

St. Louis Park Public Schools  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, November 26, 2007 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 7:07 pm on Monday, November 26, 2007, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Rolf Peterson, Bruce Richardson, Jerry Timian, Larry Shapiro, Julie Sweitzer and Jim Yarosh, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Director of Business Services Sandy Salin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Student Services Tami Reynolds, and Secretary to the Board Cynthia Hidlebaugh.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Senior High Principal, Rob Metz introduced the sixteen St. Louis Park Senior High Students who have been named 2007 National Merit Scholars. Each student identified three teachers; one elementary, one junior high and one senior high, who have played a significant role in their educational development to this point. National Merit Scholars include commended students, Maxwell Bauer, Julia Caston, Annelise Eeman, Zachary Finn, Meridel Phillips, Benjamin Segal, Elan Siedband and James Wagner; semi-finalist students Kevin Bell, Elana Bulman, Samuel Burke, Siena Butler, Justin Carlson, David Nulsen, Peter Nulsen and Outstanding Participant Award finalist, Ngozi Nwogwugu.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Gores to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2007 Regular meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Gores to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 Special meeting, Motion passed 7-0.

**OPEN FORUM**

There was no requests to address the board during open forum.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Debra Bowers reported on the following activities around the district:

- Dr. Bowers congratulated the National Merit Finalists and thanked their parents and teachers and the community for support in their success and education.
- Dr. Bowers announced that the St. Louis Park School District has been notified by the MN Department of Education to receive a grant for \$563,168 for the K-12 International Baccalaureate Grant. Out of 19 districts that made application, St. Louis Park was awarded the largest amount out of 6 districts that received the grant. Dr. Bowers also acknowledged Barbara DeMaster and Angie Jerabek for their diligence in writing the grant for the district.
- The musical 'Lil Abner' will be performing again in their final run; and she invited the community to come and enjoy the talent in our schools.
- The district website has been updated with the Bill Morris survey that was done with pre-school, non-public and public parents.
- The Educational Equity & Excellence Task Force will present their findings to the School Board on December 10, 2007.

**STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

Performance Contract - Eliot

A motion by Shapiro and seconded by Gores to table discussion on this topic as the presenter had not arrived. Motion passed 7-0.

806 Crisis Management Policy Review – Second Reading-Emergency Action Plan

Director of Special Services, Tami Reynolds, presented information to the Board as a final reading the Policy 806 Crisis Management and to include a Pandemic Flu Preparedness Plan. The Board discussed the need of additional wording and final reading to be corrected read as follows:

**TITLE** Crisis Management Policy**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Crisis Management Policy is to act as a guide for school district and building administrators, school employees, students, school board members and community members as to how to address a wide range of potential crisis situations in the school district in order to provide a safe environment for students, staff and community. The step-by-step procedures suggested by this Policy will provide guidance to each school building in drafting crisis management plans to coordinate protective actions prior to, during, and after any type of emergency or potential crisis situation in the school district. Please note that, pursuant to this Policy, tailored crisis management plans will be developed for each school building in the school district and sections or procedures may be added or deleted in those crisis management plans based on building needs.

**II. GENERAL INFORMATION****A. The Policy and Plans**

The school district's Emergency Action Plan has been created in consultation with local community response agencies and other appropriate individuals and groups likely to be involved in assisting with a school emergency. It is designed so that each building administrator can tailor a crisis management plan to meet that building's specific situation and needs.

The school district administration and/or the administration of each building shall present tailored crisis management plans to the school board for review. These building specific crisis management plans will include general crisis procedures and crisis-specific procedures. New procedures and revisions of the plan do not require approval of the board; but shall be provided to the board for information.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Sweitzer, seconded by Timian to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

**ACTION AGENDA****2008-09 Open Enrollment Affirmation**

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Shapiro to approve affirmation of Policy 509 enrollment of Non Resident Students, in accordance with state statute MS §124D.03 and complies with the District commitment to the "Choice is Yours" program. Motion passed 7-0.

**Windmill Project Agreement**

Dr. Bowers presented additional information to the Board on the Windmill Project Agreement, as was presented at a previous board meeting by Michael David from Johnson Controls. After further study and conversation with other school district administrators that are already involved in Phase I, Dr. Bowers informed the Board that she did not feel it was in the district's best interest at this time to move forward with participation in the Windmill Project. At a future date, when land is purchased and turbines are in place, it may be a better opportunity for the St. Louis Park School District to moving forward in a Phase II version. A motion by Peterson and seconded by Timian to approve not moving forward with the Windmill Project Agreement. Motion passed 7-0.

**Policy Review – Policy 806 Crisis Management**

A motion by Richardson and second by Shapiro to approve the final reading of the Policy 806 Crisis Management with additional wording. Motion passed 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Gores reported she attended the fall Football Awards Banquet and the athletes received a standing ovation for 80% grade point average as well as their athletic achievements. Peterson reported that the Math Team is competing in State Sections. Richardson encouraged the public, staff and students to attend 'Lil Abner' and applauded the students for their talent and appreciation of theatre. Sweitzer reported the Junior High Musical was very enjoyable and well performed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Timian, seconded by Sweitzer to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Rolf Peterson, Clerk

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Jim Yarosh, Chair

