

St. Louis Park Public Schools  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, August 13, 2007 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 2007 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 13, 2007, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were board members Gores, Peterson, Richardson, Shapiro, Sweitzer, and Yarosh, Superintendent Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Laney, Director of Business Services Salin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction DeMaster, Director of Community Education Saveraid, Director of Special Services Reynolds, and Secretary to the Board Hidlebaugh. Board member Timian was absent.

### **SPOTLIGHT**

The Board recognized the Class of 2007 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: Christopher Austin, Tyler Hendrickson, Talia Hillman, Joseph Lahti, Ellen Patterson, Samuel Peterson, Hepzibah Rapoport, Brandon Veber and Sean Vig.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Gores, Seconded by Richardson to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 special Board meeting. Motion passed 6-0.
- A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Gores to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 regular Board meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

### **OPEN FORUM**

None

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Bowers welcomed and congratulated the International Baccalaureate graduates and their families. The Superintendent introduced new District Office staff; former Senior High Principal Bob Laney, Assistant Superintendent, Sandy Salin, Director of Business Services, and Cindy Hidlebaugh, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary to the School Board. Superintendent Bowers also reported that the district will be welcoming 30 new teachers for the 2007-08 school year. Summer school attendance (Targeted Services and Special Education) and experiences were reported positive with participation in over 300 areas of enrichment. Dr. Bowers recognized and thanked Sam's Club for providing healthy snacks for summer school students. The Superintendent also reported a calendar change; graduation 2007-08 will now be June 5, 2008.

### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

#### Policy Review Update

Director of CIARA, Barbara DeMaster, presented information on the revision of Curriculum Reconsideration Procedures for Policy 606: Textbooks and Instructional Materials. These procedures have been reviewed and revised by a district committee consisting of teachers, administrators and a parent/community member. The intent of the revision is to conduct the process and proceedings in a more timely fashion with increased transparency for staff and community. Directors Gores and Sweitzer commented that the five (5) day timeline for Superintendent's response to a concern was too short. Barbara DeMaster advised the board that the timeline would be addressed and the procedures would be brought back

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Gores, seconded by Sweitzer to approve the consent agenda for Personnel and Business as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

Dates for Truth in Taxation Hearing A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Shapiro to conduct special meetings for the purpose of public Truth in Taxation hearings for December 4, 2007 beginning at 6:00 pm, and again on December 11, 2007 if needed. Motion passed 6-0.

Lease Agreement and Ground Lease-Senior High Track A motion was made by Shapiro, seconded by Richardson to approve the Lease Agreement and Ground Lease with Wells Fargo Brokerage Services, LLC in the amount \$181,810.00 and amortized over a five year period. Motion passed 6-0.

Metropolitan Learning Alliance Joint Powers Agreement A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Richardson that the Board approve the Metropolitan Learning Alliance Joint Powers Agreement. Motion passed 6-0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Gores reminded the community that the district's fall sports programs are practicing and preparing to begin the year and invited the community to support our youth at these activities whenever possible. Gores reported that calendars and schedules are available at [www.gopark.org](http://www.gopark.org).

Chair Yarosh congratulated the International Baccalaureate graduates and also their families for their support in this achievement and wished them success in their college experience.

Gores and Sweitzer stated their enthusiasm in the hiring of 30 new teachers to the district.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Richardson, seconded by Shapiro to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Rolf Peterson, Clerk

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Jim Yarosh, Chair