

## **December 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM - Regular Business Meeting**

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, December 10, 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, Taylor Williams, Sarah Davis, Celia Anderson, and Superintendent Hines. Also present were members of the Cabinet. School Board Members Not Present: Abdihakim Ibrahim

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Colin Cox called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 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 board 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 provided an update on the district's ongoing efforts to foster an inclusive, racially equitable learning environment. The following key points were discussed:

#### **Observance of National Special Education Day, International Day of People with Disabilities, and Inclusive Schools Week**

These events highlighted the importance of creating learning environments where all students are respected, valued, and supported. The district continues its commitment to ensuring an inclusive atmosphere for all students.

#### **Middle School Achievements**

**Student Newspaper:** The Middle School Newspaper Club, now in its fourth year, published its first issue. Students are involved in all aspects of production, including design, content, and editing.

**Theater Production:** The middle school drama department successfully staged *Robin Hood*, showcasing the talents of our student actors.

## High School Achievements

### Performing Arts:

The high school presented a well-received production of *The Wizard of Oz*, which coincided with the release of the *Wicked* movie.

### Fall Sports:

- Boys Soccer won the Metro West Conference Championship.
- Senior Nora Lindeman qualified for the State Cross Country Championship.
- Freshman Maeve McCarren and Senior Emily Foster both qualified for the State Swimming Championships in the 100 Breaststroke and 200 Freestyle, respectively.

### Athletic Scholarships

The following student-athletes have committed to collegiate athletic programs:

- Micah Curtis, Men's Basketball – University of North Dakota
- Marley Curtis, Men's Basketball – University of North Dakota
- Neveah Carlson, Women's Volleyball – Bemidji State
- Eva Taybior, Softball – Augustana University
- Cole Denham, Baseball – Bemidji State
- Landon Miller, Men's Golf – University of North Dakota
- Ailish Fitzpatrick, Women's Lacrosse – Florida Tech

Dr. Hines concluded by expressing pride in the district's students and their continued achievements across academics, athletics, and the arts. The district will continue to support and celebrate student growth and success.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, presented an update on the current enrollment data and budget status.

Dr. Patrick Duffy, Director of Teaching, Learning & Leadership, presented an overview of the Curriculum and Program Review Process, outlining the role of Design Teams and the three-phase approach to program evaluation.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was presented for approval. *Motion by Chair Cox, seconded by Ibrahim, to remove Donations from the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Chair Cox, seconded by Davis, to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously..*

## ACTION AGENDA

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, motion by Mancini, seconded by Cox to approve the Payable 2025 Tax Levy as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, motion by Anderson, seconded by Williams to approve the SY26 and SY27 School Calendars.*

*Motion by Davis, seconded by Ibrahim, to amend the motion by removing "SY27". All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Following the amendment, at the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, motion by Anderson, seconded by Williams, to approve the SY26 School Calendar. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 6-1 (Yes-VM, TW, CC, AC, CA, SD; No - AI)*

*At the recommendation of Board Chair Cox, motion by Casey, seconded by Williams to approve the stadium storage bids in the amount of \$5,562,876, and Knutson General Conditions of \$568,286, for a total of \$6,131,162. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

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 8:27 p.m.*

Submitted by:  
Jazmin Hankerson,  
Executive Assistant to the Board

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