

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

February 21, 2024, at 6:03 PM

Special Board Meeting

Superintendent Search: Planning Meeting with Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA)

MINUTES

The special meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, in the Central Community Center - District Office, 6300 Walker Street, Room 21, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Present: Anne Casey, Colin Cox, Virginia Mancini, Sarah Davis, Abdihakim Ibrahim, Celia Anderson and Taylor Williams. Also present were Barb Dorn and Craig Morris, Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) and members of the Cabinet.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Colin Cox called the special meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Central Community Center - District Office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The special board meeting agenda was presented for approval. *Motion by Anderson, seconded by Williams, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Rachel Hicks, Director of Communications, along with Barb Dorn and Craig Morris of MSBA, provided a summary of the community engagement plan. MSBA discussed the format and process for collecting questions that would be asked of the candidates by the community.

School board members discussed interview questions, interview training, determined semi-finalists, and made key decisions related to the next steps of the search.

MSBA recommended six candidates for the superintendent position. They went on to summarize for the School Board each candidate's qualifications and interest in the superintendent position. Further discussion took place amongst the School Board members about each candidate and MSBA answered questions.

The School Board moved to extend an offer for first round interviews for the St. Louis Park superintendency to candidates E, R, X and Y. *Motion by Casey, seconded by Anderson, to approve the offer of first round interviews. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

MSBA read the following finalist names in no particular order:

- Dr. Willie Barney, Instructional Leadership Director (Associate Superintendent), Davenport Community School District, IA
- Dr. Carlondrea Hines, Associate Superintendent, Eden Prairie Schools, MN
- Dr. Jenna Mitchler, Assistant Superintendent, Bloomington Public Schools, MN
- Dr. Teri Staloch, former Superintendent, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools, currently Administrative Licensure Coordinator at the U of M and educational consultant with SitelogIQ and PartnerED, MN

The semi-finalists were selected from a pool of 25 applicants based on criteria established by the school board, as well as survey input provided by St. Louis Park Public Schools stakeholders.

The school board has scheduled interviews for the semi-finalists beginning at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, and continuing at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024.

All interviews will be held at Central Community Center (6300 Walker Street) in Room 21 and are open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was heard and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Barb Mumm,
Temporary Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Chair _____ Clerk _____

Date _____ Date _____