

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 27, 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 7:00 pm on Monday, November 27, 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, Director of Business Services Jeff Priess, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Student Services Tami Reynolds, and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2006 special meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2006 regular meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2006 regular meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

OPEN FORUM

Karen Kenzie, parent of Benilde-St.Margaret student Susan, addressed the Board requesting permission for her daughter to participate in the gymnastic program at St. Louis Park Senior High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Debra Bowers reported on the following activities around the district:

- She had the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with two different areas of the school district..... at Central Community Center with the Adult Options program enjoying foods from around the globe and at Peter Hobart with Kay Carlson's kindergarten students who prepared and served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.
- Bowers reported that the state MCA_{II} scores have been released and that overall, scores were positive.
- A computer pilot program is being initiated at Susan Lindgren school, which will provide better computer access in 7 classrooms at a very low cost.
- The city/senior program holiday concert will be on Sunday, December 10, at 1:00 pm in the Senior High Auditorium.
- The district has been notified that the MN Department of Education has selected St. Louis Park Senior High School to receive a grant of nearly \$90,000 to support the advanced placement program.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Security Update

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Kurt Vredenberg updated the Board regarding School Building security along with plans and timelines for improvements. Examples of improved security measures include:

- Surveillance cameras at building entrances.
- Burglar alarms.
- A voice broadcast system that will have the capability of making thousands of call to parents/guardians within a matter of minutes.
- Door alarms to prevent outside doors from being propped open.
- Visitors sign-in at building offices.
- Employees consistently wear name badges.

Policy Review/Development

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>
BA	Board Operational Goals	Renumber 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

Policies presented for a first reading include the following:

IKEB	Acceleration of Students	Renumber 640; reaffirm
IKFB	Graduation Exercises	Renumber 635; revise
IKC	Class Rankings	Delete; not relevant

The Board discussed the need to retain policy IKFB regarding graduation exercises and recommended deletion.

Budget Update 2006-and 2007-08

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess presented an overview of the school district budget. The audit of year ending June 30, 2006 has been completed and will be presented to the Board at the December 11 business meeting. Priess reported that the district will receive an unqualified opinion (highest rating) on its financial statement for the year ended June 30, 2006.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Policy Approval

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

<u>Policy</u>		<u>Recommendation</u>
BA	Board Operational Goals	Renumber 225; reaffirm
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2007-08 Open Enrollment Affirmation

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve affirmation of Policy 509 enrollment of Non Resident Students, in accordance with state statute MS §124D.03 and complies with the District commitment to the “Choice is Yours” program. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gores reported that she attended the Aquila Site Council meeting and participants were pleased with the state testing results for Aquila students. Winter athletics has begun and citizens may check on game schedules at www.slpschools.org OR www.gopark.org. The community is reminded that the Truth in Taxation hearing that will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, beginning at 6:00 pm in room C350 of the senior high school.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair

