental health therapeutic services for five students with serious emotional disabilities for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at the cost not to exceed \$167,257.96.

BF 27996 Contract for Services with Power of Relationships, P.A.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Power of Relationships, P.A., to provide therapeutic services for students with disabilities in day treatment classrooms for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at the cost not to exceed \$378,900.00 and accounted for in the Special Education's General Fund budget (01-998-420-740-6393-0000). The cost of this contract will be offset, in part, by medical assistance billing and Special Education state aids.

D. Administrative Items

BF 27997 Active Employee and Early Retiree Health Insurance

That the Board of Education approve a contract for active employee and early retiree health insurance coverage with HealthPartners, effective January 1, 2010, at the proposed premium renewal rates.

BF 27998 RFP No. A9285-G Cultural Proficiency Professional Development

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to authorize the award of RFP No. A-9285-G to the most responsive proposer, Sentient Consultants, Inc. for the development and implementation of Cultural Proficiency Professional Development for SPPS staff, beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 for an estimated cost not to exceed \$1.4 million.

BF 27999 Approval of New Rate of Pay for Insulation Repair Work

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the pay rates set forth for the insulation repair positions effective as of June 1, 2009.

BF 28000 Leadership and Learning Center

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to authorize the award of contract to the Leadership and Learning Center, beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 for an estimated cost not to exceed \$1.5 million.

BF 28001 Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period May 1 – May 31, 2009.

(a) General Account	#453306-455608	
	#3013348-3013454	\$43,662,960.88
(b) Debt Service	-0-	3,200.25
(c) Construction	-0-	1,090,351.61
		<u>\$44,756,512.74</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$19,472,771.23 and overtime of \$125,126.11.

(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 September 15, 2009.

BF 28002 Bid No. 1895-M Pre-Employment Background Check Services

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. 1895-M for providing pre-employment background check services during the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 to the lowest responsible bidder, Trusted Employees, in the estimated amount of \$59,362.00.

BF 28003 Request for Permission to Submit Applications for Funding Authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965) and the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit the required applications for funding under ARRA and NCLB to the Minnesota Department of Education; to accept funds if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

F. Bids

BF 28004 Bid No. A9313-M Pupil Transportation for 2009-2010 School Year

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to award basic routes to the indicated low available bidders conforming to the Specifications for Bid and accept the rates for Additional Services, Hourly Rate Service and Field Trip Service as bid with the utilization to be made based upon the availability of equipment.

BF 28005 Bid No. A9321-K Lighting Replacement at Como Park Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9321-K for the Lighting Replacement at Como Park Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Commercial Electric Company for \$202,683.74, the lump sum base bid plus alternates No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7b, 8, and 9.

BF 28006 Bid No. A9324-K Auditorium Sound System & Lighting at Johnson Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9324-K for the Auditorium Sound System & Lighting at Johnson Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Peoples Electric Company for \$189,363.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates No. 1.

BF 28007 Bid No. A9325-K Stucco Replacement at Como Park Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9325-K for the Stucco Replacement at Como Park Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Gen

Con Construction for \$817,900.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BF 28008 Bid No. A9326-K Window Replacement -East End at L'Etoile Du Nord/Parkway School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9326-K for the Window Replacement – East End at L'Etoile Du Nord / Parkway School to the lowest responsible bidder, W. L. Hall Company for \$168,622.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BF 28009 Bid No. A9327-E Dairy and Juice Products

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9327-E for furnishing and delivery of dairy and juice products to approximately 70 school cafeterias for Nutrition Services during the period September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010 to the lowest responsible bidder, Schroeder Milk Company, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$1,150,000.00. An additional amount of \$200,000.00 has been added to the base bid for the cost of the juice, which will be bid separately, but delivered and billed through Schroeder.

BF 28010 Bid No. A9329-M Roof Replacement at Parkway Elementary

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9329-M for the roof replacement at Parkway Elementary to the lowest responsible bidder, Central Roofing Company for \$624,630.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

BF 28011 Bid No. A9330-K Machine Guarding/Dust Collector at Monroe Community School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9330-K for the Stucco Replacement at Como Park Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, D.N.R. Construction for \$132,154.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

BF 28012 Focus and Name Change for Cleveland Junior High (Aerospace at Cleveland)

Mr. Conlon indicated he had pulled the item because of his concern that renaming the schools is taking tradition and long-term connections away from the school. He stated he will oppose the name change but added he was enthusiastic about the program.

MOTION: **That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to approve a name change at Aerospace at Farnsworth and Aerospace at Cleveland to Farnsworth Aerospace PreK-8 Magnet.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	No
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board Action on 2009-2010 Budget

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 budget. Motion seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	No
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

DISCUSSION:

- A Board member expressed regret at having to approve the budget stating they approved it because it is required by law and there were no other options or places to go, the money isn't there.
- A Board member asked Administration to find a way to add back the dance line.
- A technical question was raised by a Board member asking if once the budget is approved do the details remain administratively active? It was suggested that administration be advised to keep the dance line in mind as they move to implement the budget if the discrepancy in the numbers can be reconciled..
- A Board member offered a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor to add the dance line. The maker declined the amendment.
- A director stated he didn't like the \$10 million in cuts directly at the schools nor did he like addressing the COLA & health insurance freeze outside of the contract negotiation level.
- A Board member stated that everyone recognizes this budget decision is not an enviable decision to make. Education is important for future choices and life choices. Even as the Board makes decisions now, because there is such a deficit facing the district, the Board must remain on track with its innovative reform models and in spite of the drastic measure the district will still move forward with quality education for SPPS.
- Any decision made with this budget will be a bad decision; they will be harmful to someone. This is what happens to a school district when the State decides to fund education on the cheap. The district will continue forward but there has to be a better way to do it such as the proposed Minnesota Miracle.
- Thanks were extended to all staff, particularly the Business Office and the Budget Advisory Committee, for the work put into pulling the budget together and addressing all questions brought forward.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

BF 28013

Resolution Calling for Special Election to Fill Board Vacancy

MOTION: Whereas, the office of a School Board member will become vacant effective July 6, 2009 by reason of the resignation of Tom Conlon; and whereas the term of such office expires January 2, 2012 such that more than two years remain in the unexpired term of such office; and whereas, Minnesota Statute Section 123B.09, Subdivision 5 and Section 205A.05, Subdivision 2 require that a special election be held in conjunction with the School District's primary and general election to fill such vacancy for such unexpired term, now, therefore, be it resolved, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 123B.09, Subdivision 5 and Section 205A.05, Subdivision 2, that the School Board does hereby authorize and call a special election of the qualified electors of the School District, to be held in conjunction with the School District's September 15, 2009 primary election and November 3, 2009 general election to fill the vacancy created by Tom Conlon's resignation for the unexpired term of such office.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes

Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

B. Action to Approve Temporary Closure of Longfellow & Roosevelt Schools

C. Action to Approve the Repurposing of Sheridan Elementary School
The above two items were pulled from the agenda by earlier action.

D. Action on School Choice Timeline
This was approved in an earlier action.

E. Project Labor Agreement -Pavement Repair and Replacement at District

MOTION: Mr. Conlon moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, the Board of Education accept the Administrative Recommendation that no PLA be used in conjunction with the pavement repairs and replacement at the District Service Facility.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

BF 28014 Resolution Designating Banks and Depositories as Updated

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the resolution authorizing, approving and designating the listed banks as depositories for school district funds, according to the terms and provisions of the resolution and the requirements contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 118A.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

G. Other

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education request administration to promptly investigate further the options for a District-wide Dance Line Team and in the process reconcile the significant differences among participants and costs between Administration and what was presented by the coaches and students as well as the various options that were proposed by the team to proactively address their own participation, transportation and cost issues.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

Mr. Brodrick Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart Yes

XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Information Requests & Responses

- A request was made to have a discussion regarding transportation and the possibility of having it included in the upcoming parent survey at an upcoming COB..
- A request was made to discuss the recommendations from CBFAC at a later COB meeting.

B. Items for Future Agendas - None

C. Board of Education Reports/Communications

- **Report on NSBA/CUBE Annual Conference** -- Ms. Street-Stewart indicated that rather than making a report she would make the conference materials available to all Board members in the board room
- **Superintendent Transition Update**
The Chair stated the Board is in the process of seeking the next permanent superintendent for SPPS. On June 15 a Request for Proposal for a superintendent search consultant was issued and posted on the Purchasing website. Proposals are due back no later than June 30. In July, after reviewing the proposals a selection will be made for the consultant who will assist the Board with their search. A critical component of the RFP is that the search consultant include a process for staff and community input into the selection of the new superintendent. The Board does not expect a superintendent appointment before the start of the next school year but do expect to have a new leader in place during the 2009-10 school year. In the meantime, Dr. Carstarphen remains Superintendent until the end of the month at which time Ms. Suzanne Kelly will step in to act as Interim Superintendent. Further updates will be provided at further Board meetings and on the website.

XIII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- July 21
- August 18
- September 22
- October 20
- November 10 4:30 p.m. (Canvass Election Results)
- November 17
- December 15
- January 5, 2010 -Annual Meeting
- January 19

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

- June 30
- July 14
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6
- November 10 -5:00 p.m.
- December 1

MOTION: Mr. Hardy moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Board of Education schedule a Special Closed Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. regarding negotiations and reschedule the COB meeting to start time to 5:00 p.m.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Mr. Hardy	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the Agenda and not necessarily the time during the meeting the items were discussed.

Prepared and submitted by
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