

**St. Louis Park Public Schools**  
**Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 14, 2005 7:30 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 7:35 pm on Monday March 14, 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 Special Services Tami Reynolds, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, Director of Business Services Jeff Priess, and Acting Secretary to the Board Judi Gruber. Also present were Karen Atkinson and guests, Chuck Corliss, Evan Komar and Thomas Morris.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Timian to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0-1 (Peterson late).

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

**Children First Annual Report**

Karen Atkinson gave a review on the background of the Children First Initiative. Karen introduced members of the Children First Committee: Sophomores Dana Bloomquist and Scott Reid, Senior Co-chair Larissa Reid and Co-chair/representative from Search Institute, Nancy Tellett-Royce. Dana, Scott and Larissa put on an informational skit based on the "Who Want To Be A Millionaire" television show. They shared information about Children First and the 40 Assets. Nancy Tellett-Royce discussed how the Search Institute is involved with Children First.

- If assets are higher, the risk of troubled behavior is lower.
- Groups from Australia and Brazil want to study about the (40) Assets. They are particularly interested in visiting St. Louis Park to see how the 40 Assets are used.
- Children First Ice Cream Social is scheduled for May 15, 2005.
- Asset building is a community-wide effort.
- "Bookmark in the Park" is a new program being developed to encourage reading among all ages, youth and adults.

**Bond Update**

Jeff Priess and Chuck Corliss explained that the bond projects will be completed over a three-year period. The major projects will include roofing, paving and building boiler systems as highlighted in the bond referendum. At this point the boilers are in good shape, but the burners need to be replaced. Komar addressed the issue of air quality in the buildings. He indicated that the work that has been done with the air exchanges has improved the air quality. Corliss stated that about \$800,000.00 is allocated to update the heating system.

**2005-06 Budget Update**

Jeff Priess explained the role of the Program Based Budget Committee. He commented that if the Governor's budget for education is approved (at 2% increase) it would mean that all our schools could be funded at 100%.

**PowerSchool Parent/Guardian Web Access Policy**

If this policy is approved tonight, the Parent Portal will be piloted this spring at the Junior and Senior High, with full implementation next fall.

**2005-06 and 2006-07 Calendars**

2005-06 Calendar – recommendation to adopt a before Labor Day start of school. The last day of school would be June 8, 2006 with graduation the same day. There would be one late start and two early release days.

2006-07 Calendar – recommendation to start school after Labor Day, on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The last day of school and graduation would be June 11, 2007.

- Dan Walker stated that 29 meetings have been held across the district with staff and advisory councils.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2005-06 and 2006-07 Calendars**

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Calendars. Motion carried 7-0.

**2004-05 PC/LAN Technicians Terms and Conditions**

A motion was made by Yarosh, seconded by Timian to approve the PC/LAN Technicians Terms and Conditions. Motion carried 7-0.

**PowerSchool Parent/Guardian Web Access Policy**

A motion was made by Richardson and seconded by Sweitzer to approve the revised policy. Motion carried 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS**

- Peterson - the St. Louis Park Math Team came in 8<sup>th</sup> place, out of about 24 teams.
- Gores - everyone should make sure to see the Susan Lindgren art show at the St. Louis Park Public Library. There is some wonderful art work displayed by students and staff members.
- Sweitzer – watch for information about the “Bookmark in the Park” Program. The Senior High band concert was terrific!

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by made by Gores, seconded by Peterson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.