

St. Louis Park Public Schools  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, January 22, 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 7:07 pm on Monday, January 22, 2007, 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 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 Richardson, seconded by Shapiro to approve the agenda as adjusted to address Action Item 8.B Sale of Tax Anticipation prior to Superintendent's Report. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2006 joint School Board/City Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0-2. (Richardson, Peterson abstain)

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 special meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 regular meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2006 special retreat. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007 special meeting. Motion passed 6-0. (Richardson abstain)

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007 regular meeting. Motion passed 6-0. (Richardson abstain)

#### **OPEN FORUM – none**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Bowers reported that Cedar Manor teacher Rob Rand and principal Bernie Amberg will be taking 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL in April. Space suits have been ordered and Honeywell has awarded a \$7,000 grant to pay for transportation. With money raised at a fall fundraiser, the TwinWest Chamber has awarded \$2,285 to the high school athletic department for athletic scholarships. MAEF (Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation) has awarded to Aquila a 2006 Spotlight Award for "beating the odds" in achieving student achievement. An awards ceremony will be held on February 21 at 10:00 am at Aquila.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### Sale of Tax Anticipation Certificates

Ehlers and Associates, Inc. is recommending that the district award the sale of \$5,000,000 General Obligation Tax Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness to Piper Jaffray & Co (Minneapolis, MN) at the net interest rate of 3.7192%. The Piper Jaffray bid is the low interest rate bid of 4 submitted.

##### Policy Review/Development

Board member Peterson presented a final reading of the following policies and recommendations:

<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

Director of Community Education Saveraid presented the following policies for a first reading:

901	Community Education	NEW
ICB	Extended School Year: Early Childhood	Revise; renumber 910 Early Childhood Family Education
IGE	Adult Education Programs	Revise; renumber 912 Adult Education Programs

2007-08 Budget Development

Director of Business Affairs Jeff Pries reported on the development of the 2007-08 budget. The budget is developed based on assumptions of projected enrollment and anticipated revenue and expenditures. The final budget will be presented for Board approval in June 2007.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**ACTION AGENDA**

Policy Approval

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

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Sale of Tax Anticipation Certificates

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Richardson to award the sale of tax anticipation certificates to Piper Jaffray at a net interest rate of 3.7142%. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote at 7:18 pm.

Tentative Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Gores to approve the following tentative dates for School Board meetings during the 2007-08 school year: August 13; September 10, 24; October 8, 22; November 12, 26; December 10; January 14, 28; February 11, 25; March 10, 31; April 14, 28; May 12, 27; June 9, 23.

Compensation for School Board Members

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Shapiro to approve an increase by 3% for School Board members' compensation for 2007. Compensation will be as follows: Chair 3,893; Clerk 3,607; Directors, Treasurer, Vice-Chair 3,225. Motion passed 6-0 (Sweitzer nay).

Contract Approval – Supervisors and Managers

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the negotiated contract for the Supervisors and Managers employee group for 2006-09. Motion passed 7-0.

Joint Powers Agreement between WMEP and Member Districts

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Gores to affirm the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between District 283 and the West Metro Education Program (WMEP). Sweitzer provided background information about the formation and purpose of WMEP district. They are now updating agreements to affirm districts' membership. Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Richardson commented on the high school's One-Act Plays preparing for competition. Sweitzer invited interested community members to help in the planning of next year's Bookmark in the Park. The St. Louis Park Foundation will hold their Gala fundraising event on Saturday, February 24 beginning at 6:30 pm at the senior high.

**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:

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Rolf Peterson, Clerk

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Jim Yarosh, Chair

