

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 27, 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, March 27, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were board members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Bruce Richardson, Larry Shapiro, Julie Sweitzer, Jerry Timian, and Jim Yarosh, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, Director of Business Services Jeff Priess, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, Director of Special Services Tami Reynolds, and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom.

SPOTLIGHT

Athletic Director Andy Ewald gave an overview of the successful season of the 2005-06 Nordic Ski Team. The girls' team was conference champions and was represented at the state meet by Meghan Cornwall. The boys' team was also conference champions, section champions and state meet runners-up. Boys representing St. Louis Park at the state meet include Mike Mommsen, Evan Hendrickson, Tyler Hendrickson, Tim Cheesebro, Andrew Tilman, Jeff Bush, Oumar Cherif, and Sean Vig. Mommsen placed 3rd at the state meet and Cornwall, Mommsen and Tilman were named to the all-state ski team. In addition, the team was Academic Section Champs.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Sweizerto approve the minutes of the February 13, 2005 special Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006 regular Board. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Gores to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2006 regular Board meeting. Motion passed 6-0-1 (Richardson abstain).

OPEN FORUM - None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Athletic Director Andy Ewald reported to the Board on the participation/success data since joining the North Suburban Conference. St. Louis Park joined this new conference at the beginning of the 2005-06 school year. Director of Student Services Tami Reynolds updated the Board on the Early Childhood Special Education staffing, program and reduction plans for 2006-07. Reynolds reported that an ECSE Task Force, consisting of staff members and parents has been formed to work together as the district plans ECSE services for 2006-07. ECSE Coordinator Louise Rath outlined the programs planned. Also in attendance was Don Loe, who has been consulting with the Student Services department regarding ECSE programming.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Policy Review

As a continuation of the District Policy Manual review, Consultant Mitchell Trockman presented policies that are under consideration for review, revision and/or addition. The Board received the final reading of the following policies, which are under consideration for approval:

- 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- 604 Instructional Curriculum
- 602 Organization of School Calendar School Day
- 603 Curriculum Development
- 605 Alternative Programs
- 606 Textbook and Instructional Materials
- 607 Organization of Grade Levels
- 608 Instructional Services –Special Education
- 611 Home Schooling
- 612.1 Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs

The Board received the first reading of the following policies under consideration for review and revision:

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| 614 | School District Testing Plan and Procedure | Replaces |
| | | IL Testing Programs |
| | | ILA Test Selection and Adoption |
| | | ILC Use and Dissemination of Test Results |

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| 615 | Basic Standards, Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP, Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students | New |
| 624 | On-line Learning Options | New |

Human Resources Update

Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker updated the Board on the progress of the restructuring of the Human Resources department. The automated human resources data management system (Skyward) now in effect within the department helps to track data with regard to personnel information and history. This management system gives the ability to control and audit information with regard to benefits, payroll and employee data. The human resources department is also managing the workers' comp injury program, including developing a return-to-work program with transitional positions. The job classification review project is in the second year of a 3-year review process. At the conclusion of the 3-year process, a classification and salary survey will be completed. This includes a pay equity analysis and a state evaluation of comparable worth.

Professional/Technical Work Agreement

Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker presented information regarding a new meet and confer group that has been formed. This group consists of building/custodial supervisors. The work agreement is for the current year and negotiations for a contract will begin for a 2006-07 contract.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Gores to approve the consent agenda for Personnel and Business as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Policy Action

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve Policy 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals to replace Policy IA. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Peterson to approve Policy Organization of School Calendar and School Day as corrected eliminating section III.B.2 from the MSBA model policy to replace Policy ID. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve Policy 603 Curriculum Development to replace Policy IF. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Shapiro to approve Policy 604 Instructional Curriculum which was included in policy IA. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Gores to approve Policy 605 Alternative Programs to replace Policy IGEB. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Shapiro to approve Policy 606 Textbook and Instructional Materials to replace policies IIAAA, IIABA, IIAC and IIAE. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Gores to approve Policy 607 Organization of Grade Levels to replace Policy IE. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Peterson to approve Policy 608 Policy Instructional Services-Special Education to replace Policy IGBA. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Timian to approve Policy 611 Home Schooling. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Gores to approve Policy 612.1 Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs. Motion passed 7-0.

Professional/Technical Work Agreement

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Peterson to approve the work agreement for the Professional/Technical meet and confer group. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Award

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Gores to award the contract for the Lenox Restroom Remodel project to Unicorp with a low base bid amount of \$68,300. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Award

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Timian to award the contract for Re-roofing project for portions of the senior high to Sela Roofing with apparent low base bid of \$394,844 and an addition #1 bid of \$107,162. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Sweitzer to award the contract for Re-roofing project for portions of Central Community Center to Palmer West Construction with apparent low base bid of \$533,675. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

Gores reminded the Board and community of the Mayor's Youth Summit that will be held on Thursday, March 30th at the junior high. Sweitzer complimented and congratulated senior high students who participated in the recent Concerto Concert and reminded listeners to view it on the local cable channel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by made by Gores, seconded by Timian to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair