

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, December 11, 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, December 11, 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.

SPOTLIGHT

Girls' Swim Coach Jake Sweitering introduced members of the 2006 swim team who participated in the state meet. Team members include Melanie Hicks, Megan Ostrom, Andrea Kaluzova, and Stephanie Platt.

POINT OF LIGHT

Aquila Principal Rob Metz introduced Aquila 2nd grade teacher Meghan O'Brien and Junior High Media Specialist June Gross. O'Brien and Gross have been named TIES Teachers of Excellence for their outstanding work of incorporating technology into student learning opportunities.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2006 special meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2006 regular meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Fores to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2006 special meeting (Truth in Taxation hearing). Motion passed 5-0-2 (Richardson, Peterson abstain).

OPEN FORUM – None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess introduced Ann Anderson, who through Energy Wise Consulting, LLC, serves as Energy Efficiency Coordinator for St. Louis Park. Anderson announced that because of our district-wide efforts to conserve energy use, St. Louis Park has received an Energy Star Leader Award. St. Louis Park is one of 25 sites nationally and 9 sites locally to receive this award. During the past year, SLP sites met or exceeded a 10% decrease in energy use, realizing over \$93,000 in savings to the district. Audrie Washington, Energy Star Program Manager for the Environmental Protection Agency (Chicago Office) and Janet Streff, State Energy Office, MN Department of Commerce also made congratulatory comments to the District. Administrators and custodial staff from each site accepted the awards. Superintendent Bowers announced that the Friends of the Arts have given \$1,500 to the high school band program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Audit Report

Daryl Kamp, representing Virchow Krause, the district's independent auditing firm, presented the district audit for the fiscal year ending July 30, 2006. The district received an unqualified opinion on its financial statement. An unqualified opinion is the highest rating the district can receive.

Policy Review/Development

Consultant Mitchell Trockman a final reading of the following policies and recommendations:

<u>Policy</u>		<u>Recommendation</u>
IKEB	Acceleration of Students	Re-number 640; reaffirm
IKFB	Graduation Exercises	Delete per Board discussion
IKC	Class Rankings	Delete; not relevant

MCA₁₁/NWEA Report

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster and Data Specialist Prachee Mukherjee reported on the results of MCA₁₁ (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) and NWEA testing data, which shows student growth in reading and math. The MCA assessments were given for the first time in the spring of 2006 to grades 3-8, 10 and 11 to reflect changes in the state standards that were adopted in 2003.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Policy Approval

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

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Final Levy Certification

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to approve the taxes payable 2007 levy as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Student Teaching Agreement – St. Cloud State University

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Sweitzer to approve an agreement between St. Louis Park Schools and St. Cloud State University for placement of a student teacher at St. Louis Park. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Peterson reported that he recently emceed a Lego Tournament held at the Junior High. Thirty-one teams, including 3 from SLP, participated. Lego competition is math/science oriented and the state tournament will be held on January 20, 2007, at Benilde-St. Margaret School.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Richardson to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair