

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 23, 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 8:10 pm on Monday, April 23, 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, Asst Supt Dan Walker, Director of Business Services 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 as adjusted to move discussion item 6.A to immediately following the approval of agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Peterson to approve the corrected minutes of the March 26, 2007 special meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the corrected minutes of the March 26, 2007 regular meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2007 special meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2007 regular meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

OPEN FORUM

Employees Sue Hagen, Scott Anderson and Brenda Klinepier addressed the board regarding upcoming contract negotiations. Parent Josh Gruber addressed the board regarding the graffiti at PSI.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bowers reported that students will be taking state assessments throughout the next several days. Dr. Bowers and Community Ed Director Linda Saveraid attended the Senior Spaghetti Dinner last Friday at Lenox Community Center. There were about 335 people who enjoyed this successful fundraiser for the senior program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cedar Manor Space Camp

Cedar Manor 6th grade teachers Rob Rand, Midi Hanson, media specialist Cheryl Edwards and several sixth grade students reported on their experiences at Space Camp earlier this month. Forty-three students and 9 adults spent from April 1-5 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. While there, students learned the history of NASA, constructed rockets, and participated in astronaut simulators. The trip was funded through grants, fundraising, and parent financial support.

Professional Development Proposal for Calendar Change

Principal Bernice Amberg and Staff Development Coordinator Linnea Swenson Tellekson addressed the board regarding a request for one additional early release day to the 2007-08 school year calendar. This change would provide an additional block of two hours during the school year for staff to work together for an extended period of time with the purpose of student learning. This change would also provide one early release or late start day each quarter. The board will act on the request in May.

Policy Review/Development

Consultant Mitch Trockman presented the following policies and recommendations as part of the continuation of the updating of the District Policy Manual. Policies/recommendations presented for a first reading include:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	
DBD	General Fund Balance	Eliminate; not current practice
EEA	Student Transportation Services	Revise to MSBA Model Policy 707 Transportation of Public School Students
EGDF	Student Fundraising Activities	Revise; renumber 650
KBFA	Distribution of Announcements and Other Information Through the Schools	Revise; renumber 550

The board requested that Trockman investigate policies and practices of neighboring districts regarding the General Fund Balance policy for possible revision of current policy.

Selection of Health Insurance Carrier

Director of Business Services informed the board that the district insurance coverage for employees will be Blue Cross Blue Shield, effective July 1, 2007. The insurance committee also considered proposals from Preferred One (current carrier) and Medica. After consideration of all plans' benefits, the Blue Cross plan was selected.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION AGENDA

Bid Approval – Senior High Dish Room Remodel

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Shapiro to award the contract for the remodeling of the senior high school dish room to Boelter Contract & Design, with a bid amount of \$50,575.00. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Approval – Steam Trap System Improvements

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Sweitzer to award the contract for the steam trap system improvements at Central Community Center and the senior high school to Precision Controls, with a low bid amount of \$63,139 for Central and \$102,962 for the senior high. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Approval – Waterproofing Roof (Central)

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Richardson to award the contract for the waterproofing roof project at Central Community Center to Ram Building Restoration & Waterproofing, LLC, with a low bid amount of \$57,100. Motion passed 7-0.

Probationary Non-renewal

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Timian, to approve non-renewal of the following probationary contracts: Gladis Romero and Karen Speich. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sweitzer complimented students and directors on the recent orchestra concert.

Richardson reminded the community that the spring play is “The Visit” and will be performed this coming weekend.

Gores reminded the community that all athletic events are listed on the district athletic website. Also the Minnesota State High School League has reassigned St. Louis Park to a different section. We will now compete with large schools in section competition.

Peterson attended the Minnesota State Destination Imagination competition last week. St. Louis Park had 3 teams competing; one team advanced to global competition, which will be held in Nashville, TN.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Gores to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair