INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

March 26, 2024 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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 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, Sarah Davis, Taylor Williams, Abdihakim Ibrahim, and Interim Superintendent Dr. Maguire. Celia Anderson was absent. Also present were members of the Cabinet.

CALL TO ORDER
Board Chair Colin Cox called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Central Community Center - District Office.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Board Chair 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 Williams, seconded by Casey, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN FORUM
There were four Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
The superintendent shared information about and rationale for a leadership restructure which will be effective July 1, 2024. The restructure includes the addition of an assistant superintendent and a modified cabinet reporting structure. The purpose of the restructure and modified reporting structure is to improve student outcomes by creating a laser-like focus on the teaching and learning function.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
Dr. Silvy Lafayette, Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation, presented on the World's Best Workforce & ESSA and answered questions from the School Board.

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning & Leadership, along with design team members from Student Services, Kelsey Clark, Kelson Mackenzie and Dan Philippe, presented on Student Services Design Team-Phase II: Looking Around and answered questions from the School Board.

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, along with Maria Graver, Aquila Principal and Jim Langevin, Facilities, presented on Enrollment Capacity Options at Aquila and answered questions from the School Board. Staff is recommending that the board consider constructing an addition to Aquila Elementary School to improve the learning environment. Board members provided direction to conduct further research. The board will further consider this issue at its next school board meeting.

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

ACTION AGENDA
At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Ibrahim, seconded by Davis, to approve the New Superintendent contract, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Casey, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the Childcare Educators contract, 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 10:11 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Community Center - District Office, Room 21.

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Submitted by
Barb Mumm,
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Signed: Chair _____   Clerk _____

Date _____   Date _____