

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625**  
**Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Administration Building**  
**360 Colborne Street**

**MARCH 14, 2000**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Becky Montgomery, Chair.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

- By Dr. Harvey:                   • Remove Items No. 14 and No. 34  
By Mr. Conlon:                   • Pull No. 15 for Separate Consideration

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Order of the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

- By Dr. Harvey:                   • Under Other Board of Education Reports, add a report on the Children's Initiative and the Association of Metropolitan School Districts by Mr. Oertwig
- Under Human Resources, 1d, the resignation date for Robert Garcia should be changed from 5/29/00 to 6/29/00.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Order of the Main Agenda be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
February 15, 2000

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. de la O, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of February 15, 2000 be approved as submitted.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

#### **V. RECOGNITIONS**

**B.F. 23954**      **Recognition of the Loretta Gagnon 'Circle Room' at the American Indian Magnet School**

Kate Foate Trewick, Chief Academic Officer, remarked that Loretta Gagnon has touched the lives of many children and their families in this community, and stated that her impact will last for generations. Ms. Trewick introduced Dr. Lloyd Elm, Principal of the American Indian Magnet School who spoke of Ms. Gagnon's dedication to American Indian education in St. Paul. Ms. Gagnon spoke about the Circle Room being named for her, and gave a background review of its structure and history. She thanked the Board for this honor and introduced her mother to the audience. Ms. Trewick read the Resolution which was passed unanimously by the American Indian Magnet Site Council on March 8, 2000. Dr. Elm sang a song, in the American Indian language, dedicated to Ms. Gagnon. Ms. Gagnon and her mother received the congratulations of the Board and the Superintendent and staff. Board members and the Superintendent each spoke of Loretta's courage and dedication and thanked her for her excellent work on behalf the American Indian Magnet School.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. de la O, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution of the American Indian Magnet Site Council to formally designate the Circle Room as the Loretta Gagnon Circle Room.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

B.F. 23955 Recognition of Joan E. Fehlen, Principal of Eastern Heights Elementary School, for being named one of the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association's (MESPA), 2000 Division Leadership Achievement Award Recipients

Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, reviewed Dr. Fehlen's background which has spanned the 38 years she has been an educator. A Resolution was read by Ms. Baines and a Certificate of Recognition given to Dr. Fehlen. Dr. Fehlen accepted the award and thanked the Board for the recognition.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate Joan E. Fehlen for being named one of the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association's (MESPA) 2000 Division Leadership Achievement Award recipients in her role in exemplary leadership and sustained efforts in making worthy contributions to the operation of effective schools and learning programs.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 23956 Recognition of Eve Mills, Art Teacher at Highland Park Sr. High School, for attending and presenting a paper on Aboriginal Education at the Fifth UNESCO-ACEID International Conference on Education, held in Bangkok, Thailand in December 1999

Joann Knuth, Area Superintendent C, and Mary Beth Cutting, Principal of Highland Park Senior High School, reviewed Ms. Mills' background and her work on Aboriginal Education. A Resolution was read by Ms. Cutting recognizing Ms. Mills for presenting a paper at the UNESCO-ACEID International Conference on Education held in Bangkok, Thailand. Ms. Mills reported on the Conference and on her paper, and presented the Saint Paul Schools with a copy of the curriculum document. Ms. Mills received the congratulations of the Board and the Superintendent.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate Eve Mills on presenting an excellent paper on Aboriginal Education at the fifth UNESCO-ACEID International Conference on Education held in Thailand, December 1999.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 23957      Recognition of Ana Pilon, English Language Learner and Latino Consent Decree teacher at Prosperity Heights School, for receiving a Channel 11 KARE Package Award

Dr. Luz Maria Serrano, Area Superintendent A, introduced Ms. Pilon and reviewed a number of her many accomplishments during her 20 years of teaching in the St. Paul schools. Mr. John Ashmead, Principal of Prosperity Heights, added comments on Ms. Pilon's dedication and ready willingness to assist community members with their concerns. Ms. Pilon accepted the Certificate of Recognition and thanked the Board for the honor. She received the congratulations of the Board and the Superintendent.

**MOTION:**      It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate Ana Pilon, ELL teacher at Prosperity Heights Elementary School, for being the recipient of a Channel 11 KARE Package Award for her dedication and involvement in helping students and families in the community, and her outstanding contributions as a teacher.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**VI.      PROGRAM UPDATES**

1.    St. Paul Reads Update

Dr. Martha Cussler reported that as of March 10<sup>th</sup>, schools are at 76% of the total district goal of books being read – 20 elementary schools have met or exceeded their building goal and 1 middle school has met its building goal. To elaborate on other programs related to the St. Paul Reads project, Dr. Cussler introduced Mary Dooley Burns, Director of Family Education, who made an overhead presentation of the four programs in Family Education: Early Childhood Family Education, Learning Readiness, Discovery Club and Working Family Resource Center. She stated that the love for reading, and early language and literacy, begins with family and reviewed how each division works with children and families to develop reading skills. A parent provided insight on the excellence of the Learning Readiness program and how this program has helped her son with reading. Dr. Harvey added totals related to the number of books read by eight elementary schools, and stated that this program is a city-wide effort to make sure children are reading.

2.    Accountability Efforts Update

Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, presented an update on the School Continuous Improvement Plan. The training portion of the plan has begun and will continue to March 27<sup>th</sup>. The focus is on one plan which takes into consideration all standards. The alignment of the budget to the school improvement plan is an important part of the plan. Ms. Baines gave an update on the review of school improvement plans, site-based council training, comprehensive school reform efforts, selection of designs by schools, MAT7 spring 2000 testing dates:    April 19 for language, April 25 for reading and April 26 for math.

Bill Larson, Deputy Superintendent, gave a brief overview of the budget training that is currently being conducted. This training represents the first venture in distributing a large portion of the revenue to school sites so that they have discretion in making decisions on how to spend it. Mr. Larson noted that in the lump sum budgeting, there are four types of revenue which are included in what is being distributed to sites (not the entire revenue): General Education Revenue Formula, Compensatory Revenue, Title I and Desegregation Revenue. He further explained, in detail, specific areas that would be affected in this transitional year. Dr. Harvey commented that this is a change that will give the sites more responsibility for decisions at the building level.

### 3. Academics

Kate Foate Trewick, Chief Academic Officer, gave an update on the Promotion and the Homework Policies, which were recently approved by the Board. Ms. Trewick explained how the process has developed at the elementary level, how the training of staff was done, who was involved, etc. In addition, numerous materials were made available to aid staff with teacher/parent conferences including overheads and videos. Other concerns are currently being addressed such as English Language Learner guidelines and grade level expectations to enable parents to understand what is expected at each grade level. Ms. Trewick continued with an overview of the Homework Policy and how it is being implemented in the elementary grades so that interventions can be made for individual students who need extra help. These individual plans will be monitored to see if the results are what was intended. She listed other initiatives that are currently under way to ensure that staff, students and parents are all working together and understand the policies and the student academic improvement plan.

## VII. INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Committee of the Board a. Meeting of February 22, 2000

Dr. Phillips listed the topics that were discussed at this meeting: Programs and Services for Homeless Families and Board Budget Priorities. Mr. Oertwig, Associate Chair, Teaching and Learning, reported on the first topic. He stated that one concern that was held by some Board members was the closing of the New Arrivals School and whether those services would now be available for homeless families in all of the other schools. Mr. Oertwig reviewed some of the projects that will evaluate the programs and services provided, and to identify problem areas or concerns. Staff reported there is a homeless contact person in each of the buildings and they have received training. Title I efforts were reviewed, along with the distribution of Title I grants, and discussion was held regarding staff being trained to understand the problems the homeless students were experiencing. He stated that this issue would continue to be monitored.

Dr. Phillips reported that extensive discussion was held regarding the Board's Budget Priorities. She noted that this year's budget lines up with the Superintendent's work plan and the priorities of the district. She added that alignment is the number one priority to ensure the needs of the students come first and that training be implemented so that all staff understand the decision making process for budgeting. Dr. Phillips reported there is a \$11 million shortfall in the budget and decisions must be made as the district moves toward site-based management. She described how the budget model and narrative ties directly to the school improvement plan. The administrative proposal for the 2000-01 Budget was presented and the areas proposed for consideration include: Long term and short term savings, program

modifications, revenue projections, fund balance reduction and a 1% across the board reduction in administrative and support services. Dr. Harvey stated that many of the proposed items would be tentative reductions and could be retracted when the budget numbers improve. Administration was directed to put together a budget that would be assigned to the schools with a tentative budget so principals can proceed with this proposal. This was an information item and no action was taken.

2. Committee of the Board

a. Meeting of March 6, 2000

Dr. Phillips reported there were five items on the agenda for this meeting: 1) Human Resources – Hiring Process and Timeline, 2) School Calendar, 3) Board Budget Priorities, 4) Community Relations, and 5) Carver Policy Governance Model.

1. Dr. Phillips stated that St. Paul typically has been last to hire teachers for the next school year, and a different plan is being put in place by the Human Resources Department. She noted that the past hiring practices did not align with the district's Best Practices. The new plan would: 1) Revise the teacher transfer process with a timeline that starts earlier than previous years and is not seniority based, 2) Provide better estimates of upcoming vacancies, 3) Target spring recruitment trips that aggressively campaign to local and regional colleges, select locations to enhance teacher of color recruitment efforts and early selection of teachers from Saint Paul's Teachers of Color Programs and 4) Saturday teacher pool interviews to prescreen and select. Early contracts could be issued to newly hired teachers allowing them to be placed in their positions by June 15, 2000.

2. School Calendar - the Calendar Committee, made up of teachers and administrators has developed a proposed 2000-01 school calendar. The calendar recommendation is a rollover of the calendar from the 1999-2000 school year. Discussion was held and the following motion was moved:

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Board of Education approve the School Calendar 2000-01 as presented.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

After discussion, the following motion was moved:

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of a task force of parents, teachers and administrators and community members as appropriate to exam the entire school calendar in greater depth and make recommendations for the 2001-02 school calendar.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

3. Board Budget Priorities – Dr. Phillips noted that this topic was discussed at length at the February 22, 2000 Committee of the Board meeting and is now presented for action. The eleven items designated for cutbacks for long term or short term savings were reviewed. Representatives from the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee were in attendance and expressed support of the administration's recommendations. Scott Knudson, CBFAC co-chair listed four items that his committee discussed and recommended: 1) A plan from administration to restore the fund balance to 5% as quickly as possible, 2) The concern that recommendations continue to focus on borrowing for deferred maintenance, 3) CBFAC would like administrative and support services cuts increased by more than 1%, and 4) The concern that flattening student enrollment seems to be an on-going problem. The CBFAC recommends administration look for long-term solutions. The following motion was then made:

**MOTION** That the Board of Education approve administration's 2000-01 Budget Proposal except that item number ten (10), Fund Balance Reduction, be voted on separately.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Board of Education approve that item number ten, the Fund Balance of \$2,350,000, in the 2000-01 Budget proposal be restored and that administration bring back to the Committee alternatives to the \$2.35 million and recommendations including programs to be considered for cutbacks.

The motion failed on a 6 to 1 vote.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Board of Education approve allocating up to \$2.35 million from the District's fund balance for the purpose of maintaining its educational program for the 2000-01 school year. In addition, the Board directs administration to develop a plan to restore the fund balance to its 5% policy level as quickly as possible.

Mr. Conlon stated he will be voting No on this motion. His main concern is that the district has a policy of 5% fund balance and this should be followed or be budgeted for. Also, he suggested a timeline be determined for restoring the fund balance. Mr. Conlon feels other programs could be examined for reduction in lieu of the fund balance.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

4. Community Relations – Mr. Thao, Associate Chair, Community Relations reported that this item was a continuation of a previous discussion surrounding outreach efforts by Board members. Surveys were given to Board members for completion and the information received from them will enable the Communications Department to assist members in their outreach work and to successfully communicate district messages to the community.
5. Work Session – Dr. Phillips reported that a discussion was held regarding a time for reviewing the Carver Governance Model. Following this discussion, it was agreed to schedule a three-hour work session on this topic in a Committee of the Board meeting.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that Consent Agenda Items 1 through 37, save item 15 for Separate Consideration and the removal of items 14 and 34, be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**The Approved Consent Agenda Items Follow:**

**B.F. 23958 Bid No. A8506-A Food Wrapping Machine**

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8506-A in the amount of \$69,080.00 to SIG Pack Inc./Doboy Division, the sole bidder, for the furnishing and delivery of a food wrapping machine to the School Food Service Department.

**B.F. 23959 Bid No. A8508-C Bleachers at Highland Park Senior High School**

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8508-C for the replacement of bleachers at Highland Park Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Gladstone Construction, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$147,460.00.

**B.F. 23960 Bid No. A8510-M Classroom Desks and Chairs for Various Schools**

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8510-M for classroom desks and chairs for various schools to the lowest responsible bidder, VIRCO, Inc., in the amount of \$149,035.36.

**B.F. 23961 Bid No. A8513-C Remodeling at the District Service Facility**

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8513-C for the remodeling of an office area at the District Service Facility to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction, Inc. for \$630,959.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

**B.F. 23962 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Technology Improvements (Bid Package No. 2) at Hancock and Phalen Lake Elementary Schools**

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$4,470.00 to the district's contract with Parsons Electric Co. for technology improvements (Bid Package No. 2, cabling and equipment) at Hancock and Phalen Lake Elementary School.

B.F. 23963      Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract Window Replacement at District Service Facility

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$14,655.00 to the district's contract with Falls and Nyhusmoen Construction, Inc. for window replacement at the District Service Facility, 1930 Como Avenue.

B.F. 23964      Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Piping Replacement at Webster Elementary School (West Building)

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$4,104.00 to the district's contract with Spriggs Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. for piping replacement at Webster Elementary School (west building).

B.F. 23965      Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for a Building Addition at Longfellow Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$31,251.79 to the district's contract with Gladstone Construction, Inc. for construction of a building addition at Longfellow Elementary School.

B.F. 23966      Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Site Grading at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$10,613.50 to the district's contract with Ingram Excavating, Inc. for site grading at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School.

B.F. 23967      Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for a Building Addition at Longfellow Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$4,482.39 to the district's contract with Gladstone Construction, Inc. for construction of a building addition at Longfellow Elementary School.

B.F. 23968      Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Remodeling at Rondo Education Center

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$3,894.00 to the district's contract with Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company for remodeling of the former Placement Center area at Rondo Education Center.

B.F. 23969      Authorization for Change Order No. 7 to Contract for Field House Addition at Highland Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 7 for an add amount of \$6,180.00 to the district's contract with Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company for a field house addition at Highland Park Senior High School.

B.F. 23970      Authorization for Change Order No. 8 to Contract for Field House Addition at Highland Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 8 for an add amount of \$40,660.00 to the district's contract with Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company for a field house addition at Highland Park Senior High School.

B.F. 23971      Request for Permission to Submit an Application for a Technology Literacy Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application for a Technology Literacy Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning for multipurpose technology, online curriculum, staff development, and in-class assistance; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23972      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the School Nature Area Project Grant Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the School Nature Area Project (SNAP) to support garden projects at Crossroads Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23973      Lease Agreement for Home Living Lab Education Site: Rent Increase

That the Board of Education authorize payment of the monthly increased rent of \$550.00 per month for rental of the apartment at 1475 Wynne Avenue, St. Paul, for a home living lab educational site.

B.F. 23974      Recommendations for Exclusion of Students in Non-Compliance with Minnesota Statute 123.70 Health Standards: Immunizations

That the Board of Education exclude the named students from school effective Wednesday, March 22, 2000, should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunizations on or before this date.

B.F. 23975      Request to Receive Grant/Endowment from the Lillian Wright & C. Emil Berglund Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept the grant of \$3,710.70 from the Lillian Wright & C. Emil Berglund Foundation for the 1999-2000 school year with the endowment's first year of income. This grant is for the "Lillian Wright memorial Children's Author in the Schools Program."

B.F. 23976      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Robbins, Kaplan and Ciresi Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept grant funds from the Robbins, Kaplan and Ciresi Foundation to develop a leadership institute and create a best practices demonstration and training site in the district; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23977      Request for Permission to Submit an Application for a Continuous Improvement Grant from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a Continuous Improvement Grant to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board to expand workforce training programs at the Workforce Education Center; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23978      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Fortis Financial Group

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Fortis Financial Group for the Academy of Finance and Minority Encouragement Program; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23979      Request for Permission to Submit Applications for Children's Theater Partnership Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications to the Children's Theater for Children's Theater Partnership Grants for theater arts internship projects at Expo Elementary and Groveland Park Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23980      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning for Support Services for Adolescent Parents

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept the funds from the Department of Children, Families and Learning; and to implement the project as specified in the awards document.

B.F. 23981 Request for Permission to Submit an Application for an English Literacy and Adult Civics Education Grant to the U.S. Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Education for an English Literacy and Adult Civics Education grant expand English language services and civics education to adult learners in the district; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23982 Authorization to Obtain Permission for Meghan Flanagan to Attend Opening The Schoolhouse Doors/AASA Conference

That the Board of Education authorize Meghan Flanagan to attend Opening the Schoolhouse Doors/AASA conference from March 2 to March 5, 2000 in San Francisco, California. Funds are to be paid from Curriculum Department Budget No. 29-005-231-000-6305-2190.

B.F. 23983 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application for Site-Based Improvement Projects to the McKnight Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the McKnight Foundation for site-based school improvement training for parents, teachers, administrators and Board of Education members; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23984 Request for Permission to Accept a Partners for Quality Grant from the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation for a Partners for Quality Grant to conduct Baldrige Education for Performance Excellence training for district administration and staff; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23985 Agreement with the Science Museum of Minnesota for the Crossroads Elementary School Project

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with the Science Museum of Minnesota for services to Crossroads Elementary School at a cost of \$72,500 for the period of July 15, 1999 to September 4, 2001 at the negotiated rate.

B.F. 23986 Request for Permission to Submit an Application for a Teachers of Color Paraeducators Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application for a Teachers of Color Paraeducators Grant to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning for a program to provide financial and mentoring support for working adults pursuing teacher licensure who work in Saint Paul Public Schools; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23987 Contract Services with the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI) from March, 2000 through March, 2001 to provide evaluation services at a cost not to exceed \$39,996. This amount is being charged to the Research, Evaluation, and Assessment budget code: 01-005-190-000-6305-0000.

B.F. 23988      Request for Permission to Submit and Participate in Submitting Applications for St. Paul/Roseville School-to-Work Partnership Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit and participate in submitting applications to the St. Paul/Roseville School-to-Work grants for school-to-work projects at Crossroads Elementary, Focus Beyond, and Johnson High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23989      Instructional Materials Adoption

That the Board of Education formally adopt the instructional materials recommended by the Instructional Materials Section Study Committee in Language Arts.

B.F. 23990      Request for Permission to Submit Applications for Bilingual Education Grants to the U.S. Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Education for Comprehensive School Grant and Program Development and Implementation Grants for reform and upgrade of ELL programs and materials and ELL professional development in the district; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 23991      Request for Permission to Submit an Application for Refugee Resettlement Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application for a Refugee Resettlement Grant to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning to provide ELL and refugee education and support to district students, staff and parents; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

B.F. 23992      Request for Permission to Participate in Accepting a Grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation with the University of Minnesota

**MOTION:**      It was moved by Mr. de la O, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Coke Foundation for the Take Charge Program at Central High School; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

Mr. Conlon requested clarification and details about the Take Charge Program and how the funds might be used. Maureen Flanagan, Director of Grants and Policy explained that one school in St. Paul (Central) and one in Minneapolis were identified in the proposal as sites for programs that would address high school students who had potential for going on to a four year college education, but needed the support and mentorship of outside resources to give them the needed skills and support to be successful.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS (7:00 p.m.)**

1. James Romach      Reassignment students at Phalen Lake Elementary School -

Chang Xiong                      Transportation and choice suggestions – continuity of the  
Sarah Fehr                        Core Knowledge Program.  
Joe Roushar

Ms. Montgomery stated that staff would be in contact with the speakers and work with them concerning these issues.

2.        Phil Ravitsky                      Student discipline issues.  
Dr. Harvey stated that staff would be available to discuss his concerns.

3.        Martha Johnson                      Articulation concerns.  
Ms. Montgomery requested Ms. Johnson's notes be forwarded to the appropriate staff.

**XI.        BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL TOPICS (7:30 p.m.)**

None

**XII.        OLD BUSINESS**

1.        Appointments to the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee.

Mr. Oertwig nominated Roxy Foster to the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee.

Ms. Montgomery nominated Annette Bleed to the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that Roxy Foster and Annette Bleed be nominated for appointment to the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee.

Ms. Carroll stated her concerns about the timing of the appointments. It was agreed that a discussion on this topic would be scheduled in a future Committee of the Board Work Session.

Dr. Terilyn C. Turner, Area Superintendent E, clarified further questions from Board members concerning committee nomination procedures. She noted that the application from Michael Fredrickson was submitted for the purpose of an address correction, not as a new application for the Citizens' Long Range Space Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Fredrickson is currently in his second year of serving on that committee.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

1. Human Resources
  - a. Professional Staff
  - b. Teaching Assistants
  - c. Educational Assistants
  - d. Classified Service Personnel  
(Correction to Page 84 – the resignation date for Robert Garcia is changed from 5/29/00 to 6/29/00)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that items a through d be approved with the above change to Page 84 noted.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**XV. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS**

1. Children's Initiative Update.  
Mr. Oertwig reported on the election of a new Executive Director of the Children's Initiative, Susan Ault, and reviewed areas of her background and experience.
2. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Update  
Mr. Oertwig reviewed the AMSD's position concerning the Profiles of Learning and noted that a press conference was held recently where AMSD, along with other educational associations, spoke of their support of maintaining the Profiles of Learning. He gave a brief overview of the position of the House and the Senate on this issue.

For the Board's information, Mr. Oertwig distributed copies of a letter which was sent to the Legislators from the AMSD, along with attachments which he reviewed, concerning: Budget shortfalls for AMSD school districts; a statement reviewing the distribution of the 1999 Legislative funding which, after recalculations, was 6.8% rather than the 14.9% claimed; Formula History chart; Statewide Growth in Referendum Revenue; Special Education Cross-Subsidies; and Training Experience Revenue. Mr. Oertwig talked briefly about each attachment and urged the community to call their legislators in support of the Senate bill, which contains the funding that is needed.

**XVI. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**XVII. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that a Special Closed Meeting of the Board of Education be scheduled for the purpose of an expulsion, on March 27, 2000 at 5:30 p.m.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625  
 SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

The following Board of Education meetings will be held  
 in the District Administration Building at 360 Colborne Street  
 Auditoriums A-B - Unless Otherwise Indicated

<b>Special Closed Meeting</b> (Expulsion)	March 27, 2000	5:30 P.M.	Conference Room 5A
<b>Regular Meeting</b>	April 11, 2000	5:45 P.M.	Auditoriums A-B
<b>Regular Meeting</b>	May 2, 2000	5:45 P.M.	Auditoriums A-B
<b>Regular Meeting</b>	May 16, 2000	5:45 P.M.	Auditoriums A-B
<b>Regular Meeting</b>	June 20, 2000	5:45 P.M.	Auditoriums A-B

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The following Board of Education meetings will be held  
 in the District Administration Building at 360 Colborne Street  
 Conference Room 5A - Unless Otherwise Indicated

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topics</u>
<b>Committee of the Board</b>	March 27, 2000	6:15 p.m.	1. Athletic Task Force Report (COB) 2. Charter Schools – Applications and Contracts (T&L) 3. Student Assignment - Secondary Placement Report (COB)
	April 10, 2000	5:45 p.m.	1. Charter Schools – Contracts Auditorium A (T&L)

April 18, 2000	5:45 p.m.	1. Work Session (Carver Model) (COB)
April 24, 2000	6:15 p.m.	1. Student Assignment – Elementary Placement Report (COB) 2. MEP – Name Change (COB) 3. Naming Buildings and Sites (Operations)
May 24, 2000	To be determined.	1. Joint Meeting – COB and CBFAC (Food Service, Transportation, Community Service, Operating Capital, Building Construction and Debt Service)
May 30, 2000	To be determined.	1. Joint Meeting – COB and CBFAC (General Fund)
June 13, 2000	5:45 p.m.	1. Review of administration's budget proposal – COB
June 19, 2000	To be determined.	1. Joint Meeting – COB and CBFAC

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the meeting be adjourned.  
 The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

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

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the Agenda and not necessarily the time during the meeting the items were discussed.

Prepared and submitted by  
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 Board of Education

