

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2006 7:00 pm
St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C

Beginning at 6:30 pm, prior to the regular school board meeting, the School Board held a reception honoring the parents and students of the class of 2006 who received International Baccalaureate Diplomas.

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, August 14, 2006, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were board members Gores, Peterson, Richardson, Shapiro, Sweitzer, Timian, and Yarosh, Superintendent Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Walker, Director of Business Services Priess, Director of Curriculum and Instruction DeMaster, Director of Community Education Saveraid, Director of Special Services Reynolds, and Secretary to the Board Hillstrom.

SPOTLIGHT

The Board recognized the Class of 2006 graduates who were awarded the International Baccalaureate Diploma. IB Coordinator Bruce McLean gave a brief background of the program and what these students have accomplished during the two-year IB program. The following students were recognized: Andrea Bouchard, Jeffrey Bush, Alexandra Byrne, Christopher Decker, Colette Friedenson, Sophie Klein, Jacob Konikoff, Kashmir Kustanowitz, Amelia McNamara, Allegra Oxborough, Kaitlin Priddy, Ezra Roth, Emily Schmidt, Jason Singer, Andrew Stidemski, Hanna Terhaar, Bruson Uhrig-Fox, and Jessica Vitale.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Timian, Seconded by Richardson to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2006 special Board meeting. Motion passed 7-0.
- A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2006 regular Board meeting as corrected to reflect a typing error. Motion passed 7-0.
- A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2006 special Board meeting. Motion passed 5-0-. (Timian and Sweitzer abstain)

OPEN FORUM

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bowers reported that summer repair and remodeling projects under the bond referendum are nearly complete. Fall athletics began today as students begin preparing for competition in the second year of membership in the North Suburban Conference. Additional staff received PYP IB training this summer, bringing the total number of IB trained staff to 68. In preparation for implementation of QComp, 78 staff members were trained as mentors.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Graduation Requirements Update

Senior High Principal Bob Laney outlined the recommended changes in the requirements for graduation. Laney and Director of CIARA Barbara DeMaster also presented the first reading of Policy 613 Graduation Requirements, which will replace Policy IKF (same name). The Board discussed the recommendation of two credits in physical and health with regard to the state requirement of one credit and how participation could be done in another way to meet the needs of students.

Budget Update

Director of Business Services Jeff Priess reported on the preliminary 2006 financial audit report and the requirements for reporting the financial status of the school district to the State of Minnesota.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the consent agenda for Personnel and Business as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION AGENDA

Dates for Truth in Taxation Hearing A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Timian to conduct special meetings for the purpose of public Truth in Taxation hearings for December 5, beginning at 6:00 pm, and again on December 12, if needed. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Award – Dairy Products (Milk) A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Timian to award the bid for Dairy Products (Milk) to Meyer Bros. Dairy at the per unit amounts bid for firm pricing. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Award – Dairy Products (Ice Cream) A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Timian to award the bid for Dairy Products (Ice Cream) to Brown' Ice Cream Co. at the per unit amounts bid. Motion passed 7-0.

Bid Award –Refuse and Recycled Materials Hauling A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Shapiro to award the bid for Refuse and Recycled Materials Hauling to Aspen Waste Systems, Inc. at the per unit amounts bid, Motion passed 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sweitzer reminded the community that the next bookmark in the Park reading opportunity will be author Mary Pipher’s *The Middle of Everywhere* about refugees and their relocation issues. The next committee meeting is Wednesday, August 16 at 3:30 pm at City Hall.

Richardson invited community members to read Peter Benson’s (SEARCH Institute) recent paper on relationships.

Gores reminded the community that school starts on Tuesday, September 5.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Timian to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rolf Peterson, Clerk

Jim Yarosh, Chair