

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2005 7:30 pm
St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C

Prior to the regular meeting of the St. Louis Park Board of Education, a public hearing was held beginning at 6:00 pm in senior high room 350C. Present were Board Members Broady, Gores, Peterson, Richardson, Timian, Sweitzer, and Yarosh and Administrators Superintendent Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Walker, Director of Special Education Reynolds, Director of Community Education Saveraid, Director of Business Services Priess and Mpls StarTribune reporter Shruti Mathur.

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 7:30 pm on Monday, May 9, 2005, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Keith Broady, Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Bruce Richardson, Jerry Timian, Jim Yarosh, and Julie Sweitzer, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Dan Walker, Director of Business Services Jeff Priess, Director of Special Services Tami Reynolds, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom. Also in attendance: students Megal Frestedt and Racheal Scully and staff members Mary Burt and Ann Jurewitz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

STATE HISTORY DAY STUDENT PRESENTATION

Senior High students Megan Frestedt and Racheal Scully presented their skit on Queen Elizabeth I that earned them the 3rd place award at the State History Day. In addition to performing at the local, regional and state level, the students researched and wrote their entire presentation. Teacher/coach Ann Jurewitz introduced Megan and Rachael the Board presented certificates in recognition of participation in the event.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2005-06 Budget Discussion

Director of Business Affairs Jeff Priess presented the current data regarding the major components of the funding bill currently before the legislature. Governor Pawlenty recommends a 2.5% increase, the House bill calls for a 3.0% increase in 2006 and a 3.1% increase in 2007, and the Senate bill calls for a 5.0% increase in 2006 and a 4.0% increase in 2007. The Board will continue discussion of the budget and will approve the 2005-06 budget before the end of June.

Bond Update

Priess reported on District Capital Projects that have been designated as bond projects and provided information on the work to be completed during the summer of 2005. These projects amount to about \$5,039,000.00. During the summer of 2005 the following projects will be completed: -Boiler burner replacements, roofing repairs, redesign of junior high parking lot, building exteriors and interiors. In addition, the Central Clinic project will begin soon. The Board asked for the status of leasing of space at Eliot. Currently. Discoveries for Children is the only group that has expressed an interest in leasing 1-2 classrooms.

ACTION AGENDA

Statement of Assurances

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

McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Application

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

Miscellaneous Exhaust Projects

A motion was presented to award the contract for exhaust modification projects to Grendahl Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$72,900.00. Projects include exhaust and make-up air modifications to three pool equipment rooms, one chemical storage room and one shop room. The motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Timian which stated to table approval of bid and to continue to study for the next two to four weeks whether or not it is financially sound to keep all three swimming pools open before awarding the bid. Motion passed 6-0-1 (Yarosh abstain).

COMMUNICATIONS

Richardson reminded the Board and community of the St. Louis Park Foundation and Friends of the Arts Fundraising event on May 20 in the senior high auditorium.

Timian reported that the St. Louis Park is again listed as one of the top 1000 high schools in the nation. This year we are listed as number 350 in the nation, which places us as one of the top 3 schools in Minnesota.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by made by Yarosh, seconded by Gores to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Nancy Gores, Clerk

Keith Broady, Chair