

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

December 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 6:36 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the Central Community Center - District Office, 6300 Walker Street, Room 21, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Present: Anne Casey, Colin Cox, Virginia Mancini, Sarah Davis, Heather Wilsey, Ken Morrison, Abdihakim Ibrahim and Interim Superintendent Dr. Maguire. Also present were members of the Superintendent's Cabinet.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Anne Casey called the regular meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Central Community Center - District Office.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair Casey recited the Land Acknowledgement "We are gathered on the land of the Dakota and Ojibwe peoples. I ask you to join me in acknowledging the Dakota and Ojibwe community, their elders, both past and present, as well as future generations. St. Louis Park Public Schools also acknowledges that it was founded upon exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous Peoples, including those on whose land this school district is located. This acknowledgment demonstrates a commitment to dismantling the ongoing legacies of colonial power and the district's desire to support the ongoing work of local Indigenous communities to thrive in our schools."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The regular board meeting agenda was presented for approval. *Motion by Mancini, seconded by Morrison, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Maguire started her report by reading the St. Louis Park Schools mission statement. Dr. Maguire provided a summary of the professional development activities that took place throughout the district on December 8th. In addition, she shared seasonal activities occurring prior to winter break.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Enrollment and Budget Update

Patricia Magnuson, Director, Business Services, presented an Enrollment and Budget Update and answered questions from the School Board. She provided a summary of the demographics for Park Spanish Immersion school. She shared enrollment statistics for the district overall and individual school district sites. She also emphasized the importance of enrollment and the connection to budget planning.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Casey, *Motion by Davis, seconded by Wilsey, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

ACTION AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Casey, *Motion by Ibrahim, seconded by Mancini, to approve the labor agreement for SEIU Local 284, Custodial/Maintenance Personnel for 2023-25 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Casey, *Motion by Morrison, seconded by Cox, to approve the Final Levy Certification payable 2024 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

COMMUNICATION AND TRANSMITTALS

Director Mancini indicated she had attended a career academy hosted by the Greater Twin Cities United Way today at Central Community Center. The meeting was attended by St. Louis Park and other area schools. Conversations were held about how to build partnerships with local communities and businesses in order to provide career and technical training for students.

Director Davis recognized and thanked outgoing school board members Ken Morrison and Heather Wilsey for their participation on and contributions to the school board. Ken served 11 years and Heather served four years. Other members of the board also echoed their sentiments about the importance of Ken and Heather’s service on the board.

Chair Casey presented a certificate to Treasurer Ibrahim from MSBA (Minnesota School Boards Association) for the completion of MSBA’s school board workshop series I, II, III and IV (entire series). His commitment to the school board and professional development as a board member is appreciated. Ibrahim will be recognized for the completion of this series at MSBA’s leadership conference in January 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was heard and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Community Center - District Office, Room 21.

Submitted by
Barb Mumm,
Temporary Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Chair C. Colby

Vice Chair ABDIHAKIM ARABOW

Date 1/9/24

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