

September 30, 2025 at 6:30 PM - School Board - Regular Business Meeting

The regular meeting of the Independent School District 283, St. Louis Park Public Schools, was held on September 30, 2025, in the Central Community Center, 6300 Walker Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

Present: Colin Cox, Virginia Mancini, Taylor Williams, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Sarah Davis, Anne Casey, and Superintendent Dr. Carlondrea Hines. Also present were members of the Cabinet.

Absent: Celia Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Colin Cox called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 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 meeting agenda was presented for approval. *Motion by Ibrahim, seconded by Williams, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comment participants.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Welcoming Students Back and Visit from Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

The 2025–26 school year began with excitement and energy, highlighted by a visit from Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan during the back-to-school welcome. Superintendent Hines thanked staff for their preparation and families for their trust in the district.

Early Homecoming Celebrates Park Pride

Though early this year, Homecoming was a vibrant celebration of school spirit. Students, families, alumni, and community members came together for pep fests, the parade, and the big game, showcasing strong community pride.

Preparing for the Upcoming Election

Several school sites, including Aquila, the middle and high schools, and Lenox, will serve as polling locations. School will be in session on Election Day, with a focus on student safety and encouraging voter participation. Election details are available on the city website.

Leadership Engagement: Dr. Hines and Dr. Cooper

Superintendent Hines is connecting with the community through brief “tiny mic” interviews, while Dr. Cooper will launch *The Park Pride Podcast*, featuring conversations with students, staff, and alumni to highlight school experiences.

Superintendent Listening Sessions This Fall

Superintendent Hines will host Listening Sessions this fall to hear from families, staff, and community members about their experiences and questions. Schools will also present at upcoming School Board meetings, with the high school featured next month.

Recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, the district honored the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, remembering survivors and victims of the residential school system.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Listening Session Announcements

School Board Listening Sessions

- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 · 5:00 - 6:00pm
- (Virtual) Tuesday, January 20, 2026 · 5:00 - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026 · 5:00 - 6:00pm

Superintendent Listening Session for Latinx Families

- October 13, 2025 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Listening Session for Somali Families

- October 14, 2025 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent Listening Session for African American Families

- October 29, 2025 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Q&A Session

- Tuesday, March 17, 2026 · 5:00 - 6:30pm

Superintendent Community Advisory Council

- Tuesday, October 7, 2025 · 5:00 - 6:30pm
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 · 5:00 - 6:30pm

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

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

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Cox, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the SRO Contract as presented.*

Davis then moved, and Casey seconded, to amend *Section I. Term of Contract; Termination of the Agreement* to read as follows:

“This Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2025, and remain in full effect until June 30, 2026, unless terminated as provided herein.”

All in favor. Motion to amend passed unanimously.

The main motion, as amended, was then put to a vote. Motion passed 5-1 (Y: CC, VM, AI, SD, AC; N: TW).

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Casey, seconded by Williams, to rescind Policy 627 School Volunteers Procedures and Policy 627 School Volunteers Procedures from the district’s policy manual. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:16PM

Submitted by:
Jazmin Hankerson
Executive Assistant to the School Board

Board Chair: _____

Date: October 28, 2025

Vice Chair: _____

Date: October 28, 2025