

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2005 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 7:05 pm on Monday, November 21, 2005, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Keith Broady, Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Bruce Richardson, Jerry Timian, Jim Yarosh, and Julie Sweitzer, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, Director of Business Services Jeff Priess, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, Director of Special Services Tami Reynolds, Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom and School Board Member elect Larry Shapiro.

SPOTLIGHT

Joan Brinkman, Gifted and Talented Advocate, introduced Commended and Semi-Finalists of the National Merit Awards. Students invited and introduced their parents as well as three teachers, one each from elementary, junior high and senior high, who have been significant throughout their education. Board chair Keith Broady presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation for their academic excellence. Students were: Semi-finalists Jacob Konikoff and Amelia McNamara; Commended Joseph Abramson, Jeffrey Bush, Alexander Byers, Sophie Klein, Joni Lepor, Kaitlin Priddy, Abram Shanedling, Jason Singer, Hanna Terhaar, Jessica Viyale, and National Hispanic Recognition Program recipient Bryson Uhrig-Fox.

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 Timian, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2005 regular Board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Timian to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2005 special Board meeting. Motion carried 7-

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2005 regular Board meeting. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Richardson abstain).

OPEN FORUM

Park Spanish Immersion 6th grade students represented by student Elisabeth Coats addressed the Board regarding a "Peace Pole" that they will be putting in place at Park Spanish Immersion as part of the work towards earning their Bronze Award. This is the highest award earned in Junior Girl Scouts. Other troop members are Anna Murray, Chelsea Edwards, Taylor McCanna and Karin Halsten; troop leaders are parents Sarah Edwards and Tammy McCanna.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bowers introduced Jim Rhodes, Friends of the Arts member. Rhodes presented three checks from the Friends of the Arts council, which will be used to enhance student programs in the schools. Checks were given to Edith Bohardt (\$100) for PSI student lessons; SLP High School Band (\$1200) to be used for percussion instruction and SLP High School Orchestra (\$1200) to address various program needs. The Friends of the Arts council has previously donated over 450 band and orchestra instruments as well as donated money for students to take part in lessons and summer programs. Susan Lindgren Principal Ann Sullivan introduced and Superintendent Bowers presented a certificate of appreciation to teacher Kara Bancroft for her work in creating a video highlighting the Meadowbrook Collaborative. Bowers also presented a brief overview of experiences on her recent trip as part of the education delegation on the Governor's Trade Mission to China.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Audit Report Year Ended June 30, 2005

Daryl Kamp, representing the District's independent auditing firm of Virchow Krause, presented the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. The District has received an unqualified opinion on these financial statements.

Budget Update 2005-06

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess updated the Board on the 2005-06 budget. Priess reported that the legislative impacts on the current year budget include an increase of 4% to \$4,783 per students; maintains compensatory funding formula link (which is calculated at \$4,783); and creates new component of general education revenue called gifted and talented revenue. Legislative action also created a new component of general education revenue called Alternative Teacher Compensation which equals \$260 times the number pupils served with a state maximum of 19 million in 2006 and \$75 million 2007 and later. In addition, the legislature increased the state total special education excess cost aid by 12 million in 2006 and adjusted the definition of general education revenue for calculating excess cost to 2/3 of the District's total referendum revenue.

Policy Review

Consultant Mitchell Trockman reviewed policies that are under consideration for the updating of the District Policy Manual. This is the final reading of these policies and Board will act on policy revision tonight. Following are the policies being updated:

SLP Policy

_____ School District Legal Status

BBAA Board Member Authority

BCB Board Officers

BC Organization of the Board

BDDC Agenda Preparation

BBF School Board Member Ethics

BBFA Conflict of Interest-School Board Members

JO Privacy and Protection of Student Records

DGC Electronic Funds Transfer

EDC Authorized Use of District Equipment

Replaced by MSBA Policy

101 Legal Status of the School District

201 Legal Status of the School Board

202 School Board Officers

203 Operation of the School Board

203.1 School Board Procedures

203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Mtg

203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda

203.6 Consent Agenda

209 Code of Ethics

210 Conflict of Interest-School Board Members

515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

705 Investments

902 Use of School District Facilities and
Equipment

Trockman also introduced *Policy 214 Out of State Travel by School Board Members*, which the Board will have a first reading on December 3 and act on at the December 12, 2005 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA

2006-07 Open Enrollment Affirmation

A motion was made by Yarosh, seconded by Sweitzer to affirm Policy JECB, which provides for the Admission of Non-Resident Students in accordance with state statute MS §124D.03 and complies with the District’s commitment to the “Choice is Yours Program”. Motion passed 7-0.

Policy Action

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Yarosh to approve the adoption of MSBA policies listed above, thereby dissolving policies as indicated. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Yarosh to approve the Structural Balance resolution with regard to the 2005-06 and 2006-07 CAPS (Clerical/Secretarial Association of Park Schools) contract. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the contract between St. Louis Park Schools and CAPS (Clerical/Secretarial Association of Park Schools) for 2005-06 and 2006-07. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

Board member Richardson commended senior high theater students on the recent fall musical production.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by made by Gores, seconded by Peterson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Nancy Gores, Clerk

Keith Broady, Chair