

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 12, 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, June 12, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Jerry Timian (7:05), 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.

SPOTLIGHT

The Board recognized and commended the members of the Synchronized Swim Team for their section and state championships. Team members include Katrina Albrecht, Heather Anderson, Amy Beck, Anne Bergquist, Emily Blessing, Florence Blessing, Nikki Bosanko, Siena Butler, Tali David, Rachel David, Rebecca Davis, Kaia Fink, Alise Hofstad-Parkhill, Tara Jones, Alicia Judson, Laura Kelzer, Megal Knudsen, Ann Koller, Angela Laidlaw, Imke Lammers, Audra Lewis, Ashley Magnuson, Ashley McDonell, Lisa McKnight, Whitney McLaughlin, Nicole Muralt, Cloey Nelson, Helen Noble, Ali Palm, Lauren Platt, Stephanie Platt, Jill Rykken, Susan Shapiro, Lauren Shoff, Kaitlyn Steffenhagen, Linnea vanPilsum Bloom, Ariel Vaughn, Kelly Wenzel, Sammy Worthingham, and Erin Youmans. The team's head coach is Linda Gust.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Senior High graduates Emily Schmidt, Alegra Oxborough and Kaitlyn Priddy presented an overview of the IB History class trip to Argentina. Twenty-five students and four adult chaperones spent 8 days exploring the culture and environment of one of the countries that had been studied during their two-year IB class. In addition to other experiences, the students visited a school and shared school supplies with the children. The group was led by teacher Meryll Page.

Senior High teacher Bruce McLean and student Colleen Ritchie spoke about the Model United Nations held in Berlin in November 2005, which was attended by 7 juniors from St. Louis Park, one of two schools representing the United States. The group has been invited to attend a Model United Nations in Athens, Greece, in October 2006, and are requesting Board permission for international student travel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Kindergarten Plus Report

Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid updated the Board on the full-day Kindergarten Plus program that has completed its first year in St. Louis Park Schools. Forty-three students participated in the first year of Kindergarten Plus, which was held at Aquila and Peter Hobart schools. Saveraid outlined the kindergarten options available; Kindergarten Plus (fee based, full-day program), traditional half-day kindergarten with Kids' Place Child Care available, and traditional half-day kindergarten with children at home or at another child care program for remainder of the day. Currently, 44 students are enrolled in Kindergarten Plus for 2006-07 (22 at each site).

Policy Review

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

Recommendation

(Deletion)

908 Community Centers – External Signs

435 Staff Ethics Standards

436 Staff Conflicts of Interest

(Deletion)

(Deletion)

437 Staff Participation in Political Activities

423 Employee-Student Relationships

438 Nepotism

(Deletion)

Replaces

FBC Facility Utilization Review

FFC Renumber and reaffirm

GBC Renumber and reaffirm

GBCA Renumber and reaffirm

GBEA Staff Protection

GBEB Chemical Dependency for Employees

GEG Renumber and reaffirm

GBH Same Name

GBN Same Name (Based on Mpls Policy 4035)

GCAC Shared Positions

The Board discussed the need for Policy 908 (FFC) Community Centers-External Signs. The Board also recommended that the procedures for Policy GCAC Shared Positions be outlined in the Human Resources Procedure manual.

Policies presented for a final reading and under recommendation for adoption include the following:

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

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

ACTION AGENDA

International Student Travel

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Gores to approve International Student Travel to attend a Model United Nations in Athens, Greece, in October 2006. Motion passed 7-0.

Policy Approval

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the following changes to the District Policy Manual: Motion passed 7-0.

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Bid Approval – Senior High Stadium Fencing

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro that the Board award the bid for the Senior High School Stadium Fencing project to Town and Country with a low base bid amount of \$83,145 and Alternate 1 removal of existing fence at \$9,900. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Approval – Cedar Manor Masonry Restoration

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Richardson that the Board award the bid for the Cedar Manor Masonry Restoration project Western Waterproofing Company, Inc., with a low base bid amount of \$159,712 with unit pricing of adding additional brick of \$32.00 per brick, and reduction of brick at \$22.00 per block. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Timain, seconded by Peterson to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair