

August 14, 2024 at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 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, and Superintendent Dr. Hines.

Celia Anderson, Abdihakim Ibrahim and Sarah Davis were not present. Also present were members of the Cabinet.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Colin Cox called the regular meeting to order at 6:33 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 Williams, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent welcomed everyone back for the new school year and emphasized her commitment to the district's mission: "St. Louis Park Public Schools sees, inspires, and empowers each learner to live their brilliance in an environment that centers student voice and experience." She introduced the concept of "B to the Third Power"—Been, Being, and Becoming—to guide their journey together, acknowledging the importance of reflecting on their shared history and experiences.

She stressed her dedication to active listening and understanding the needs and hopes of the community to foster an inclusive environment. The Superintendent outlined a new structure for board meetings, with study sessions held on the second Tuesday of each month to inform and prepare board members, while regular business meetings will occur on the fourth Tuesday. Both types of meetings will be live-streamed.

Additionally, she highlighted recent community engagements, including a National Night Out event and the successful summer reading festival, crediting Dr. Howard and her team for their

efforts. The Superintendent concluded by expressing her excitement for the upcoming year and the collaborative work ahead to achieve high outcomes aligned with the district's strategic priorities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Patricia Magnuson provided a comprehensive presale report regarding the Certificates of Participation for the Aquila Project. She outlined the financial implications and benefits of moving forward with the sale. The Board engaged in a discussion about the projected outcomes and approved the next steps as presented.

Colin Cox introduced the first reading of Policies 203.2 and 205. The School Board reviewed the proposed policies regarding the order of meetings and the distinction between open and closed meetings. Feedback was solicited from Board members for future revisions. The policies will be brought back for a second reading.

Patricia Magnuson and Jim Langevin, along with members of the Knutson Construction Team, provided an update on the current status of construction projects. Key milestones and timelines were discussed, along with any challenges faced. Board members expressed appreciation for the thorough update and asked questions regarding specific aspects of the construction progress.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, 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 Cox, seconded by Casey to approve the date of December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. as the Truth in Taxation 2024 date, 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 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by
Jazmin Hankerson,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Chair _____

Clerk _____

Date

Date
