

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

April 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM Regular 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, April 16, 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, Taylor Williams, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Celia Anderson and Interim Superintendent Dr. Maguire. Also present were members of the Cabinet.

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 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 Ibrahim, 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 mentioned the following:

- All fifth grade students will be at the middle school on Friday to prepare for their transition to sixth grade. This is the second year that SLP has held JumpStart, and it is an awesome day where students get to connect, meet teachers and get to learn more about middle school experience.
- High school theater students have been working hard to prepare for the spring play. This weekend, there will be shows on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The show is Steel Magnolias, which is right in time for the 35th anniversary of the film. It is a great show about family, friendship and the strength of women.
- This year, secondary schools have more than 400 students participating in athletic activities. It is thrilling to see the number of students who are returning and trying out new activities. Additionally, on Sunday, SLP Schools held the 9th annual athletic hall of fame.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning & Leadership, along with music design team members Tim Binger, Jess Davis and David Davis, presented on Music Design Team-Phase II: Looking Around and answered questions from the School Board.

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services and Shanique Williams, Assistant Director of Business Services, along with members of the Finance Advisory Committee from the community and the high school, discussed the declining fund balance, enrollment projections, and expenditure trends. Questions from the school board were answered.

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services and Shanique Williams, Assistant Director of Business Services, provided a mid-year budget update for FY2024 and answered questions from the school board.

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, Olivia Tolzin, Aquila Elementary Assistant Principal, and members of architecture company Cuningham, presented on Aquila Elementary building capacity and provided additional information about the emerging Aquila addition design, in response to questions that surfaced at the March 26, 2024 board meeting. Questions from the school board were answered.

Rick Kreyer, Director of Human Resources, presented the 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Calendar for additional review due to a holiday discrepancy found in the recently published 2024-25 calendar. After further discussion with the school board, it was determined additional research of the calendar would be done and recommendations to the school board would be made at the April 30, 2024 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Casey, seconded by Davis, 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 Williams, to approve the Miscellaneous Pay Rates Resolution, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Ibrahim, seconded by Cox, to approve the Health Insurance Rate Approval 2024-25, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Cox, seconded by Mancini, to approve the Contract for Services (20 days) - Dr. Hines, as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, *Motion by Cox, seconded by Casey, to approve the Resolution to Terminate Contract with Children First Effective June 30, 2024, 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 10:39 p.m.

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

Submitted by
Barb Mumm,
Temporary Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Chair _____ Clerk _____

Date _____ Date _____