

September 24, 2024 at 7:30 PM - Regular Business Meeting

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, in the Central Community Center - District Office, 6300 Walker Street, Room 21, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Present: Colin Cox, Anne Casey, Virginia Mancini, Taylor Williams, Celia Anderson, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Sarah Davis, and Superintendent Hines. Also present were members of the Cabinet.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Colin Cox called the regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. at the Central Community Center - District Office

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair, Colin Cox, 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 Casey, seconded by Anderson, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hines centered her report around the mission to see, inspire, and empower each learner to live their brilliance in an environment that centers student voice and experience to create racially equitable learning that energizes and enhances the spirit of our community. In alignment with the mission, Dr. Hines acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month and School Board Appreciation Month. Her report consisted of 5 main topics:

1. Preparations for staff and students for the start of the school
2. Youth Data Analysts (YDA) summer research and internship
3. Warm welcome for students and staff
4. Community engagement sessions to learn more from members of the community
5. National Merit Scholarship recipients, Estella Hughes and Caleb Teichman
6. Team USA in the World Junior Ultimate Championships, Ryan duSaire, Thomas Shope and Micah Davis

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Colin Cox presented the following dates for the 2024-2025 School Board Listening Sessions:

Kindergarten Welcome

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Howl-O-Ween

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m

Ashley Sukhu, Communications Senior Specialist, gave an update on the Staff of Color priority work.

The Early Learning Supervisor, Erika Scott, Director of Community Education, Patrice Howard, and Interim Kids Place Supervisor, Kim Roscholt, presented the final review of the Early Learning Program for the 2023-2024 academic year.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was requested. Motion Passes 3-2; Yes - 3 (CC, AI, TW); No-2 (SD, AC); Abstained - 2 (CA; VM)

ACTION AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Casey, seconded by Ibrahim to approve the sale of Certificates of Participation as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Cox, seconded by Williams to approve the bids for the footings and foundation of the Aquila Phase I project as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Mancini, seconded by Anderson to approve the preliminary levy as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Casey, seconded by Davis to approve Policy 522: Student Sex Nondiscrimination as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATION AND TRANSMITTALS

Board members reported on recent educational activities/events in which they have participated.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was heard and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jazmin Hankerson,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Chair _____ Clerk _____
Date _____ Date _____