

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

November 28, 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 6:47 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in the Central Community Center - District Office, 6300 Walker Street, Room 55, 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 6:47 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 Morrison, seconded by Mancini, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN FORUM

There were four Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Maguire started her report by reading the St. Louis Park Schools mission statement "St. Louis Park Public Schools sees, inspires, and empowers 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."

Student Activities

The Middle School fall athletics season had over 250 athletes in grades 6-8th grade competing at the middle school level (football, volleyball, boys & girls soccer, girls tennis and girls speed swimming) and over 50 7th & 8th graders competing at the high school level.

Currently, girls basketball is in full swing and we have two teams competing against area middle schools until winter break. We also have many middle school athletes competing in multiple high school winter sports. Boys basketball starts in January.

December is an action packed month in terms of student activities at the high school level. We have many musical performances scheduled in addition to athletic events. Community members can find specific information about dates, times and locations on the District's website.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR 2023 SCHOOL BOARD GENERAL ELECTION

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Special Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties after the time for contesting the election has passed (7 days after canvassing date) and the candidate's final campaign financial reports have been submitted, the clerk of the school board is directed to deliver said certificates to the persons entitled thereto and issue a form of acceptance of office and oath of office. *Motion by Ibrahim, seconded by Davis, to approve the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Calendars

Rick Kreyer, Director, Human Resources, reviewed the 2024-25 school calendar recommendations and a draft of the 2025-26 school year calendar with the School Board.

FY2023 Year-End Audit Preview

Patricia Magnuson, Director, Business Services, discussed the FY2023 Year-End Audit Preview with the School Board.

Superintendent Search: Review MSBA Executive Search Services Proposal

Barb Dorn, MSBA, presented MSBA's Executive Service Services Proposal, she provided a high level summary of the proposal and answered various questions from the School Board.

Superintendent Search: Review Draft Communication Plan

Ashley Sukhu, Communications Senior Specialist, reviewed a draft of the communication plan to be used for informational updates as it relates to the superintendent search. She talked about the different forms of media that could be used to reach internal and external stakeholders to keep them informed about the progress of the search.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Casey, *Motion by Ibrahim, 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 Cox, seconded by Morrison, to approve the MSBA Executive Search Services Proposal. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Casey, *Motion by Davis, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the labor agreement for School Nutrition employees for 2023-25 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

COMMUNICATION AND TRANSMITTALS

Board Vice Chair Cox mentioned he attended Family Connect Day at the high school. He appreciated the teachers who participated and the effort they put into the work for the day and really enjoyed his time there.

Director Mancini mentioned "Coffee with the Principal" being held next Tuesday at the high school, 3:00pm-3:30pm.

Board Chair Casey reminded everyone of the upcoming event/meetings on 12/12. There is a reception for outgoing board members Ken Morrison and Heather Wilsey at 5:00pm, the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:00pm, and the regular board meeting at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was heard and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 12, 2023, 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 _____ Clerk _____

Date _____ Date _____