

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625**  
**Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**APRIL 10, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Street-Stewart, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

Mr. Oertwig, Mr. Brodrick, Ms. Street-Stewart, Ms. Carroll, Mr. Conlon, Ms. Kong-Thao, Mr. Goldstein, Superintendent Carstarphen, Mr. Lalla, General Counsel and Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk

Mr. Oertwig left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Ms. Carroll left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

The Chair noted that Item 4, page 36, the KaBoom Grant had been pulled from the agenda and would not be considered at this meeting.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Consent Agenda be approved as revised (deletion of KaBoom Grant from the agenda).**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

2. Order of the Main Agenda

The Chair noted the following changes to the agenda with materials at places: HR Transactions a replacement page for Page 26; two principal appointments; paperwork on two previously approved CEAC applicants and one new CEAC applicant. Ms. Carroll indicated there would be a report on the Council of Great City Schools conference under number XI, Item 3.

**MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved approval of the Main Agenda as revised. Seconded by Mr. Brodrick.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education March 20, 2007

**MOTION: Mr. Conlon moved approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2007 Board of Education meeting as published. Motion seconded by Mr. Brodrick.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Report on the Committee of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2007

The Vice Chair reported several areas were covered at this meeting: Military recruitment, the School Calendar, selection of a topic for CBFAC for the school year 2007-2008, Board consideration of a resolution in support of current State legislations on domestic partner benefits and graduation scheduling.

#### • **Military Recruitment**

Superintendent Carstarphen brought forward the administration's recommendation stating it is made up of actions and procedures administration can implement immediately and which do not require a policy action by the Board. The Chief of Staff then reviewed the recommendations being made in the following areas:

- Form Modification
- Availability of Forms
- Verification Process
- Location and Supervision of Military Recruiters
- Scheduling of Military Recruiters

The Chief of Staff went on to review the forms and procedures which would be put in place should the Board approved the recommendations being made. She also reviewed the Privacy Notice to Parents of High School Students. She noted the forms would be translated into Hmong, Spanish and Somali.

There was extensive discussion and numerous questions to administration on the subject including opt-out timing, opting back in, information privacy issues, parental notification, the issue of location of recruiters, moving the discussion beyond procedure to concerns of students, parents and the community about the deeper issues connected with military recruitment. A request was made that Administration update the Board periodically on how this process is working, particularly the supervision issue.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart, that the Board of Education receive the recommendations as written with thanks.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

The Board then instructed administration to have a discussion with the secondary school principals about the board's concerns and how all recruiters are handled in order to afford them appropriate opportunities with available options while maintaining the students' focus on doing their best in class. Administration will report back to the Board on this matter.

- **Board Consideration of Resolution in Support of Current State Legislation On Domestic Partnership Benefits**

The State legislature is currently considering a bill that would remove restrictions from local units of governments so they can decide if health benefits may be extended to anyone other than the employee, spouse and minor children. This is strictly allowing local units of government to define dependents as it pertains to benefits. The St. Paul Public School Board has gone on record in the past in favor of this but has been precluded from other action by state law.

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: **The St. Paul Board of Education has long supported local control. Specifically, the Board desires to offer certain employee benefits, including health care coverage, to others in addition to a spouse or minor/dependent children. The Board is currently precluded from doing so by state law that defines "dependent" for local government entities. The Board believes it is in the best interest of our employees and thus of our students to allow decisions about benefits to be made by local units of government rather than by the state. The St. Paul Board of Education hereby resolves to support SF 960/HF 1097 that would allow local units of government to exercise local discretion in defining "dependents" for the purpose of employee benefit programs. Motion seconded by Mr. Goldstein**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	No
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

Mr. Conlon stated he had voted no because this area has moral dimensions and because it would incur additional cost which could be better utilized in educating children.

- **School Calendar**

The Superintendent described the process utilized in development of the proposed calendar and then asked her Chief of Staff to review highlights of the items being presented.

The Chief of Staff acknowledged members of the School Calendar Task force in attendance at the meeting extended her thanks to them and the others serving on the committee for their dedication, hard work and achieving a quality product on a tight timeline.

She then moved on the list the items presented on the calendar development and to the proposed recommendations which included:

- The start date will be maintained as the first Tuesday after Labor Day. Opening week for teachers will begin on the Monday of the week previous to Labor Day.
- Winter Vacation – it is recommended that the two week break for students and staff be changed so that students and staff will return three days earlier, on January 2, 2008, in exchange for ending the school year three days earlier in June.
- Spring break will remain the first week in April.
- Early release days – it is recommended the practice of four early release days for professional development be maintained.
- End of Quarter 2/Semester1 – it is recommended that the end date be moved from January 24 to January 18.
- Kindergarten and elementary professional development day and secondary grading and reporting day – it is recommended that this day move from January 25 to January 22.

- It is recommended the last day for students be June 5 and the last day for staff June 6.
- Summer School – it is recommended the summer session begin on June 16 and end on July 18.
- Parent Teacher Conferences – the recommendation is September 4 and 5 for Kindergarten students, November 21 and March 20 for Kindergarten and elementary students. Secondary conferences are site decisions.
- New Teacher Orientation – to be held on August 24.

The School Calendar Task Force will continue to meet on its charge to review alternative calendars and develop future calendars that support the professional needs of students and families, professional growth for staff and increased instructional opportunities. It was noted the calendar being approved is for the school year 2007-2008.

**MOTION: Mr. Conlon moved, seconded by Mr. Goldstein, that the Board of Education approved the 2007-2008 calendar as proposed.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

- **Selection of Topic for Citizen’s Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (CBFAC) for School Year 2007-2008**

Administration noted current guidelines for CBFAC work require the Board to charge the group with a specific task for the year that will result in a report to the Board at year end. The Business Office recommended the following project for the 2007-08 year:

*Review of financial practices and procedures of the St. Paul Public Schools Business Office and compare them to best practices in the industry. Interview the external auditors and current staff to understand how and why the work is completed as it is. Survey schools to determine customer satisfaction. Recommend changes that improve or increase the support to schools and programs and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operation.*

The Chief Business Officer noted this topic dovetails with a study being done by The Council of Great City Schools and CBFAC could utilize the results of this study as they make recommendations to improve service to schools.

The Board also requested that CBFAC include short, mid and long-term recommendations which might be acted on by the Board and a timeline for sequential implementation in the recommendations they bring forward to the Board and administration. It would also be beneficial if the dollar impact/consequences of the recommendations presented.

**MOTION: Mr. Goldstein moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education accept the proposed CBFAC project for 2007-08 as presented.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

- **Graduation Scheduling**  
The Graduation Schedule was passed among Board members who signed up for various graduation duties.
- **Other**  
Ms. Street-Stewart passed out a list of proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the remainder of 2007 along with a date for a special closed Board meeting. She indicated action would be taken on the dates at the April 10 Board meeting.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the minutes of the March 27 COB meeting; seconded by Mr. Brodrick.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:30 p.m.)**

1. Maret Banks – protesting against the Board’s decision on military recruiters in schools and expressed her frustration with the fact the Board ignored all of the main requests of Youth Against War and Racism (YAWR).
2. Mattie Smith – expressed concerned about an incident occurring at a school and the subsequent investigation and her inability to obtain a copy of the report.
3. Sean Foltin – read a prepared statement from YAWR stating the Board’s action on military recruitment does not address issues raised by YAWR and the student’s hope that a dialogue will be maintained.
4. Thomas Swift – expressed his disappointment with the District’s efforts to improve student achievement and his belief that the military is a viable option for career development/life success for some students.
5. Mitch Berg -- spoke of his support for the military as a career option to citizenship, educational advancement, self discipline; a path to the “American dream” for many working class, minority and immigrant kids.
6. Laura Madsen – stated the Board serves the community not their personal opinion and asked the Board to continue to dialogue with students to strive to achieve their ends.

#### **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent stated she would be reporting on: current issues of note such as preparation for the MCA II state assessments taking place in April; progress on high school reform planning; an update on the rollout of the completed Strategic Plan and a listing of upcoming special events.

##### 1. Superintendent's Goals and Outcomes and Updates

- **MCA II's**

The Superintendent stated that between 4/17 and 5/4 students in grades 3-8 and grades 10 and 11 will take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA II's). These tests provide information about how students are performing against State standards in reading and math. The Office of Academics and the schools have been preparing students to meet State standards since the beginning of the school year. In the last few months efforts have been focused on raising awareness among students about the importance of participating fully. An MCA “Show What You Know” readiness campaign has been developed to give teachers and staff additional tools to support the MCA II

readiness, to motivate students to do their best on the tests and to give families the tools and the support they need for learning at home.

She noted the St. Paul Pioneer Press, in partnership with SPPS, published a 47 page "It's Testing Time MCA Study Guide" for the community, families and students. She expressed the District's appreciation to the Pioneer Press for their support and commitment to St. Paul's students.

She then addressed families on various strategies to support their student's during the testing period.

- **High School Reform Planning**

The Superintendent reported a proposal has been submitted to the Governor for a high school reform called "Leveraging the Digital Age" which had three key components: to continue the foundation work provided in earlier years by the Gates Foundation for all high schools; to design and implement a standards based Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) instructional model for all seven high schools and create Minnesota's first high tech high school. The Superintendent stated this is necessary work to ensure that high school students are on the path to success in the digital age. She stated that before the end of the current school year, two of the three components will have been acted upon.

Administration has met with the Humboldt High School site council and staff to discuss options and ideas for what is the best program for students, staff and the community at Humboldt. The proposal to the Governor jump-started this conversation and planning both at the school and District level. The Office of Academics is moving on a plan to take a more in-depth look at Humboldt's needs and to develop recommendations for moving forward as soon as possible. Additionally the Operations Department is moving forward with some repairs to make the building more inviting.

In order to accomplish an articulated STEM magnet pathway from the middle years through college and to develop the first high tech high school in the State, with the Board's approval, a three year magnet school grant application will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. The project will create a high concept, high tech STEM focus at Arlington High School and include rigorous course work with a corresponding STEM program at Washington Junior High.

- **Strategic Plan Roll Out**

A family of publications on the Strategic Plan for Continued Excellence has been developed to share with all stakeholders. The package includes a one-page framework, a Strategic Plan brochure and an Implementation Guide. The Strategic Plan brochure was given to Board members at the meeting. The entire package, including translated versions of the brochure, will be shared with the community on May 11. The Superintendent stated administration looks forward to the monitoring and accountability that will come with the plan.

- **School Calendar** – The Superintendent offered her compliments on the outstanding job done in developing the 2007-08 calendar.

- **Special Events**

- Ordway Honors Concert and Art Exhibit – April 17
- Celebration of Excellence recognizing top graduating seniors from the District and nominated teachers who have made significant contribution to students' success – May 20
- Recognition of Student Academic Award Winners -- May 22

2. Recognitions: Beating the Odds School – Murray Junior High School

The Superintendent noted the presentation on the Beating the Odds schools is to highlight the tremendous work of schools in the District as compared against similar schools that are performing at the highest level in SPPS. She then reviewed the criteria used to define Beat

the Odds schools. The goal is to recognize and learn from these schools' promising practices and apply what works best in St. Paul schools across the system.

Murray has 811 students of which 62% of the students receive free/reduced meals, 27% ELL and 20% special education... The majority of the students are African American and Caucasian. She then gave a brief history of the school noting it became a science and math magnet school in 1986 serving grade 7 and 8.

Murray made adequate yearly progress (AYP) last year in reading and the last two years in math as part of NCLB implementation. It has outperformed the District in reading and math as measured by proficiency on the 2006 MCA II's. It is also meeting state proficiency targets for NCLB in reading and math and students, on average, scored higher than comparable students statewide in the 2006 MCA II's in math and similar to comparable students in reading. Murray is performing above the District's average performance on the SAT 10, with performance significantly above the District average in mathematics overall as well as for each demographic subgroup.

Other highlights at Murray include the largest junior high school science fair in Minnesota with over 350 students participating annually. In addition, almost 100 parent volunteers participate in judging the science fair projects during the completion. It boasts one of the first Hmong Parent Teacher organizations in St. Paul. Murray has received the Superintendent's Award for Continuous School Improvement for the last five consecutive years and more than 62% of Murray students participate in one or more Challenge Level classes that help prepare them for more rigorous course work in high school leading to success once they graduate. Business partnerships with H.B. Fuller (23 years) and Western Bank provide mentors to students; grant funding for instructional needs and field trip experiences for students to learn about operations and manufacturing related to each of those businesses. .

The Principal, Winston Tucker, staff and parent representatives offered thanks for the recognition as well as views on what has made the school a success.

### 3. Human Resource Transactions

The Superintendent reviewed her recommendations for two principal placements: Lori J. Simon to become Elementary School Principal at Webster Magnet School effective April 16, 2007 and Jocelyn Webb-Sims to become Junior High School Principal at Battle Creek Middle School effective April 10, 2007. She then reviewed the various positions still open and being interviewed for.

The superintendent stated the published Human Resource Transactions reflected changes occurring between February 21, 2007 and March 19, 2007; if some dates fall outside this date range it may be due to delay in receiving the paperwork for change or to future-dated transactions.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the accept the Superintendent's report and approve the Human Resource transactions as published along with the two principal placements: Lori J. Simon to become Elementary School Principal at Webster Magnet School effective April 16, 2007 and Jocelyn Webb-Sims to become Junior High School Principal at Battle Creek Middle School effective April 10, 2007. Motion was seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:**                    **Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items as published with the exception of the KaBoom Grant which was pulled from consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Conlon.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

**BF 27149**            Acceptance of a Donation from the Fund of the Sacred Circle/Headwaters Foundation for Justice

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a donation of \$6,975.00 from the Fund of the Sacred Circle/Headwaters Foundation for Justice.

**BF 27150**            Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the General Mills Champions for Kids Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to General Mills for a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle project in the District; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27151**            Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Jeffers Foundation for the Saint Paul Community Education Service-Learning Resource Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Jeffers Foundation for funds to study environmental issues and actions through research and analysis of regional water quality issues and the impact of human behavior and the health and water quality of local rivers; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project(s) as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27152**            Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Kern Family Foundation for John A. Johnson Senior High School's Architecture, Construction and Engineering Academy

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant of \$10,000 from the Kern Family Foundation for the implementation of Project Lead the Way pre-engineering program at John A. Johnson Senior High School in the district.

**BF 27153**            Request for Permission to Submit a Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant to the U.S. Department of Education to establish a 7-16 *Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)* Magnet Pathway between Washington Junior High School and Arlington Senior High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27154**            Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Alliance with Youth AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Alliance with Youth for AmeriCorps Promise Fellows; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27155**            Permission to Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept funds awarded from the Minnesota Department of Education, in the amount of \$19,600 to Ronald M. Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning for a National Work Credential ABE pilot project to develop practice test items; an on-line NWRC preparatory course and delivery of a training event series for the period April 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007.

**BF 27156**      Accept a Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Education to Provide Technical Assistance to Schools Identified in Need of Improvement under No Child Left Behind

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept this grant from the Minnesota Department of Education and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27157**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Literacy Council VISTA Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Literacy Council VISTA Program to provide a Reading Volunteer Coordinator to support and complement existing reading programs and strategies; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the program as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27158**      Acceptance of Grant From the Star Tribune Foundation

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Johnson Senior High School to accept this grant from the Star Tribune Foundation. This grant of \$5,000 will be deposited into the Intra-School Fund, 19-230-298-5096-0000.

**BF 27159**      Approval to Enter into Agreement with the American Indian Family Center (AIFC)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into agreement with the American Indian Family Center to provide attendance monitoring and improvement activities at the American Indian Magnet School; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the agreement.

**BF 27160**      Authorization for Lease Agreement with Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Specialized Transition Employment Planning (STEP) Program

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of a lease agreement between the District and Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Suites 126 and 127 at 251 Starkey Street for the term of August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008 for the Specialized Transition Employment Planning (STEP) program and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

**BF 27161**      Approval to Enter into Agreements with the State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Ramsey County

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into agreements with the State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Ramsey County to support waste and recycling contract implementation and documentation; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the agreement.

**BF 27162**      Approval to Enter into Agreement with the University of Minnesota

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into agreement with the University of Minnesota to participate in a pilot program to use and evaluate an Inclusive Service Program; to accept funds; and to implement the project as specified in the agreement.

**BF 27163**      Contract for Services with UrbanPlanet Software

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with UrbanPlanet Software to complete a database and software for a state ABE student management system. The cost of this contract is \$150,000 for the period of March 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, and will be paid from the grant #30-005-520-000-6305-5223.

**BF 27164**      Entering into Food Service Agreement with Various Schools and Programs

That the Saint Paul Public Schools' Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee, to enter into agreements to provide food service for non-Saint Paul district schools and programs.

**BF 27165**      Request Approval of Stipend for Future Educators of America Advisors

That the Board of Education approve payment of stipend to the Future Educators of America Advisors at Arlington, Johnson, Harding and Highland Park Senior High Schools for the current school year.

**BF 27166**      Application for School Breakfast, School Lunch, After School Snack and Kindergarten Milk Funds

That the Saint Paul Public Schools' Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee, to submit a consolidated application for School breakfast, school lunch, after school snack and Kindergarten milk funds for the 2007-2008 school year and, if granted, to accept such funds.

**BF 27167**      Application for Summer Food Service Program Funds

That the Saint Paul Public Schools' Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee, to submit an application for Summer Food Service Program and, if granted, to accept such funds.

**BF 27168**      Textbook Adoption for Secondary Math

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to formally adopt the textbooks recommended by the Textbook Selection Study Committee for Secondary Mathematics.

**BF 27169**      Bid No. A9133-C Pupil Transportation – Summer 2007

That the Board of Education accept the bid rates as submitted.

**BF 27170**      Bid No. A9134-C Inspection, Testing and Report of Fire Suppression Systems

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9134-C for performing inspection, testing and reporting of fire suppression systems at various school buildings for a one year period to the lowest conforming bidder, Nasseff Mechanical Contractors, for lump sums of item 1 and item 2 and the estimated emergency cost for item 3. The total estimated one year cost is \$66,887.00.

**BF 27171**      Bid No. A9137-C Structural Repairs at James Griffin Stadium

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9137-C for the Phase II structural repair at Griffin Stadium at Central Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Frerichs Construction Company for \$555,681.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2 and 3.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

The Chair indicated paper work to confirm appointment of Stanley Gardner & Joe Coleman was at places along with the application for appointment from Andrew M. Mosca.

**MOTION:**                    **Ms. Carroll moved approval of the appointment to CEAC of Stanley Gardner, Joe Coleman and Andrew M. Mosca. Motion seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

Mr. Brodrick stated he would be bringing forward one additional name for approval at the next Board meeting.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair reviewed the seven PLAs before the Board.

**MOTION:**                    Mr. Conlon moved the Board accept administration's recommendation of not utilizing PLAs on any of the seven projects. The motion failed for lack of a second.

**MOTION:**                    **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board accept administration's recommendation not to utilize PLAs on the following projects: Cleveland Junior High School**

**Science Lab Remodeling; Hazel Park Middle School Science Lab and Miscellaneous Health and Safety Corrections and Ramsey Junior High School Science Lab Remodeling.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

**MOTION: Mr. Goldstein moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education approve the utilization of PLA's on the following projects:**

<b><u>BF 27172</u></b>	<b>Chelsea Heights Elementary Window Replacement;</b>
<b><u>BF 27173</u></b>	<b>Cherokee Heights Elementary Plumbing Replacement;</b>
<b><u>BF 27174</u></b>	<b>Cleveland Jr. High School Univent Replacement Redesign and</b>
<b><u>BF 27175</u></b>	<b>Eastern Heights Elementary Plumbing Replacement.</b>

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	No
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

Mr. Conlon indicated he was voting no because the use of PLA's restricts competition particularly with non-union shops.

## **XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. Information Requests and Responses -- None
2. Items for Future Agendas -- None
3. Board of Education Reports/Communications

Director Carroll reported she, Director Kong-Thao, the Superintendent and her Special Assistant had attended the recent Council of Great City Schools Legislative Policy Conference in Washington D.C. They participated in two national task force meetings: Bi-Lingual and Refugee Education at which they helped shape a major new study of school districts succeeding with ELL students. St. Paul is one of very few districts selected for this study because of its excellent, sustained success with ELL students. At the Task Force on Achievement Gaps and Professional Development the discussion on major work on secondary education reform was continued. St. Paul served on the subcommittee that created that study and continues to actively participate.

The team also visited with congressional representatives on key issues (outlined in the letter given to congressional representatives). They met with Representatives Betty McCollum and Keith Ellison and Senator Norm Coleman as well as staff from Senator Amy Klobuchar's office. Those meetings highlighted the following points: the re-authorization of NCLB to focus on developing national standards, accountability that emphasizes instruction and achievement and full funding; the critical need to properly fund special education and finally, to institute high quality voluntary national testing to create a level playing field for national comparison. Ms. Kong-Thao added that the meetings with the congressional representatives were held jointly with the Minneapolis district. She also extended thanks to staff for the packet of District information given to the representatives.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education receive the report, seconded by Mr. Brodrick.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
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Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

**XII. FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

The Chair listed the following Board meeting dates:

Board of Education Meetings – 5:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted

May 15, 2007

June 5, 2007 Special Board Meeting on Non-Renewals (4:30 p.m.)

June 19, 2007

July 17, 2007

August 21, 2007

**MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that a Special Closed Board of Education meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. to hear an update on labor relations negotiations.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

**MOTION: Mr. Conlon moved approval of the following Board of Education meeting dates:**

- **September 18 – Board Meeting, 5:45 p.m.**
  - **October 23 – Board Meeting 5:45 p.m.**
  - **November 13 – Special Meeting of Board to Canvass Election Returns (4:30 p.m.)**
  - **November 20 – Board Meeting 5:45 p.m.**
  - **December 11 – Truth In Taxation Hearing (Tentative until confirmed)**
  - **December 13 – Special Meeting of Board Action on Truth in Taxation Levy (4:30 p.m.) (Tentative until 12/11 meeting confirmed)**
  - **December 18 – Board Meeting 5:45 p.m.**
- Motion seconded by Mr. Brodrick.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

The Vice Chair listed the following Committee of the Board meeting dates:

Committee of the Board Meetings (4:30 p.m.)

April 24, 2007

May 8, 2007

May 29, 2007

June 12, 2007

June 26, 2007

July 10, 2007

July 31, 2007

August 28, 2007

The Chair then announced the following revisions to meeting schedules: the entire SPPS budget will be reviewed with the Board at the May 8 COB meeting. The May 15 Board meeting will end at a time certain of 8:00 p.m. with a public hearing on the SPPS budget to be held at 8:15 p.m. This will allow the public to express its views on the District budget. At the May 29 COB meeting the board will discuss the budget and the input received from the public hearing.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**                    **Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the meeting be adjourned.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Brodrick	Yes
Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Goldstein	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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.

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