

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

April 30, 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, April 30, 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, Celia Anderson, Taylor Williams, Abdihakim Ibrahim (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), and Interim Superintendent Dr. Maguire. 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 Casey, seconded by Anderson, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN FORUM

There were ten Open Forum participants.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Maguire prefaced her report by correcting an inaccurate statement that was made during open forum. Dr. Maguire clarified that the district did not decline mediation with Children First as had been stated by a community forum participant. Dr. Maguire noted that the attorney for Children First and the attorney for the school district were, in fact, in communication about dates to meet to consider possible ways to avoid termination of the partnership contract with Children First.

Dr. Maguire then went on to comment on to share information about the American Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee Community Celebration held recently at the middle school and about students from Aquila and Peter Hobart participating in the annual tradition of the *Elder Wisdom Children Song*.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning & Leadership, along with the International Baccalaureate Design Team which includes Carrie Runke Jones, Chris Nordmark, Faduma Adeed

and Anne LaLonde Laux, presented on International Baccalaureate-Phase II and answered questions from the School Board.

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, presented on Mid-Year 2024 and Budget Assumption FY2025 and answered questions from the School Board.

Jim Langevin, Facilities, provided a construction update of the high school, including the new inclusive restroom plan, and answered questions from the School Board.

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, along with Maria Graver, Aquila Principal, Olivia Tolzin, Aquila Assistant Principal, and Jim Langevin, Facilities, presented on Aquila Building Capacity: Proposal for Addition and answered questions from the School Board.

The School Board chose to take action on this item immediately following the discussion. At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Casey, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the resolution relating to school district property and improvements and the financing thereof; setting parameters for the award of a lease-purchase agreement and the sale of certificates of participation therein; and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the internal revenue code of 1986, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

Sarah Davis, Board Director and Policy Committee Chair, discussed with the School Board the first reading of policies 516.5 Overdose Medication and 534 School Meals.

Sarah Davis, Board Director and Policy Committee Chair, discussed with the School Board the second reading of policies 506 Student Behavior Intervention and 514 Bullying Prohibition.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Williams, seconded by Anderson, to approve the FY2024 Mid-Year Budget, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Cox, seconded by Casey, to approve the FY2025 Budget Assumptions, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

Aquila Certificates of Participation - Action was taken immediately following the discussion, please see above.

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Ibrahim, seconded by Mancini, to approve Allowing Open Enrollment at Aquila, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Mancini, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the 2024-25 Calendar (Option 1), as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Casey, seconded by Davis, to approve Policies 506 Student Behavior Intervention and 514 Bullying Prohibition, 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 10:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 14, 2024, 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 _____