

St. Louis Park Public Schools  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, May 22, 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, May 22, 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, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, Director of Special Services Tami Reynolds, and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom.

**POINT OF LIGHT**

The Board recognized Kids' Place Preschool teacher Beth Shannon, who has been named the Brooklyn Park Walmart Store 2006 Teacher of the Year. Shannon was introduced by Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid and childcare coordinator Marsha Partington.

The Board 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Debbie Strand, who has been named the St. Louis Park Sam's Club 2006 Teacher of the Year. Strand was introduced by Peter Hobart principal Frank Johnson.

**SPOTLIGHT**

The Board recognized 12<sup>th</sup> grade student Michael Muralt, who recently was a multiple medal winner in the 2006 Minnesota Special Olympics swimming competition. Michael was introduced by Director of Students Services Tami Reynolds.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Timian to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2006 regular Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2006 special Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Gores to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2006 regular Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

**OPEN FORUM**

Parent Kathleen Goor addressed the Board in support of Susan Lindgren teacher Diane Hansen, whose contract has been non-renewed for 2006-07.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Q-Comp** - Junior High teacher Mike Nordean reviewed the process that has been completed for the district to be granted state approval and funding to implement the ATTPS (Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System). ATTPS provides for staff development opportunities that result in increased teacher pay by providing avenues for teacher leadership and performance bonuses based on colleague evaluations. Expanded opportunities for staff development and teacher effectiveness increases student achievement. This process ties teacher pay to student performance.

**Technology** –Tom Marble, Director of Information Services, provided an update on the current Technology department infrastructure and system, which is in place under the Technology Plan 2004-2007. He also reviewed plans a Technology Task Force has been working on to develop a new model on future delivery of technology throughout the district.

**PYP Language** –Barbara DeMaster, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that a task force has been created to determine the language that will be offered to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders under the PYP (Primary Years Program) IB program.

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

Vision St. Louis Park Outcome Report

Committee member Mark Schwartz reported on the progress of a Vision St. Louis Park Outcomes Committee study. The committee reviews surveys conducted randomly to gather information from St. Louis Park citizens. Areas of study include residential demographics, quality of life, likes and dislikes about the community, city character, neighboring perceptions, city government and city staff, school district board and administration, public safety issues, environmental issues, transportation, diversity concerns, volunteer opportunities, learning opportunities, city commerce and information processes. Bridget Gothberg reported on the future of Vision St. Louis Park, and invited community members to contact her at the City Hall to join a task force and become better informed about this program.

Policy Review

The Board discussed Policy 610 Field Trips, asking for clarification on the section indicating an annual superintendent report to the Board upon the utilization of trips under this policy.

The Board received a first reading of and discussed the following policies under consideration for renaming and renumbering, revision or approval of new contract:

| <u>First Reading</u> |   | <u>Replaces</u> |  |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| 406                  | Public and Private Personnel Data   |                 | New                                    |
| 413                  | Harassment and Violence   | GBHA            | Prohibition of Harassment and Violence |
| 418                  | Drug-Free Workplace /<br>Drug Free School   | GBEBA           | Employee Drug and Alcohol Policy       |
| 419                  | Tobacco-Free Environment  | GBK             | (Same name)                            |
| 420                  | Students and Employees with Sexually<br>Transmitted Infections and Diseases                   | JHCC            | Communicable Diseases                  |
| 502                  | Search of Student Lockers, Desks,<br>Personal Possessions, and Student's Person               | JFG             | (Same name)                            |
| 514                  | Bullying Prohibition  |                 | New                                    |
| 516                  | Student Medication  | JHCD            | Administering Medications to Students  |
| 532                  | Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams<br>to Remove Students with IEPs from<br>School Grounds | JGA             | Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams |
| 533                  | Wellness  |                 | New                                    |
| 709                  | Student Transportation Safety   | EEAA            | (Same name)                            |

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Timian, 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 Gores, seconded by Peterson to approve Policy 610 Field Trips to replace Policy IICA Student Travel. Motion passed 7-0.

Statement of Assurances

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the Statement of Assurances, which are required to receive Federal funding for Title I, II, III, IV and V programs. Motion passed 7-0.

McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children Application

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Gores to approve the application for funding under the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Legislation. Motion passed 7-0.

Q-Comp Approval

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the St. Louis Park ATPPS (Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System) compensation plan. Motion passed 7-0.

Community Education Coordinators Employment Contract

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Shapiro to approve the contract of employment between St. Louis Park Schools and the Community Education Coordinators' group for 2005-06 and 2006-07. Motion passed 7-0.

Probationary Teacher Non-Renewal

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Peterson to approve the non-renewal of probationary teacher contract for senior high language arts teacher Rebecca Daniels. Motion passed 7-0 by a roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Gores reported that the senior high IB history class leaves for Argentina on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Their presentation will be on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in the senior high room C350.

Yarosh reported on the successful Children First Ice Cream Social that was held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Wolfe Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by made by Richardson, seconded by Shapiro to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Rolf Peterson, Clerk

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Jim Yarosh, Chair