

## **February 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 February 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 Casey, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comment participants.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Hines centered her report around the district’s mission to inspire and empower students within an environment focused on racial equity, student voice, and experience. She highlighted several recent achievements and events that exemplify student leadership, engagement, and community spirit. The following topics were discussed:

1. **Otoha Masaki Joins Rep. Ilhan Omar’s Youth Advisory Council:** St. Louis Park student Otoha Masaki has been selected to serve on Representative Ilhan Omar’s Youth Advisory Council. This opportunity allows Otoha to engage in important discussions on policy and advocacy while representing the voice of youth in our community. Otoha’s selection reflects the district’s commitment to empowering students and fostering civic responsibility

2. **Student-Organized Holocaust Remembrance Event Honoring Manny Gabler:** Our students recently led a meaningful Holocaust remembrance event in honor of Manny Gabler. This event demonstrated the students' dedication to historical awareness, ensuring the stories and lessons of the past remain part of our shared memory. It also highlighted the district's ongoing efforts to promote respect, learning, and social justice through student leadership.
3. **Upcoming Celebrations and Events:** Dr. Hines also noted several celebrations this month, including I Love to Read Month, Black History Month, and Career and Technical Education Month. These events emphasize the district's commitment to diversity, equity, and preparing students for future success.

Dr. Hines closed by expressing pride in the accomplishments of our students and staff and thanking the community for their continued dedication to the district's mission of empowering all learners.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning & Leadership, and the Career and Technical Education Design Team introduced themselves to the board and shared their racial equity purpose statement as they start the work of Phase I of their curriculum and program review cycle.

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, along with the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) presented their work during FY2025.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Davis, seconded by Cox, to approve the Annual Compliance Agreement with the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Mancini, seconded by Anderson, to approve Policy 503(B)(1) Excused Absences as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Mancini, seconded by Cox, to approve Policy 506 Student Discipline as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Anderson, seconded by Casey, to approve Policy 524 Internet and Technology Responsible Use - Students as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, Motion by Davis, seconded by Anderson, to approve Policy 621 Read Act 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 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Jazmin Hankerson  
Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Chair _____	Clerk _____
Date _____	Date _____