

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 283

**November 14, 2023, 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 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, in the Central Community Center - District Office, 6300 Walker Street, Room 55, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Present: Colin Cox, Virginia Mancini, Sarah Davis, Heather Wilsey, Ken Morrison, Abdihakim Ibrahim and Interim Superintendent Dr. Maguire. Absent: Board Chair Anne Casey. Also present were members of the Superintendent's Cabinet.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Vice Chair Colin Cox called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Central Community Center - District Office.

#### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Board Vice 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 Morrison, to approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Maguire started her report by reading the St. Louis Park Schools mission statement. She then went on to report about the high school musical and fall to winter athletics.

High school musical - Dr. Maguire is incredibly proud of the work our students are doing to deliver our fall play, *Emma: A Pop Musical*. Staff and student participants learned about the HS auditorium closure a week before school began, and had to scramble to find alternate rehearsal and performance spaces. Shout-out to Jim Langevin for orchestrating these spaces, Lil Zumberge and the MS staff for sharing their beautiful performing arts center, and the staff at Central who have embraced a joyful and noisy rehearsal process in their basement. Dr. Maguire recognized our theater students who have had the patience and persistence to adapt.

Fall to winter athletics - Fall sports have wrapped up and we had over 400 students participate this fall at the High School in boys and girls soccer, volleyball, girls tennis, girls swimming and boys and girls cross country and over 300 students participate at the Middle School in football, volleyball, boys and girls soccer, girls swimming and girls tennis.

The fall season was filled with numerous accomplishments, but three that stood out were:

- senior, Jersey Miller, placing 40th at the State Girls Cross Country Championship
- senior girls soccer player Vesna Dennison being named first team All-Metro, first team All-State and

one of five finalists for Ms. Soccer.

- Lastly, 39 of 70 senior fall sport athletes were recognized by the Metro West Conference as Academic All-Conference for having a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher.

### **CANVASSING OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION RESULTS**

The School District held an election on November 7, 2023. Results of the election need to be canvassed and approved by the School Board between the third and tenth day following the General Election, as per statute. Election results are not official until canvassed by the St. Louis Park School Board. The School Board will be asked to canvass and approve the November 7, 2023 School Board Election results for Independent School District 283. The Secretary of State's unofficial results are: Virginia Mancini 5328; Celia Anderson 4560; Colin Cox 4282; Taylor Williams 4022; Saul Eugene 3998; and Write-In votes at 247. At the recommendation of Board Vice Chair Cox, *Motion by Davis, seconded by Ibrahim, election results were canvassed and approved. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Superintendent Search - The School Board engaged in an initial conversation about the superintendent search, including sharing their hopes and dreams, reviewing key documents such as the superintendent job description, policies related to the superintendent and superintendent-school board working relationship, and summary of search services from the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA).

The School Board expressed a strong commitment to a search process that builds trust through transparency, consistency, communication and a strong engagement process, especially with our diverse communities.

The School Board gave direction to administration to reach out to MSBA, seek a proposal for superintendent search services and bring that proposal to the November 28 meeting for consideration.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **ACTION AGENDA**

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services, presented and recommended approval of the formal offer from the City of St. Louis Park in the amount of \$121,200 for the purchase of necessary land rights to complete the Cedar Lake Road project. At the recommendation of Board Vice Chair Cox, *Motion by Cox, seconded by Ibrahim, to approve the formal offer. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

Patricia Magnuson, Director of Business Services presented certain Student Activity accounts that should be closed and remaining funds transferred to other Student Activity accounts as of June 30, 2023. *Motion by Morrison, seconded by Mancini. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **COMMUNICATION AND TRANSMITTALS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion was heard and seconded to adjourn the meeting.* Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by  
Barb Mumm,

Temporary Executive Assistant to the Board

Signed: Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_