

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 8, 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 8, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Jerry Timian, Bruce Richardson, Larry Shapiro, Julie Sweitzer and Jim Yarosh, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent 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.

POINT OF LIGHT / SPOTLIGHT

The Board recognized and commended Lee-Ann Stephens, Park Spanish Immersion (English) teacher, who has been named the 2006 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. The Board also spotlighted the senior high math team for placing 4th in state math league competition. The following students competed in the state math league competition: Jacob Konikoff, Tyler Scanlon, Sean Vig, Justin Carlson, Ben Segal, Brian Ford, Sam Burke, and Andrew Ford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Gores to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

School Report – Peter Hobart

Principal Frank Johnson reported on Peter Hobart staff development goals, goal setting process and achievements for school year 2004-05. He also reported on goals to increase 3rd grade student performance in reading, writing and math.

Education Effectiveness Audit Report

Consultant Dr. Gene Davis outlined the results of the Educational Effectiveness Audit that was recently conducted on individual buildings, community education and overall district functions. His report highlighted successes and made recommendations to increase effectiveness throughout the district. The complete report is available in the superintendent's office and on the district website (www.slpschools.org).

Budget Report / Bond Update

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess reviewed the development of the 2006-07 budget which will be presented to the Board for approval at the June business meeting. He also outlined building projects that will be addressed in the summer. Projects include chimney repair, carpet replacement, elevator installation, roof repairs and burner replacement.

Policy Review

The Board reviewed policies under consideration for updating to reflect MSBA's model policies and numbering system. Policies presented tonight and under recommendation for adoption include the following:

Second Reading

609	Religion
610	Field Trips
616	School District System Accountability
619	Staff Development for Standards

Replacing

IGAC	Teaching About Religion
IICA	Student Travel (Field Trips and Excursions)
IMAB	(Same Name)
(New)	

Consultant Mitchell Trockman reviewed and clarified reasons for proposed changes for each policy.

ACTION AGENDA

Policy Approval

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Richardson to approve Policy 609 Religion to replace Policy IGAC Teaching About Religion. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Gores to table action on Policy 610 Field Trips until a later date. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve Policy 616 School District System Accountability to replace Policy IMAB (Same name). Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to adopt Policy 619 Staff Development for Standards. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Approval – Masonry Restoration at Central Community Center

A motion was made by Richardson seconded by Shapiro that the Board award the bid for Masonry repair at Central Community Center to Macpherson-Town Company in the amount of \$473,377. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Approval – Cedar Manor Elevator and Administration Remodeling

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Gores that the Board award the bid for the Elevator and Addition/Administration Remodeling project at Cedar Manor to PMI Construction Company with a low base bid amount of \$312,300. Motion passed 7-0.

Reappointment of Ken Daniels to District 287 Board

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to reappoint Ken Daniels to represent St. Louis Park School District 283 on the Intermediate District 287 School Board for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Timian to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair