

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

May 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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, 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, Sarah Davis (arrived at 6:35pm), Taylor Williams, Abdihakim Ibrahim, and Interim Superintendent Dr. Maguire. Celia Anderson was 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 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

Dr. Maguire started her report by reading the St. Louis Park Schools mission statement. She then discussed the following:

- Children First - The attorney for the school district and the attorney for Children First met in negotiations. We are still seeking avenues for resolution.
- Last day for high school.
- To facilitate timely completion of our summer construction projects for a smooth start next fall, the last day of school for high school students grades 9-11 is now Thursday, June 6, 2024. The last day of school for seniors will remain as May 31. Graduation will also remain on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. We appreciate the adaptability of our students and families!

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Patrick Duffy and the social studies design team, including Jill Merkle, Abigail Olson, Gloria Ruff, and Erika Scott, updated the School Board on the curriculum review process. The Social Studies Design Team aims to create anti-racist communities through inclusive teaching and critiquing oppressive systems. Suggestions were made with the intention to improve social studies instruction with six frameworks and other measures.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Davis, 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 Mancini, seconded by Davis, to approve the new 2024-2026 Assistant Superintendent contract, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Williams, seconded by Casey, to approve the new 2024-2026 Executive Assistant to Superintendent and School Board contract, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Cox, seconded by Casey, to approve the 2023-25 labor agreement for the Principals Association. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Mancini, seconded by Davis, to approve Policies 516.5 Overdose Medication and 534 School Meals, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Davis, seconded by Cox, to approve the Minnesota State High School League Resolution for membership 2024-2025, 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 7:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Community Center - District Office, Room 21.

Submitted by
Jazmin Hankerson,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Chair _____ Clerk _____

Date _____ Date _____