

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 13, 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, February 13, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Jerry Timian, Bruce Richardson, Larry Shapiro Julie Sweitzer and Jim Yarosh, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, 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 Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

FY07 Update

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess reported on the development of the 2006-07 budget. Factors considered when developing the budget include projected enrollment assumptions as well as current budget expenditures. Eighty-two per cent of the general fund expenditures for 2005-06 account for salaries and with all but one employee group contract settled for 2006-07, that factor is already determined and will assist in the process of developing the 2006-07 budget. Priess also updated the Board on construction projects completed during 2005 and planned for the summer of 2006. Regarding a recent study of swimming pool usage and expenses, it is the administrative recommendation that all three district swimming pools remain open and that the district purchase pool covers to help decrease maintenance. Director of Student Services Tami Reynolds outlined Special Education staffing reductions with regard to the 2006-07 budget. Reynolds specified that although the Early Childhood Special Education allocation will be affected, the individual needs of students will be met. The Special Education department is collaborating with Community Education staff to enhance the way children will receive inclusive services as defined in specific IEPs.

Community Education Report

Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid presented an overview of the Community Education program and Annual Report for 2004-05. The mission of Community Education is to “enhance the quality of life through lifelong learning and the empowerment of people.” Saveraid outlined programs provided for early childhood, youth, adult and senior participants and participation numbers for 2004-05. In addition, there were 204 different community groups that used space at community education buildings for group activities that are not directly under community education programming. Community Education is advised by a council that consists of School Board members, city council members, youth and community members. Tuition fees constitute 52% of the \$5,572,107 budget, while other sources of income come from the state (8%), federal government (1%), local (24%), and miscellaneous fees, grants and gifts (15%). Programs under the Community Education umbrella include adult enrichment, adult options/ESL, aquatics, preschool enrichment, ECFE, gymnastics, Kids’ Place (preschool and school age child care), project SOAR, senior program, volunteer program, youth development, youth enrichment, and youth summer school. The senior program alone had over 1200 members in 2004. In January 2006, St. Louis Park was identified as one of two elder rich communities.... a community that accommodates seniors, and makes sure services are where they need to be.

School Report – Cedar Manor

Cedar Manor Principal Bernice Amberg, along with teachers Becky Magnuson (4th grade) and Omar Adams (5th grade) presented staff development results for 2004-05 and goals for 2005-06. Cedar Manor has adopted the following mission statement: *Cedar Manor strives to inspire each student to reach his/her potential for academic achievement and social development through multiple pathways by utilizing the partnership between educators and families within a safe and caring environment.* The Academic Goal is to increase the number of students making typical growth by 10% as measured by fall 05-spring NWEA reading and mathematics tests. The Student Achievement Goal/Discipline Goal is to decrease disruptive behavior referrals by 10% as demonstrated by final incidences on the end-of-year Discipline Report from 2004-05 to 2005-06. In addition to monthly staff development meetings, each department has weekly meetings where staff have focused discussions and training using Responsive Classroom guidelines.

Policy Review

The Board reviewed policies under consideration for updating to reflect MSBA’s model policies and numbering system. Policy changes under review for approval include the following:

Final Reading

JB	Equal Educational Opportunities	Update; Replace with MSBA 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
JC	School Attendance Areas	Reaffirm; renumber (503.2)
JCFE	Dangerous Weapons	Replace with MSBA 501 Weapons
JEA	Compulsory Attendance Age	Replace with MSBA 503 Student Attendance
JEB	Entrance Age	Update; verify; renumber (503.1)
JECA	Admission of Resident Students	Update; renumber (503.3)
JECB	Admission of Non-Resident Students	Replace with MSBA 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students
JECC	Assignment of Students to Schools	Reaffirm; renumber (503.4)
JEF	Released Time for Students	Reaffirm; renumber (503.5)
JEFB	Released Time for Religious Instruction	Dissolve; Included in 503

The following policies are recommended for deletion from Section I –Instruction:

IFA	Curriculum Research
IFC	Pilot Project Evaluation
IGAB	Human Relations Education
IGAD	Occupational Education
IGAF	Physical Education
IGAJ	Driver Education
IGCD	Advanced College Placement
IGDC	Student Social Events
IGCG	Student Activities Funds Management
IHA	Grouping for Instruction
IIBA	Teacher Aides
IIBD	School Libraries
IMA	Student Mathematics and Reading Progress Checks (Assurance of Mastery)

The Board received the second reading of Policy 812 Use and Conservation of Energy, which is under consideration for adoption.

ACTION AGENDA

Policy Approvals

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Peterson to approve the adoption of Policy **102 Equal Educational Opportunity**, to replace Policy JB of the same name. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Timian to reaffirm Policy JC and renumber to **503.2 School Attendance Areas**. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board tabled the approval of Policy 501 Weapons to a future Board meeting.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to approve the adoption of Policy **503 Student Attendance**, thereby replacing Policy JEA Compulsory Attendance Age. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Timian to update Policy JEB and renumber to **503.1 Attendance Age**. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Peterson to update Policy JECA and renumber to **503.3 Admission of Resident Students**. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Peterson to approve the adoption of Policy **509 Enrollment of Nonresident Student**, to replace Policy JECB of the same name. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Peterson to reaffirm Policy JECC and renumber to **503.4 Assignment of Students to Schools**. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Peterson to reaffirm Policy JEF and renumber to **503.5 Released Time for Students**. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Sweitzer to delete Policy JEFB Released Time for Religions Instruction as it is included in Policy 503 Student Attendance. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Sweitzer to delete the following policies as they are no longer pertinent to St. Louis Park Schools. Deletion of these policies does not necessarily mean that these activities are no longer happening in St. Louis Park, only that they are not directed by Board policy. Motion passed 7-0.

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Contract Approval – PC/LAN Techs

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the negotiated contract for PC/LAN Techs for 2005-06 and 2006-07. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Sweitzer to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair