

## **April 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM - School Board - Regular Business Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Independent School District 283, St. Louis Park Public Schools, was held on April 22, 2025, in the Central Community Center, 6300 Walker Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Colin Cox called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 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 Mancini, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mission-Driven Progress:

Dr. Hines centered her update around the St. Louis Park Public Schools mission to see, inspire, and empower each learner to live their brilliance. She highlighted key initiatives and celebrations that reflect the district’s focus on equity, academic growth, and community connection.

Strategic Planning & Community Engagement:

Over the past several months, the district has engaged families, staff, students, and community partners through surveys, listening sessions, and focus groups. Preliminary findings from this input revealed recurring themes around academic excellence, equity, and student well-being. Additional focus groups are planned to ensure all voices are heard. Dr. Hines expressed gratitude to everyone who has participated in shaping this work.

#### Student Voice & Cultural Celebration:

St. Louis Park Middle School recently hosted its first Multicultural Showcase, a school-day event that brought together students, families, and staff to celebrate identity and diversity through performance. The event underscored the importance of inclusive spaces that honor every student's story. Upcoming theater productions, including *Singin' in the Rain* and *Little Women*, further highlight the district's commitment to arts education and student expression.

#### Family Connection:

Dr. Hines hosted a Superintendent Q&A Session, where families shared feedback and received updates on key district initiatives, including academic priorities and the strategic plan. These sessions are part of an ongoing effort to foster open communication and strong family-school partnerships.

#### Leadership Transition:

The district is beginning the search process for a new principal at Susan Lindgren Elementary School, following the announcement that Principal Pollock will be stepping away after years of dedicated service. Dr. Hines recognized his contributions and affirmed the district's commitment to a thoughtful and inclusive hiring process.

#### Commitment to Every Learner:

Dr. Hines closed by reaffirming the district's unwavering commitment to racial equity, academic excellence, and community partnership—ensuring every student is seen, supported, and empowered to succeed.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, and Patrice Howard, Director of Community Education, presented a mid-year FY2025 budget update for School Nutrition and Community Service.

Jim Langevin, Facilities and Safety Manager, and Knutson Construction Representative, provided updates on the Central Community Center gym, pool remodel, Aquila Elementary addition and remodel, the high school stadium and restroom projects.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Ibrahim, seconded by Anderson to approve Mid-Year Budget for School Nutrition and Community Education, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Casey, seconded by Cox to approve the acceptance of the health insurance provider and the associated rates, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Cox, seconded by Anderson to approve the high school restroom renovation project, as presented. 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 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Jazmin Hankerson,  
Executive Assistant to the School Board

Signed: Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_