

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PAY24 LEVY**

December 5, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Director Allen, Director Kopp, Director Ellis, Director Foster, Director Henderson, Director Ward, Director Vue

Superintendent Gothard

Mr. Long, General Counsel and Ms. Dahlke, Assistant Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MAIN AGENDA

MOTION: Director Vue moved the Board approve the Order of the Main Agenda as published. The motion was seconded by Director Henderson.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Pay24 Levy: Presentation of Proposal

Superintendent Gothard then welcomed Tom Sager, Executive Chief of Financial Services, to provide the presentation on the Pay24 Levy Information. The basics of school levy authority were reviewed, including:

- School levy authority is established in law
- The proposed school levy funds the 2024-25 school year. The FY 25 budget will be adopted in June 2024
- Most districts certify what Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) authorizes in September
- Levies contribute to approximately 20% of SPPS budget
- School districts are required to include budget information in the Truth in Taxation meeting

The next slides in the presentation included details on All Funds: Revenue by Source, as well as All Funds: Expenditure by Fund. The 2023-2024 General Fund Revenue Sources of \$766,654,615 were also reviewed, as well as the 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures of \$801,094,756. Graphs were shown for each depicting the specifics in the overall budget.

Information was also presented on the determination of property tax, including the state legislature, taxing jurisdictions, and the county assessor. Factors impacting property taxes were also reviewed, as well as

factors impacting school levies. A chart showing the primary levy categories and changes from last year to this year in each category was also discussed.

The estimated annual property tax impacts to both homes, as well as commercial/industrial, based on increases in market value were also shown. A comparison chart of local school district levies was also presented, as well as SPPS five-year trend for annual property tax levy. Finally, the Pay24 Levy Calendar was also reviewed, with the certification of the Pay24 levy by the Board of Education to be voted on at the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, followed by the certification of the Pay24 levy to Ramsey County by December 30, 2023.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION: None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- Peter Hendricks

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Director Vue moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Foster.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Director Allen	Yes
Director Kopp	Yes
Director Ellis	Yes
Director Foster	Yes
Director Henderson	Yes
Director Ward	Yes
Director Vue	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 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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