

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2006 7:00 pm
St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 7:07 pm on Monday, October 23, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Bruce Richardson, Larry Shapiro, Julie Sweitzer, Jerry Timian, and Jim Yarosh, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Richardson to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2006 special Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0
- A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2006 regular Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.
- A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2006 regular Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

OPEN FORUM - None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bowers reported that administrative conversations continue regarding security in the district. Community members are invited to attend school site council meetings to receive specific security updates. Meeting being held this week include Tuesday, October 24 at Peter Hobart and Thursday, October 26 at PSI and Susan Lindgren. Bowers commented on an environmental project, which is underway to provide safer and cleaner bus transportation services for students. The Mixed Blood Theater will perform at the senior high auditorium at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 30, as an outreach of the community-wide Bookmark in the Park program. Susan Lindgren has received a Health Fitness grant from Hennepin County that will support after-school activities for students.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Emergency Action Plan

Susan Lindgren Principal Ann Sullivan presented an overview of the revised District Emergency Action Plan. Following an audit by the Kentucky Center for School Safety Safe School Assessment Report conducted last year for Susan Lindgren School as well as her attendance at a School Safety in Minnesota workshop, Sullivan developed a template of emergency procedures for Susan Lindgren School that is designed to be adapted and modified to be site specific for all St. Louis Park sites. In concurrence with the review of this plan, the Board received a reading of Policy 806 Crisis Management, which provides for an annual review of emergency policy and procedures.

Policy Review

The Board continued with the revision of the District Policy Manual. Consultant Mitchell Trockman presented a first reading of Policy 425 Staff Development for review with the recommendation that it replace policy GCL School District Staff Development. The Board received a final reading of the following policies with recommendations:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Change</u>
220 Board-Staff Communications	Re-number GBD; reaffirm
320 Staff Involvement in Decision-making	Re-number GBB; make policy statement only
404 Employment Background Checks	Replace GBLA
GBM Grievance Procedure	Delete; provided for in contracts

Superintendent Evaluation

Board Vice-chair Bruce Richardson presented an overview of the annual Superintendent Evaluation. At a closed session prior to the regular school board meeting, the Board shared the collective evaluations with the superintendent. Richardson reported that in all areas of the evaluation, Superintendent Bowers meets or exceeds Board expectations.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the consent agenda for Personnel and Business as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Policy Approval

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the policy changes as listed below:

Policy

404 Employment Background Checks

GBM Grievance Procedure

Change

Replace GBLA

Delete; provided for in contracts

An amendment to motion by Peterson, seconded by Sweitzer tabled approval of the following changes pending further study as to the need for named policies or their inclusion in existing policies:

220 Board-Staff Communications

320 Staff Involvement in Decision-making

Re-number GBD; reaffirm

Re-number GBB; make policy statement only

Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Sweitzer announced two opportunities for community members to continue with the Bookmark in the Park activities. On Thursday, October 26, the League of Women Voters will be holding a book discussion session at the St. Louis Park Library and on Monday, October 30 the Mixed Bloom Theater will be performing at the senior high auditorium.
- Gores commented on the end of fall athletics and playoff tournaments.
- Richardson reported that the fall play at the senior high will be "Anything Goes" and will be held November 10-12 and 17-19.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Timian to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair