

March 25, 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 March 25, 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 6:30 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 Williams, seconded by Davis, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 12 public comments

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Hines centered her spring update around the district’s mission to see, inspire, and empower each student, every day. She shared recent highlights that reflect academic progress, community engagement, and strategic planning.

Advocacy at the Capitol:

District leaders met with legislators to advocate for public education priorities, with appreciation expressed for their continued support of students and schools.

Community & Culture:

The Muslim Student Association hosted a successful Iftar Dinner, fostering connection and

cultural understanding. School theater productions, including *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Lion King*, showcased student creativity and the impact of arts education.

Health Partnership:

SLP Schools is partnering with Hennepin County to host a free immunization clinic on Wednesday, April 30, from 2–6 p.m. Families are encouraged to attend.

Instructional Time & Schedule Changes:

To improve academic achievement and address a \$2 million budget shortfall, schedule adjustments will be made for the 2025–26 school year.

- Elementary: Core instruction will increase by 110 minutes weekly, with continued access to music, PE, and talent development. Recess will be extended, and flexible learning environments will support student movement throughout the day.
- Secondary: Schools are preparing for a transition to block scheduling in 2026–27. Next year, students will maintain current course loads while staff finalize schedules with input from teachers.

Commitment to Students:

Dr. Hines closed by emphasizing the district’s focus on equity, academic excellence, and fiscal responsibility—ensuring every student is empowered to thrive in a supportive learning environment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, presented a mid-year update for 2025 and outlined the initial budget assumptions for FY2026.

Dr. Becca Starr, Data Scientist & Title Coordinator, provided a presentation on the district’s progress toward World’s Best Workforce goals.

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning & Leadership, along with members of the Summer Learning Design Team, shared an update on Phase I of the Summer Learning Initiative.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Casey, seconded by Mancini to approve Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Mancini, seconded by Davis to approve the FY2025 Mid-Year Budget as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Anderson, seconded by Williams to approve the FY2026 Budget Assumptions 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 8:55 p.m.

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

Signed: Chair _____ Clerk _____
Date _____ Date _____