

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

**APRIL 11, 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 22 and 40.
- By: Mr. Conlon Pull No. 46 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:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

- By: Dr. Harvey Under Program Updates, no report will be presented on Accountability Efforts or Academics

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

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of March 14, 2000

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of March 14, 2000 be approved as submitted.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**V. RECOGNITIONS**

**B.F. 23993** Recognition of Schools, Teams, Individuals and their Coaches in Our Saint Paul Schools that have won Awards and Championships

Members of the following teams were introduced by principals and coaches representing the various schools:

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <u>Humboldt Senior High</u>      | The Adapted Floor Hockey Team  |
| <u>Central High School</u>       | Girl's Basketball Team – Boy's Swimming Team – Boy's Basketball Team |
| <u>Highland Park Senior High</u> | Boy's Basketball Team – Girl's Gymnastics Team                       |
| <u>Como Park High School</u>     | Wrestling Team   |
| <u>Johnson Senior High</u>       | Boy's Hockey Team – Boy's Volleyball Team                            |

Team members received medallions for their accomplishments, along with congratulations from the Board of Education members and the Superintendent.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, That the Board of Education recognize the coaches, teams and individuals for their accomplishments and authorize a letter of commendation to be given to them.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 23994      Recognition of John Brodrick, long-time educator and coach in St. Paul  
Denise Quinlan, Best Practices Unit, Office of Accountability, introduced Sharon Eichten, Principal of Como Park High School, Bill Niemczyk, Athletic Director, and John Brodrick, a Social Studies teacher at Como Park High School who is being recognized for his dedication and outstanding contributions as an educator for 34 years. Mr. Niemczyk gave a review of Mr. Brodrick's accomplishments over the years and Ms. Eichten read the Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Brodrick thanked the district for the honor and received the congratulations of the Board members and the Superintendent.

**MOTION:**      It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Thao, That the Board of Education recognize and congratulate John Brodrick for his dedication and efforts on the ice and his outstanding contributions as a teacher.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 23995      Recognition of Joanne Martin, Manager of Discovery Club, for being named  
The Distinguished Minnesota School-Age Child Care Association (MnSACA)  
Member of the Year (1999-2000)

Terilyn Turner, Area E Superintendent, introduced Mary Dooley Burns, Director of Family Education who gave a background review of the Discovery Club and of Joanne Martin's contributions to school-age child care. Catharine Cuddleback, Department of Children, Families and Learning was introduced and spoke of the significance of the Discovery Club on the local, state and national level. Laurie Ollhoff, M.A. Chair of School Age Child Care at Concordia University, St. Paul, and MnSACA Board Member was present to add remarks on the excellent quality of the Discovery Club program and Joanne Martin's accomplishments which resulted in her receiving this honor. Ms. Martin accepted the Certificate of Recognition and the congratulations of the Board and the Superintendent.

**MOTION:**      It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Conlon, That the Board of Education recognize and congratulate Joanne Martin, Manager of Discovery Club, for being the recipient of the Distinguished MnSACA Member of the Year award, for her role in exemplary leadership and sustained efforts, and for her many contributions locally and statewide for school-age child care.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**VI. PROGRAM UPDATES**

1. St. Paul Reads Update

Dr. Martha Cussler introduced four students from Arlington High School who reported on the status of the 25 book reading program at their school, known as the DEAR Program (Drop Everything And Read). They noted that each week 1½ hours are put aside for reading; ½ hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The students each commented on what they liked about the program and which book was their favorite.

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

Mr. Conlon asked for a brief report to Board members regarding the Saint Paul Reads Program, how much money has been raised, including in-kind contributions, how much has been spent, and how it has been spent. Dr. Harvey stated a report would be forthcoming to Board members containing this information at the district level.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Committee of the Board  
a. Meeting of March 27, 2000

Dr. Phillips reported the topics discussed at this meeting were: 1) Athletic Task Force Report and 2) Student Assignment – Secondary Placement Report

1. Dr. Phillips reported that a task force was put together with the directive to work in the area of athletics and develop a plan of action to improve athletics in the Saint Paul Public Schools. Dr. Phillips noted that information was presented in support of participation in athletics and activities, indicating the importance these activities play in the lives of students. The task force members reviewed various sections of the report that include: 1) topic of concern, 2) recommendation/rationale, and 3) cost. Various options for additional funding was also discussed in regard to improving athletics in the district. After discussion the following motion was made:

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved that the Saint Paul Board of Education direct Administration and the Athletic Task Force to return to the Committee of the Board with a plan and time frame for implementation and funding.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Dr. Phillips stated that in order for this issue to continue to have support, commitment and visibility, the following motion was made:

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved that the Saint Paul Board of Education approve the reestablishment of a district-wide Athletic Advisory Committee that would function in accordance with the Saint Paul Board of Directors' policies and procedures.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Student Assignment – Secondary Placement Report

Dr. Phillips reported that Dr. Harvey presented an update on open enrollment at the secondary level, particularly the two high schools on academic probation that had not experienced a decline in student placement. The current student waiting list was reviewed and it was noted that many telephone calls have been received from parents unsatisfied with the placement process. Because of this, it was suggested that a 'critical friend' be enlisted for assistance in solving the problem. Other issues discussed were: sibling preference, out of district students, waiting list preferences, placement of students new to the district, and attendance area placements. Dr. Harvey remarked that the concerns expressed are under review and strategies would be in place next spring to address the restructuring of the student placement process.

2. Committee of the Board

a. Meeting of April 10, 2000

Dr. Phillips reported that the agenda item for this meeting was: Charter Schools and Contracts. Mr. Oertwig, Associate Chair, Teaching and Learning, reported that at this meeting Kate Foate Trewick, Chief Academic Officer, reviewed the document 'Criteria for Approval of Charter School Proposals' and noted changes made to the approval and renewal process. She added a note that administration supports sponsoring schools within Saint Paul, that they adhere to the standards of the public schools and that the teachers hold valid licenses. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education accept the criteria for approval of charter school proposals and time line. Any major changes made to the proposal by administrative staff would require a return to the Committee of the Board for consideration. If the essence of the proposal remain the same, staff would not have to return to the Committee for another vote. It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the rules be waived for approval of this motion.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. Oertwig listed the schools up for contract renewal: Acorn, Right Step, Saint Paul Family Learning Center and City Academy. The review process was outlined by Ms. Chorewycz, Director of Quality Review.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that Consent Agenda Items 1 through 51, save No. 46 for Separate Consideration, and the removal of item No. 22 and 40, be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**The Approved Consent Agenda Items Follow:**

**B.F. 23996 Resolution Authorizing End Grant Agreement for John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School**

That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution approving a grant agreement in the amount of \$9,450,000 for acquisition and construction at John A. Johnson Elementary School for the Achievement Plus program.

**B.F. 23997 Resolution Authorizing End Grant Agreement for Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary School**

That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution approving a grant agreement in the amount of \$2,400,000 for remodeling and renovation of Dayton's Bluff Elementary School for the Achievement Plus program.

**B.F. 23998 Resolution Authorizing End Grant Agreement for Monroe Achievement Plus Elementary School**

That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution approving a grant agreement in the amount of \$2,180,000 for remodeling and renovation of Monroe Elementary School for the Achievement Plus program.

**B.F. 23999 Resolution Authorizing End Grant Agreement for Cherokee Heights Elementary School for Youth Initiative Grant**

That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution approving and authorizing execution of a grant agreement in the amount of \$976,200 for construction of a building addition at Cherokee Heights Elementary School for the Youth Initiative Grant program.

**B.F. 24000 Ratification of Execution of Lease Agreement for the Working Parent Resource Center (correction)**

That the Board of Education ratify the execution of a (corrected) lease agreement with Avex Lowry Limited Partnership for lease of approximately 1,676 square feet of space in the Lowry Professional Building, 350 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the Working Parent Resource Center, for the term of May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2005, in accordance with all other terms and conditions of said lease agreement.

**B.F. 24001 Request for Permission to Participate in Accepting a School-to-Work Partnership Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning (Year 4)**

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in accepting a continuation grant of \$294,600 from the Minnesota Department of Children,

Families and Learning to the Saint Paul/Roseville School-To-Work Partnership (Year 4) and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24002 Request for Permission to Accept a Subaward from the University of Minnesota for a Minneapolis and Saint Paul Merging to Achieve Standards

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a subaward from the University of Minnesota for a Minneapolis and Saint Paul Merging to Achieve Standards Project grant to mentor teachers in the implementation of mathematics curriculum in the district; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24003 Center for Employment and Training Enterprise Zone Employee Stability Project 2000 – 2001 Contract

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Merrick Community Services for the 2000-2001 Enterprise Zone Employee Stability Project to provide job retention services to adult learners for the period March 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001; and to establish a fully funded budget in the amount of \$64,000.

B.F. 24004 Center for Employment and Training Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Program 1999-2000 Contract

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the City of Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, Workforce Development Division, for the 1999-2000 Economic Development Initiative Program to provide training for adult learners in sewing and alterations for the period September 16, 1999 through December 31, 2000; and to establish a fully funded budget in the amount of \$33,684.

B.F. 24005 City Wide Residents Council Agreement Modification

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to modify the agreement with City Wide Residents Council to increase the agreement by \$18,000, making the total \$85,000, and to extend the agreement to August 31, 2000.

B.F. 24006 Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Saint Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Saint Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative to provide School Readiness programming at a sum of \$200,000. A fully financed budget will be established to account for these funds.

B.F. 24007 Bid No. A8505-A Various Serving Bars

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8505-A for various serving bars to the lowest responsible bidder, St. Cloud Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$173,375.00.

B.F. 24008 Bid No. A8511-M Cafeteria Tables

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8511-M for the purchase and delivery of cafeteria tables for various schools to the lowest conforming bidder, Corporate Express, for \$47,071.00.

B.F. 24009 Bid No. A8515-C (Ratification) Stadium Upgrades at Various High Schools

That the Board of Education ratify the administration's action awarding Bid No. A8515-C for stadium upgrades at various high schools to the lowest responsible bidder on bid package A for year 2000, L.S. Black Constructors, Inc. for \$321,000.00; to the lowest responsible bidder on bid package B for year 2000 L.S. Black Constructors, Inc. for \$97,500.00; and to the lowest responsible bidder for bid package C1 for year 2000, United Contracting Corporation for \$275,000.00.

B.F. 24010      Bid No. A8517-C Asbestos Abatement at 1780 West Seventh Street  
That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8517-C for asbestos abatement at the building at 1780 West Seventh Street to the lowest responsible bidder, Veit Environmental Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$32,834.00.

B.F. 24011      Bid No. A8518-C Asbestos Abatement at Galtier Elementary School  
That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8518-C for asbestos abatement at Galtier Elementary School to the lowest conforming bidder, Mavo Systems, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$423,724.00.

B.F. 24012      Bid No. A8519-C Bleachers at Johnson Senior High and Washington Middle Schools  
That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8519-C for the replacement of bleachers at Johnson Senior High School and Washington Middle School to the lowest conforming bidder, Seating and Athletic Facility enterprises, for the lump sum base bid of \$222,688.00.

B.F. 24013      Bid No. A8520-C Asbestos Abatement at Como Park Elementary School  
That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8520-C for asbestos abatement at Como Park Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Metro Environmental Site Services, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$179,200.00.

B.F. 24014      Bid No. A8521-C Accessibility Improvements at Johnson Senior High School  
That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8521-C for the accessibility improvements at Johnson Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for \$404,876.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24015      Bid No. A8522-C Ceiling Restoration at Como Park Elementary School  
That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8522-C for the ceiling restoration at Como Park Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, CM Construction Company, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$240,000.00.

B.F. 24016      Bid No. A8523-A Lighting Fixtures at Various Schools  
That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8523-A for the furnishing and delivery of light fixtures to Ames and Galtier Elementary Schools and Hazel Park Middle School to the lowest responsible bidder, Englewood Electric Supply/United Electric Supply, for the lump sum base bid of \$161,910.00.

B.F. 24017      Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Building Addition and Renovation for John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School (Bid Package No. 2)  
That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$129,845.00 to the district's contract with Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for construction of a building addition and renovation at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School.

B.F. 24018      Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Site Demolition at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School  
That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$15,631.25 to the district's contract with Blue Earth Environmental Company, Inc. for site demolition at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School.

B.F. 24019 Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Construction of a Classroom Addition at Hayden Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$6,618.00 to the district's contract with Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for construction of a classroom addition at Hayden Heights Elementary School.

B.F. 24020 Authorization for Change Order No. 3 to Contract for Piping Replacement at Ramsey Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 3 for an add amount of \$5,419.00 to the district's contract with Spriggs Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. for piping replacement at Ramsey Junior High School.

B.F. 24021 Authorization for Change Order No. 3 to Contract for Construction of a Classroom Addition at Hayden Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 3 for an add amount of \$13,859.00 to the district's contract with Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for construction of a classroom addition at Hayden Heights Elementary School.

B.F. 24022 Request for Permission to Accept a School Nature Area Project Grant Award at Dayton's Bluff Elementary

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a School Nature Area Project (SNAP) grant award to support garden projects at Dayton's Bluff Elementary; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24023 Ratification of Developer's Agreement with the City of Woodbury for Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts & Science Middle School

That the Board of Education ratify execution by the Executive Director, Plant Planning and Maintenance of a Developer's Agreement with the City of Woodbury for construction of city utilities at Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts & Science Middle School.

B.F. 24024 Authorization for Lease Agreement for St. Paul Rehabilitation Center

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to execute a Lease Extension Agreement extending the district's lease of space at 738 University Avenue West from the St. Paul Rehabilitation Center for the term of June 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000 at a monthly rental rate of \$4,161.50 and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

B.F. 24025 Permission to Enter into an Agreement with Wilder Foundation's Achievement Plus

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with the Wilder Foundation to reimburse the district for nursing services at Dayton's Bluff Elementary and Monroe Community School at a cost not to exceed \$21,501 for the period from April 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000. That a separate account (fully-financed budget) be established for the purposes of this agreement.

B.F. 24026 Authorization for Hourly Rate Increase: Gausman and Moore Associates, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize an increase in the maximum hourly rate for professional consultant engineering services provided by Gausman & Moore Associates, Inc. not to exceed a maximum of \$105.00 per hour.

B.F. 24027 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, April 19, 2000, should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunization on or before this date.

B.F. 24028      Request for Permission to Submit Applications for National Geographic Society Education Foundation Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications for National Geographic Society Education Foundation Grants for supplemental geography materials at Nokomis Montessori Magnet, to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the projects as specified in the proposals.

B.F. 24029      Request for Permission to Submit an Application to the U.S. Department of Education for a Technology Opportunity Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application for a Technology Opportunity Grant to the U.S. Department of Education to improve technology services and equipment in the housing development learning centers at the Ronald M. Hubbs Center; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24030      Amendment to Workforce Preparation Minnesota City Grants Subgrantee Agreement with City of Saint Paul

That the Saint Paul Public School Board of Education accept the amendment to the original Workforce Preparation Minnesota City Grants Agreement with the City of Saint Paul in the amount of \$88,600, a reduction of \$2,000.

B.F. 24031      Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Lakes and Plains Regional Council of Carpenters and Joiners to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2000-2001.

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Memorandum of Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment of those employees in this school district for whom Lakes and Plains Regional Council of Carpenters and Joiners is the exclusive representative; duration of said agreement is for the period of May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001.

