

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2007 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 7:20 pm on Monday, January 8, 2007, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Jerry Timian, Larry Shapiro, Julie Sweitzer and Jim Yarosh, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, Director of Business Affairs Jeff Priess, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, Director of Student Services Tami Reynolds and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

School Report – Aquila Primary Center

Aquila Principal Rob Metz presented an overview of Aquila building goals and results for 2005-06 and improvement plans for 2006-07. Rob was assisted by Cedar Manor teachers Ken deNeui and Carrie Runke-Jones. Aquila's goals focused on math testing results and student behavior. The building math goal was that 65% of third grade students pass the MCA II math test. Results exceeded expectations in that 76% of third grade students passed the MCA II math test. The goal of student behavior incidents was to experience a decrease by 10%; results were a 5% decrease in student behavior incidents. Building goals for 2006-07 are the following: ~ that 50% of 3rd grade students will score at the 50th percentile or above on the spring NWEA math test; ~ that 42% of 2nd grade students will score at the 50% percentile or above on the spring NWEA math test; and ~ that student behavior incidents will decrease by 10%. In addition to specified building goals, Metz reported that the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring at proficient levels in reading has increased every year the MCA test has been given (since 2002) and math scores have increased every year except one in the same time period.

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 first reading include:

<u>Policy</u>		<u>Recommendation</u>
IGBG	Homebound Instruction	Reaffirm; renumber 639
IICC	School Volunteers	Revise, renumber 627
IGAI	Sex Education	Revise; renumber 629
IGBB	Programs for Gifted Students	Revise; renumber 632
IKB	Homework	Revise; renumber 635
IKE	Promotion and Retention of Students	Revise; renumber 637
IHB	Class Size	Eliminate
IKABA	Non-Custodial Parent(s)	Eliminate

ACTION AGENDA

Authorization of Tax Anticipation Certificates

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of Tax Anticipation Certificates. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. (Richardson-absent)

Employment Contract – Director of Business Affairs

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the negotiated 3-year contract between the District and the Director of Business Affairs. Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair