

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Battle Creek Middle School
2121 North Park Drive**

**JANUARY 4, 2000
5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Phillips at 5:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Carroll; Mr. Conlon; Mr. de la O; Ms. Montgomery;
Mr. Oertwig; Dr. Phillips; Neal Thao; Patricia A. Harvey,
Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Lalla, General Counsel; Mrs.
Higgins, Assistant Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. de la O, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the order of the agenda be approved, with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Chair of the Board of Education

Nominations were opened for the office of Chair of the Board of Education. Mr. de la O nominated Becky Montgomery for the office of the Chair. Mr. Oertwig seconded the nomination. Further nominations were called for; there were none. Nominations were closed. The nomination carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

2. **Vice Chair of the Board of Education**

Nominations were opened for the office of Vice Chair of the Board of Education. Mr. Oertwig nominated Mary Thornton Phillips for the office of Vice Chair. Mr. Thao seconded the nomination. Further nominations were called for; there were none. Nominations were closed. The nomination carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

3. **Clerk of the Board of Education**

Nominations were opened for the office of Clerk of the Board of Education. Mr. de la O nominated Mr. Conlon for the office of Clerk of the Board of Education. Mr. Thao seconded the nomination. Further nominations were called for; there were none. Nominations were closed. The nomination carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	No
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	No
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

4. **Treasurer of the Board of Education**

Nominations were opened for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education. Mr. Thao nominated Mr. de la O for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Oertwig. Further nominations were called for; there were none. Nominations were closed. The nomination carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

V. **REMARKS BY OUTGOING CHAIR**

Dr. Mary Thornton Phillips, outgoing Chair, thanked the Board members for their confidence in her the last four years as she served as Chair of the Board. Dr. Phillips complimented the Board members on their hard work and ability to work together, even when there were differences of opinion on issues. She listed, briefly, some accomplishments and challenges that have come before the Board during her tenure as Chair: Accomplishments – new schools that have opened in St. Paul, including charter

schools and year around schools, which enables choice in the district; recognition for two high schools as Blue Ribbon schools (Central and Highland), the largest number of nationally certified teachers in the country, the establishment of partners to build two Achievement Plus schools which serve the needs of the whole family. Challenges included: closing the gap of achievement for all students, the lack of funding available for mandated programs, new staff hiring, crowding in the schools, reducing the number of drop-outs and increasing the number of graduates. She applauded staff for their hard work and completed her remarks with an excerpt from the latest Marian Wright Edelman book.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

B.F. 23850 **Appointment of Assistant Treasurer**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution naming Lois M. Rockney, Executive Director, Business and Financial Affairs, as the Assistant Treasurer of Independent School District No. 625 for the year 2000.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

B.F. 23851 **Appointment of Assistant Clerk**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution naming Geraldine Higgins as Assistant Clerk of Independent School District No. 625 for the year 2000.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

B.F. 23852 **Resolution Naming Depository Accounts**

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution naming the banks that are to serve as depositories of school district funds for the year 2000.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes

Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

B.F. 23853 Resolution Naming Banks as Custodians for Safekeeping of Collateral

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution naming the banks that are to be used as custodians for safekeeping of pledged security for school district deposits.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

B.F. 23854 Resolution Authorizing Investments of School District Funds

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution that herewith authorizes the Assistant Treasurer to invest surplus funds of the school district from time to time, as provided in Minnesota Statutes and the School Board Investment Policy.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

B.F. 23855 Resolution Naming the Official Newspaper

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution naming the St. Paul Legal Ledger as the official newspaper of the School District.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

B.F. 23856 To Adopt and Confirm All Policies Contained in Board Policy Manual

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution confirming and re-adopting all policies contained in the Board Policy Manual.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. de la O, that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

A program followed the Annual Meeting of the Board of Education for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to the four newly elected Board members: Anne Carroll, Tom Conlon, Al Oertwig and Neal Thao.

Prepared and submitted by:
Gerrie Higgins, Assistant Clerk
Board of Education