

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2006 7:00 pm
St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C

Prior to the regular School Board meeting a reception in honor of 2006 National Merit Scholars was held in the Senior High cafeteria.

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 13, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Bruce Richardson, Jerry Timian, Larry Shapiro, Julie Sweitzer 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.

SPOTLIGHT

Gifted and Talented Advocate Joan Brinkman introduced the 18 St. Louis Park Senior High students who have been named 2006 National Merit Scholars. Each student identified 3 teachers; one elementary, one junior high and one senior high who have played a significant role in their educational development to this point. National Merit Scholars include commended students Kelly Broady, Mara Fink, Megan Frestedt, Mega Granger, Evan Hendrickson, Tyler Hendrickson, Rachel Konikoff, Samuel Peterson, Rebecca Schenk, Gabriel Segal, Naomi Sprague, Alexander Timian, and semi-finalist students Matthew Fisher, Suzanne Ludwig, Lev Morgan, Adam Savitt, Sarah Sprague, and Sean Vig.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Gores to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

St. Louis Park Housing Update

Michelle Schnitker, City of St. Louis Housing Supervisor and Kathy Larson, Housing Program Coordinator, updated the Board on the City's 2006 "Move Up in the Park" housing activity. This program is a city initiative to assist community members to increase the amount of living space in their home, which enables and encourages citizens to remain in the St. Louis Park community. In addition to assisting citizens with architectural plans, remodeling advise and low or deferred interest loans, the city also promotes a Home Remodeling tour, Home Remodeling Fair, Neighborhood Workshops and Vacant Public Land for Family Housing

School Report – Cedar Manor

Cedar Manor Principal Bernice Amberg gave an overview of Cedar Manor's results for 2005-06 and improvement plans for 2006-07. Amberg was assisted by Cedar Manor teachers Becky Magnuson and Rich Keith. Cedar Manor's mission is "to strive to inspire each student to reach his/her potential for academic achievement and social development through multiple pathways by utilizing the partnership between educators and families with a safe and caring environment". Staff development sessions provide monthly training to address both academic and social skills goals. The academic goals focused on during the past year and continuing this year are in reading and math, comparing growth between fall and spring testing. In addition, the staff focuses on social skills in an effort to decrease behavior incidents. The school holds bimonthly building staff development meetings as well as weekly team meetings. The staff development sessions this year concentrate on IB and ATPPS topics.

Policy Review

Consultant Mitchell Trockman led the Board in a review of policies under consideration for updating to reflect MSBA's model policies and numbering system. Policies presented for a final reading include the following:

<u>Policy</u>		<u>Recommendation</u>
GBB	Staff Involvement in Decision-making	Delete; included in 225 Board Operational Goals
GBD	Board-Staff Communications	Delete; included in 225 Board Operational Goals
425	Staff Development	Replace GCL
613	Graduation Requirements	Replace IKF
KC	Family Involvement	Delete; Replaced by 612.1 Family Involvement (revised)

Policies presented for a first reading include:

<u>Policy</u>		<u>Recommendation</u>
BA	Board Operational Goals	Re-number 225; reaffirm
GCL	Professional Staff Development Opportunities	Delete
GCLA	Professional Staff Conferences	Delete
GCM	Supervision of Professional Staff	Delete
GCN	Evaluation of Licensed Staff	Delete
GCPD	Suspension/Dismissal of Professional Staff	Delete

GCPD-A	Suspension/Dismissal of Classified Staff	Delete
GCQAA	Professional Staff Consulting Activities	Delete
GDN	Evaluation of Classified Staff	Delete
IAB	Profile of Learning	Delete
IGAG	Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	Delete
IGCA	Summer School	Delete
IGDH	Contests for Students	Delete
KM	Relations with Community Organizations	Delete
KO	Community Notification of Sex Offenders	Delete

ACTION AGENDA

Policy Approval

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the following changes to the District Policy Manual. Motion passed 7-0.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Gores and Richardson congratulated senior high students and staff on the production of the fall musical, *Anything Goes*. The play will be presented for the final performances this upcoming weekend.

Gores also wished Mayor Jacobs a happy 50th birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Peterson to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair