

6.27.05 DRAFT  
St. Louis Park Public Schools  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, June 27, 2005 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 7:05 pm on Monday, June 27, 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 Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Special Services Tami Reynolds, Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid, and Secretary to the Board Suzanne Hillstrom.

#### SPOTLIGHT

The Board recognized and congratulated spring athletes who competed in state competition. The following students received certificates of congratulations from Board Chair Keith Broady:

Synchronized Swim Team ñ Heather Anderson, Amy Beck, April Bell, Anne Bergquist, Britta Blanski, Chelsea Bohn, Nikki Bosanko, Siena Butler, Serena Carlson, Tali David, Rebecca Davis, Kaia Fink, Katie Flatten, Katie Gaulke, Elizabeth Gibbs, Erin Heitzman, Alise Hofstad-Parkhill, Tara Jones, Laura Kelzer, Megan Knudsen, Ann Koller, Jill Kraemer, Angela Laidlaw, Audra Lewis, Victoria Lund, Katie Lynes, Ashley Magnuson, Ashley McDonnell, Lisa McKnight, Whitney McLaughlin, Cloey Nelson, Heather Niederjohn, Ali Palm, Lauren Platt, Stephanie Platt, Jill Rykken, Alexandra Schulz, Susan Shapiro, Lauren Shoff, Hanna Terhaar, Megal Tulin-Ellis, Ariel Vaughn, Kelly Wenzel, Emily Westgard, Denise Williams, Samantha Witta, Samantha Worthington, Alina Yakovleva, Erin Youmans (Coach Linda Gust)

Girls' Track and Field ñ Rosa Gauthier-Culnane, LaiShema Hampton, Emily Hendricks, Katelin Klinkhammer, Chelsea Kollodge, Majra Mucic, Mackenzie Olson, Carrie Selden, Audrey Weber (Coach Brad Brubaker)

Boys' Track and Field Mike Mommsen (Coach Tyler McCormick)

Golf Charlie Harris (Coach Greg Goddard)

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Richardson to approve the amended agenda to add approval. Motion carried 7-0.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2005 regular Board meeting. Motion carried 6-0-1. (Richardson abstain)

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Richardson to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2005 special Board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Yarosh, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the June

13, 2005 regular Board meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

OPEN FORUM - None

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bowers reported that the Summer School program has begun with specific programs in summer learning and play, pre-school and child care, special education, and academics to meet students' needs. Bowers announced that all School Board meetings will begin at 7:00 pm next year. The Board has requested a study of pool usage and Superintendent Bowers is asking for an extension of time so that the administrative team can analyze pool usage at all three district owned swimming pools as well as the operating costs connected with each pool. Director of Community Education Linda Saveraid presented an amended agreement with Hennepin County Human Services for use of St. Louis Senior High School in the event of a public health emergency. The amended agreement addresses St. Louis Park's financial responsibility. Superintendent Bowers reported on Minnesota Community Foundation grants being awarded to teachers Pat Rice and Becky Magnuson for IB training. In addition, the district has been notified of a K12 Immersion Grant that is being awarded to further immersion education. The award amount has not yet been announced.

#### STUDY SESSION TOPICS

##### Policy Development

Sub-committee member Nancy Gores outlined the Board's goals to update the current District Policy Manual and to provide access to the Policy Manual via the district website. In addition, the Board meeting draft agendas will also be available to the public on the district website. The Board received the third reading of Policy 208 (Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies) and the second reading of Policies 401 (Equal Employment Opportunity), 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination), 407 (Employment Right to Know-Exposure to Hazardous Substances), 410 (Family and Medical Leave), 417 (Chemical Use and Abuse), 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination), 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination and reporting form), 531 (the Pledge of Allegiance), and 806 (Crisis Management). These are all new policies being implemented as part of the District Policy Manual review and revision process. The Board made comments edits and received clarification of wording as appropriate.

##### 2005-06 Budget Discussion

Director of Business Affairs Jeff Priess presented final recommendations for the 2005-06 Budget, which, in compliance with Minnesota State Law must be approved prior to July 1, will be presented for adoption at tonight's meeting. He reviewed budget assumptions and the process of developing the proposed budget in spite of unknown state funding.

##### Data Retreat Update

Barbara DeMaster, Director of Curriculum and Instruction updated the Board on the administrative/teacher retreat that was recently held to review student achievement data.

##### Eliot Lease Agreements

Linda Saveraid, Director of Community Education, described proposed lease agreements for the Eliot property as follows: Discoveries for Children, Inc., is a private "Daycare and Montessori School", with a lease commencing July 1, 2005 and terminating on August 31, 2008 with the first two months at no charge. The French Academy of Minnesota is a private French Immersion school for up to 100 pupils preschool through 5th grade that draws from the wider metropolitan area. The lease is for three years, commencing September 1, with July and August occupancy at no charge to set up classrooms. These two leases will be presented for action at tonight's meeting.

The following organizations are considering leasing space and are in the process of negotiating contracts for approval: The Flagship Academy is a private "core" school for K-6th grades, now with sixteen pupils, with plans to grow to 40 - 50 students in the new facilities. The lease term is two or three years. The Twin City Youth Symphony would locate its offices and library at Eliot. It uses community venues for orchestra practice and performances with possible future requirements for practice and performance (gym) space as they become familiar with Eliot. The practices are Monday and Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. The lease term is two or three years, commencing July, 2005.

Saveraid reported that a letter was sent to community members outlining these proposed leases and response she has received from neighboring community members has been positive. Board member Yarosh outlined the process that the Board took to determine to retain ownership of the Eliot property for use as revenue income. In addition, Saveraid spoke about cosmetic upgrades that will be completed at Eliot this summer.

#### Tentative 2005-06 School Board Agenda Calendar

The Board received a draft of School Board Agenda discussion and action items for 2005-06. This is a working document that is based on 2004-05 agenda topics and will be adjusted to address topics as appropriate.

#### Central Clinic

Linda Saveraid presented information regarding the background and process of renovation and relocation of the Clinic and classrooms at Central Community Center. The Central Clinic was established in June 1996 in partnership with Park Nicollet to provide free health care services to children from birth to age 18. Relocation of the Clinic provides needed space for expansion of Park Spanish Immersion while providing an updated area and more convenient location for the clinic. Relocation of the clinic will also provide for an ECFE classroom in the same area as well as a ground level entrance with convenient parking. Jeff Priess provided financial data regarding the remodeling project. Recommendation is to award the contract to Rochon Corporation for \$309,000 with a contribution of approximately \$10,000 from Park Nicollet. Funding will be provided from the District Capital Budget.

#### Apple Financial Lease Agreement

Jeff Priess outlined the proposed extended lease agreement for computer equipment and certain peripheral equipment. The extension of the current lease agreement allows the

district to continue the five-year Cycle of Life for computers and equipment and to purchase additional technology equipment. Approval of this agreement extends the original 3-year lease by one year and the resource for lease payments is through the Technology Levy.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Gores to approve the consent agenda for Personnel and Business as presented which includes regular business and personnel transactions as well as approval of reorganization as follows: Operative Account Depositories, Investment Account Depositories, Authorization to Make Investments, Electronic Fund Transfer Authorization, Authorization for Early Claim Payments, Authorization to Disburse Salaries, Deputy-Clerk and Deputy-Treasurer, Check Signatures, Authorization to Purchase, Official Newspaper, School Attorney, and School Auditors. Richardson acknowledged the retirement of the following staff members: senior high ELL/reading teacher Deb Ranney after 22 years of service and junior high art teacher Jim Gulstrand after 27 years of service. Motion passed 7-0.

#### ACTION AGENDA

##### Approval of 2005-06 Budget

A motion was made by Yarosh, seconded by Peterson to approve the FY 2005-06 budget. Motion passed 7-0.

##### Policy Approval

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Richardson to approve Policy 208 ñ Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies with edits as discussed earlier. Passage of this policy constitutes dissolution of Policy BF-Development, Adoption & Implementation of Policies and Procedures Administrative Guidelines. Motion passed 7-0.

##### Reappointment of Betty Shaw to 287 School Board

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Timian to approve the reappointment of Betty Shaw as a representative of the St. Louis Park School Board on the Intermediate District 287 School Board for a two-year term commencing on July 1, 2005. Motion passed 7-0.

##### Minnesota State High School League Membership

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Yarosh to approve the renewal of membership to the Minnesota State High School League for the 2005-06 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

##### Eliot Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Yarosh, seconded by Peterson to authorize the administration to enter into a lease agreement between St. Louis Park Schools and The French Academy of Minnesota, Inc., and Discoveries for Children Preschool for space at district-owned Eliot property. Discussion resulted in a motion by Gores, seconded by Timian to entertain each lease individually. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Yarosh, seconded by Peterson to authorize the administration to enter into a lease agreement between St. Louis Park Schools Discoveries for Children Preschool for space at district-owned Eliot property. Motion passed 7-0.

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#### Cingular Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Timian to approve the lease agreement between St. Louis Park Schools Cingular Wireless for use of cabinet ground area space and chimney space for an antenna at district-owned Cedar Manor property. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Apple Financial Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to and authorize the execution of a Master Lease Agreement with Apple Financial Services, which allows the district to continue the five-year Cycle of Life for computers and certain peripheral technology equipment. This is 1-year amendment to the original 3-year lease. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Central Clinic and Classroom Bids

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Richardson to award the bid for renovation of the Central Clinic and classroom project to Roehen Corporation in the amount of \$309,000.00. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Aquila Playground Equipment and Surfacing Bid

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Richardson to award the bid for playground equipment and playground surfacing at Aquila Primary Center to St. Croix Recreation in the amount of \$135,700.73. Funding will be provided through Health and Safety for surfacing and bond revenue for playground equipment. Motion passed 7-0.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

Richardson reported on St. Louis Park Foundation awards as follows: \$26,000 the Arts and Reading programs, \$8,000 to primary IB program, \$10,000 to junior high and \$10,000 to various other programs.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by made by Yarosh, seconded by Peterson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Nancy Gores, Clerk

Keith Broady, Chair