

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 3, 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 7:08 pm on Monday, April 3, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Jerry Timian, Larry Shapiro, Julie Sweitzer and Bruce Richardson, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, Director of Business Affairs Jeff Priess, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom.

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met with several senior high students to discuss what students liked about the senior high, what they would like to see changed, and why. The meeting was held in room A213 from 5:45 – 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Timian to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

School Report – Susan Lindgren

Principal Ann Sullivan, assisted by Susan Lindgren teachers Kari Miller (Gr 4), Midi Hansen (Gr 6), Scylar Shearer (Music), and Maria Rollinger (Gr 5), updated the board on the building goals for Susan Lindgren for 2005-06. The three goals for Susan Lindgren were:

- 1) decrease behavior referrals by 10%;
- 2) of the students in quartile 2, 40% will move into quartile 3 in the spring NWEA math test; and
- 3) of the students in quartile 2, 40% will move into quartile 3 in the spring NWEA reading test.

Staff members outlined interventions that are being used to achieve these goals, as well as assessments being used to evaluate student growth. Teaching staff has been trained in “Responsive Classroom” techniques and use the teaching practices that are components of “RC” daily.

ECSE Report

Special Education coordinator Louise Raths and consultant Don Loe provided an overview of the programming aspects of Early Childhood Special Education services. The ECSE program serves children birth through age 6 who have identified special education needs. Children qualify for services by meeting state established criteria in one of 13 different educational categories. Raths summarized the parameters of providing services as well as the outcomes. Outcomes include 1) that all families of young children with special needs, birth to kindergarten, will develop the skills and knowledge to actively support their children in lifelong learning, and 2) that all young children with special needs will be active and successful learners in Early Childhood programs and in their future educational settings. Raths also outlined the programs where services will be provided in 2006-07 as well as the staffing needs and plans for next year. Loe has previously worked in student services in Dassel/Cokato, Stillwater, and St. Paul schools and has made recommendations to the superintendent to modify the current ECSE budget proposal.

Budget Report

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess provided an update of the development of the 2006-07 District budget. The superintendent’s budget recommendations will be presented to the Board for consideration in May and the Board will approve the 2006-07 budget prior to the end of June.

Policy Review

The Board received a second reading of the following policies, which are under consideration for approval:

		<u>Replacing</u>
614	School District Testing Plan and Procedure	IL Testing Programs ILA Test Selection and Adoption ILC Use and Dissemination of Test Results
615	Basic Standards, Testing, Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP Section 504 Accommodation, and LEP Students	NEW
624	On-Line Learning Options	NEW

The Board received a first reading and discussed the following policies, which are under consideration for deletion:

LA	Education Agency Relations Goals
LB	Relations with Other Schools and School Districts
LD	Relations with Cultural Institutions
LE	Relations with Colleges and Universities
KA	School-Community Relations Goals
KB	Public Information Program
KBA	The Public’s Right to Know
KBF	Use of Students in Public Information Programs
KC	Family Involvement Policy
KG	Community Use of School Facilities
KI	Charity Drives in the Schools

Gores suggested that the board consider portions of Policies KA, KBA, and KC before approving deletion from the Policy Manual.

ACTION AGENDA

Policy Approval

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Gores to adopt **Policy 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure** to replace Policies IL Testing Programs, ILA Test Selection and Adoptions, and ILC Use and Dissemination of Test Results. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Gores to adopt **Policy 615 Basic Standards, Testing, Accomodation, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP**. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Sweitzer to adopt **Policy 624 Online Learning Options**. Motion passed 6-0.

Unrequested Leave Placement

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Peterson to approve the list of unrequested leave placements for the 2006-07 school. Teachers being placed on unrequested leave include Debra Bauer, Angela Jerabek, and Ellen Ogman. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. (Gores-yea; Peterson-yea; Richardson-yea; Shapiro-yea; Sweitzer-yea; Timian-yea; Yarosh-absent)

Probationary Non-renewals

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Peterson to approve the recommendation to non-renew employment contracts for the following probationary teachers for the 2006-07 school year: Shari Fox, Diane Hansen, Mary Kingston, Michele Kvikstad, Sandra Olson, Amalia Pflaumer, and Allison Vlack (2003-04 hired year); Allison Arndt, Virginia Cooper, Elizabeth Goedon, Alexis Mason, Karen Mehrkens, David Miller, and Lisa Vaughnn (2004-05 hired year); Kirsten Anderson, Carmen Berrios, Rachael Bushy, Caryn Clafin, Cristina Dobon, AmyJo Hyde, Maggie Jennings, Laura King, Jodi LeBaron, Jennifer Magdal, Michelle Ockman, Kelsey Okey, Maria Povolny, Renee Schlotterbeck, Michael Sundlin, and Katie Tooley (2005-06 hired year). Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. (Gores-yea; Peterson-yea; Richardson-yea; Shapiro-yea; Sweitzer-yea; Timian-yea; Yarosh-absent)

SPARKS Contract

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the Structural Balance resolution with regard to the SPARKS employee group employment contract. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Timian to approve the employment contract for the SPARKS group for 2005-06 and 2006-07. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gores invited the community to attend the open house of the newly remodeled Central Clinic on April 20 from 3-5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Sweitzer to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Bruce Richardson, Vice-Chair