B.F. 24032      Request for Permission to Participate in a Student Teaching Agreement with Minnesota State University, Mankato

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in a Student Teaching Program with Minnesota State University, Mankato, for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2002.

B.F. 24033      Facility Rentals for 2001 Graduations

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to rent Aldrich Arena on June 4, and 6, 2001 and rent Roy Wilkins Auditorium at RiverCentre on June 6 and 7, 2001 for graduation ceremonies, and to enter into appropriate rental agreements for these uses.

B.F. 24034      Approval to Enter into an Agreement with WCCO TV

That the Board of Education enter into an agreement with WCCO-TV for the 2000-2001 school year to develop an advertising and marketing program for Saint Paul Public Schools at no cost to the district.

B.F. 24035      Request for Permission to Submit an Application for a Sub-Award from the University of Minnesota Center for School Change

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application for a sub-award from the University of Minnesota Center for School Change for Open School to participate in a study on the assessment of student achievement; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24036 Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period February 1 – February 29, 2000.

|                     |                  |                        |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| (a) General Account | #141200-144289   | \$68,185,581.26        |
|                     | #3000520-3000643 |                        |
| (b) Debt Service    | -0-              | 13,702,653.67          |
| (c) Construction    | -0-              | <u>2,020,544.28</u>    |
|                     |                  | <u>\$83,908,789.21</u> |

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$28,300,012.25 and overtime of \$77,530.60.

(d) Collateral Changes:

Western State Bank - Securities Pledged  
\$500,000 @ 6.375% FHLN 3133M9FD9 Due 8/15/06

Western State Bank – Securities Released  
\$500,000 @ 6.124% FHLN 313395NU5 Due 2/18/00

That the Board of Education further authorize payment of properly certified cash disbursements including payrolls, overtime schedules, compensation claims, and claims under the Workers' Compensation Law falling within the period ending June 20, 2000.

B.F. 24037 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting an Application for a Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers (PT<sup>3</sup>) Grant to the U.S. Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submitting an application for a Preparing Tomorrow's Teacher Grant from the U.S. Department of Education for training to integrate technology into the classroom for student teachers and district teachers at Central High School, Expo Magnet, Groveland Park Elementary, and Prosperity Heights Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24038 Request for Permission to Submit a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant to the U.S. Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for expanded day and year community learning activities to reduce drug use and violence, enhance academic performance, and build youth assets at Galtier and Jackson Elementary, Woodrow Wilson Middle School (formerly Expo Middle); Phalen Lake Elementary and Cleveland Middle School; Roosevelt and Cherokee Heights Elementary Schools and Humboldt Junior High School; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24039 Request for Permission to Accept an Assistive Technology Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning grant for the Special Education Department for Assistive Technology Training in the district; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24040 Contract Services with Education Initiatives, Ltd.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Education Initiatives, Ltd. From April 15, 2000 through June 30, 2000 to provide consultant services at a cost not to exceed \$43,000 being charged to budget code 29-005-640-000-6305-2530.

B.F. 24041 Request for Proposal No. A8498-C Expansion and Management of District's Wide Area Network

That the Board of Education authorize award of Request For Proposal No. A8498-C for a three year contract for an expansion and management of the District's wide area network to U.S. West, Inc., for a one time cost not to exceed \$562,000 and annual recurring cost for years one, two, and three not to exceed \$539,000.00; all contingent upon receipt of E-Rate funding covering approximately 78% of the contract costs.

B.F. 24042 Establishment of Rate of Pay for Pre-LAS 2000 Testing Technician

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to establish the above rate of pay for temporary Pre-LAS2000 testing technicians to be charged to the English Language Learners (ELL) Department budget 01-005-219-317-6305-0000.

B.F. 24043 Request for Permission to Submit Continuous Grant Applications to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning for Comprehensive School Reform Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit continuation Comprehensive School Reform Grants to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning from Cherokee Heights Elementary, Four Seasons Elementary, North End Elementary, Prosperity Heights Elementary (Year 2 Continuation), Hancock-Hamline Elementary, Riverview Elementary (Year 3 Continuation); to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

B.F. 24044 Request for Permission to Submit Applications to the Neighborhood STAR Small Grant Program to the City of St. Paul

Mr. Conlon asked for clarification of the process to obtain these grants, whether the schools worked on their own or with the assistance of administration. Pat Quinn, Executive Director of Plant Planning & Maintenance stated that the district does support the school proposals to the city, however it does not solicit the schools to submit proposals.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. de la O, That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications to the City of St. Paul for Neighborhood STAR Small Grants at Adams Spanish Immersion Elementary, Ames Elementary, Crossroads Elementary and Riverview Elementary for playground and garden projects; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS (7:00 P.M.)**

1. Ann Garett Intervention School Concerns
2. Nicholas Young "
3. Eleanor Sims "

Dr. Harvey agreed to meet with Mr. Young and his mother, Ann Garrett, to continue this conversation, when a mutually agreeable time is available.

Ms. Montgomery commented that there is some miscommunication in the community concerning the issue of intervention schools. Dr. Harvey requested Lou Kanavati, Area Superintendent B, to give additional information about the program.

Mr. Kanavati explained in detail the rationale behind the decision to initiate the intervention process at Battle Creek and Cleveland Middle Schools. He reviewed and answered many concerns raised, i.e. the possibility of endangering the quality of the gifted and talented programs, the possibility of test scores of the intervention students being counted with the current student body, possibly causing a school to be put on academic probation, the problem of 'stacking' of students being held back if specialized help was not given them, in addition to summer school. Mr. Kanavati noted support he has received from 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers on the East Side who must, in turn, initiate the buy-in of this program by parents of the students in danger of being held back.

4. Betty Rauen Safety issue at Hazel Park Middle School concerning her daughter and a transportation request.

Ms. Montgomery directed Ms. Rauen to Area Superintendent B, Lou Kanavati, for further assistance in contacting the appropriate personnel.

5. David Glass American Indian Magnet School
6. Al McVay French Immersion Budget Process
7. St. Paul Federation of Teachers

Ian Keith, President of the St. Paul Federation of Teachers spoke on behalf of the 4100 teachers in the district. He presented three recommendations that the Federation feels will improve the comprehensive school reform process and ensure its success. 1) Empower and support staff, 2) Identify and focus on priorities, 3) Provide adequate time and resources. Mr. Keith reviewed each goal in detail.

The following speakers voiced their concerns regarding comprehensive school reform - its clarification and timeline, model selection, input from staff, the status of existing reforms in place and the impact of the 'probation' labeling on staff, students and enrollment

Dan Forsner, Humboldt Junior High  
Katherine Rich, American Indian Magnet School  
Mary Omdahl, Como Park Elementary  
Jack LaBrosseur, Parkway Elementary

Dr. Harvey responded to the questions and concerns of the speakers, reviewing in detail the criteria administration used in determining which schools would be put on academic probation, the resources and services made available to those schools to support them in their improvement process, and the means of getting off the probation status. Dr. Harvey reviewed the issue of how to improve schools, what needs to be done. She spoke of school improvement model selection and the need for a second person to look at the problem. Dr. Harvey stated administration is going to move forward on the reforms they have put in place, and that the ultimate goal for everyone is that the children receive a world class education.

Ms. Montgomery noted that a meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> for further discussion on this issue.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Appointment to the Citizens' Long Range Space Planning Advisory Committee

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the appointment of Michael Fredrickson to the Citizens' Long Range Space Planning Advisory Committee be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Referral of the Space Utilization Study to the Committee of the Board, Operations Area.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the above referral to the Committee of the Board, Operations Area, be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

1. Human Resources
  - a. Professional Staff
  - b. Teaching Assistants
  - c. Educational Assistants
  - d. Classified Service Personnel

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that items a through d be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS**

1. Dr. Phillips, in her capacity as a member of the City Workforce Development Council, reported on the upcoming Youth Expo 2000, Career Fair for Everyone, which is scheduled for April 13, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the RiverCentre. This career fair is sponsored by many organizations, schools, colleges and agencies who will be available to answer questions about future educational and career opportunities open to students. A ten minute video was shown highlighting the Career Fair.
2. Report on the Council of the Great City Schools Legislative Conference by Dr. Phillips, Anne Carroll and Becky Montgomery. Ms. Montgomery reported that this conference is an opportunity for urban school board members and superintendents, who are members of the council, to get updates on what is happening on the Federal level. Dr. Phillips added comments on discussions regarding charter schools, vouchers, and Title I portability legislation. Ms. Carroll commented on the importance to her, as a new Board member, to be able to talk and connect with people from similar size school districts around the country, which added to her perspective of how Saint Paul fits at the national level.
3. Report on the National School Board's Association Conference. Dr. Phillips noted that the following Board members have agreed to provide leadership at the national level for this organization: Tom Conlon was elected to the position of Treasurer of the Young School Board Members Group. Mr. Conlon briefly reviewed the issues that come before this group. Al Oertwig was elected to a Steering Committee by the Council of Urban Boards of Education with the NSBA. Mr. Oertwig reviewed the membership structure of the Council of Urban Boards of Education and listed various amendments that are under discussion. Dr. Phillips announced that Becky Montgomery was elected to the Board of Directors for the National School Boards Association. She noted that Ms. Montgomery has the distinction of being the third person in history from Minnesota to be named to the NSBA Board of Directors. Ms. Montgomery spoke of the importance of having an urban presence on the Board.

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS**

Board members raised concerns regarding further discussion with the Saint Paul Federation of Teachers. Ms. Montgomery noted that there are meetings set up with the Federation President, the Superintendent and Board Chair, along with a Committee of the Board meeting on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to continue the discussion at greater length.

**XVI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mr. Conlon requested information regarding the upcoming graduation ceremonies, so that future meetings can be scheduled accordingly. Dr. Harvey said the schedule would be sent to the Board members immediately.

Mr. Oertwig requested a report on the status of the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee inasmuch as several meetings have been cancelled. Ms. Montgomery responded to this request with clarification of the reason for the last cancellation.

A question was raised regarding the Committee of the Board Meeting scheduled for June 13, 2000. Ms. Carroll will be out of town that evening and asked if there were any suggestions as to how she may participate in that meeting, by either changing the date or through a conference call. Board members will be contacted as to options.

**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>Regular Meeting</b>                                  | May 2, 2000   | 5:45 P.M. | Auditoriums A-B             |
| <b>Joint Meeting</b><br>(City, County, School District) | May 9, 2000   | 5:30 P.M. | Conference Rooms J<br>and K |
| <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> | April 17, 2000 | 6:30 p.m.   | 1. Accountability Update (COB)<br>Auditorium B  |
|                               | April 18, 2000 | 5:45 p.m.   | 1. Work Session (COB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carver Model</li> <li>• Reform Concerns and Process</li> </ul>                                 |
|                               | April 24, 2000 | 5:45 p.m.   | 1. Student Assignment Elementary Placement Report (COB)<br>2. MEP – Name Change (COB)<br>3. Naming Buildings and Sites (Operations)                           |
|                               | May 22, 2000   | 6:15 p.m.   | 1. Joint Meeting – COB and CBFAC (Food Service, Transportation, Community Service, Operating Capital, Building Construction and Debt Service)<br>Auditorium A |
|                               | May 30, 2000   | 5:45 p.m.   | 1. Joint Meeting – COB and CBFAC (General Fund)<br>Auditorium A   |

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|---------------|-----------|---|
| June 13, 2000 | 5:45 p.m. | 1. Review of Administration's Budget Proposal – COB |
| June 19, 2000 | 5:45 p.m. | 1. Joint Meeting – COB and CBFAC Auditorium A       |

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

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