

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

**APRIL 12, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Ms. Street-Stewart, Chair.

**II. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Ms. Street-Stewart, Ms. Carroll, Mr. Conlon, Ms. Kong-Thao, Mr. Oertwig, Mr. Brodrick, Dr. Harvey, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Lalla, General Counsel, Ms. Polsfuss, Secretary to the Board of Education

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

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

Changes in the consent agenda as noted by Ms. Street-Stewart:

- Add Item 30, Page 70A – Request for Permission to Accept Donation from Capital City Partnership
- Add Item 31, Page 70B – School Calendar for 2005-06
- Add Item 32, Page 70C – Monthly Operating Authority

Mr. Conlon requested Item 19, Page 59 – Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation for Out for Equity be pulled for separate consideration.

Mr. Oertwig requested Item 31, Page 70B – School Calendar for 2005-06 be pulled for separate consideration.

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

Changes in the main agenda as noted by Ms. Street-Stewart:

- Add to Public Comment: M. Reis – Open Position on Board of Education; W. Lockhart and C. Crawford – Funding for Crossroads Elementary School
- Add committee report for Committee of the Board (COB) meeting of April 12, 2005 under Committee Reports

**MOTION:** Mr. Brodrick moved approval of the Regular Agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. Oertwig Yes  
Mr. Brodrick Yes

#### IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education -- March 22, 2005
2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education -- March 29, 2005

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the minutes of the March 22 Regular meeting and March 29 Special meeting of the Board of Education be approved

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

#### V. RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognition of Schools, Teams, Individuals and Coaches in Our Saint Paul Public Schools that have won Athletic Awards and Championships **BF 26356**

Dr Harvey stated how proud the district is of its balanced education and its student athletes noting participation in the athletic programs makes for better students, provides for better attendance, a more focused learner, a chance to exercise higher order thinking skills and many other talents plus the added bonus of exercise. The following teams were recognized for their accomplishments:

- Humboldt Junior High School – Wrestling Team – City Champion
- Murray Junior High School – Girls' Basketball Team – City Champion
- Ramsey Junior High School – Boys' Basketball Team – City Champion
- Central Senior High School – Boys' Basketball Team – City Co-Champion
- Central Senior High School -- Girls' Basketball Team – City Champion
- Central Senior High School – Boys' Swim Team – City Champion
- Highland Park Senior High School – Girls' Gymnastics Team – City Champion
- Highland Park Senior High School – Wrestling Team – City Champion
- Johnson Senior High School – Boys' Basketball Team – City Co-Champion
- Como Park Senior High School – Boys' Nordic Ski Team – Class AA Academic State Champion
- Harding Senior High School – Girls' Nordic Ski Team – Class AA Academic State Champion

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate the coaches, teams and individuals on the listed teams for their accomplishments, awards and championships.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

#### VI. PROGRAM UPDATES -- None

#### VII. INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS -- None

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Meeting of March 28, 2005

Ms. Kong-Thao reported on the subjects addressed at the meetings.

#### 1. **National Indian Education Association's NCLB Information Request**

The presentation included information on the 2003-04 Resolution and Recommendations of the Parent Committee of the SPPS American Indian Education Program and administration's response; a document on American Indian Student Data for the SPPS Indian Education Program and the American Indian Education Program's 30 Year Memory Book made possible by a grant from the Two Feathers Foundation. Further discussion included: The Indian Options Programs – recruitment and curriculum issues; the No Child Left Behind legislation and its effects as it relates to the Federal funding of the Indian Education Program Title VII grant; recruiting Native American parents for site councils and collaboration in district grant writing including the Native American perspective.

#### 2. **Graduation Scheduling**

Board members scheduled their participation for the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

### Meeting of March 29, 2005

Ms. Kong-Thao presented the subjects discussed at this meeting.

#### 1. **Board Vacancy**

This meeting was held to discuss the process and procedures to be used to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the resignation and assumption of her new duties by Ms. Carter. The following motions resulted from the discussion:

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education fill the vacancy in the Board of Education by appointment utilizing a process that follows the framework designed in 1992 and that the process be completed no later than the middle of June, 2005.

The motion was approved at the Special Board of Education meeting March 29, 2005.

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve steps 1-7 as outlined in the 1992 process, excluding specific dates.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

The steps approved are:

1. Resignation indicated.
2. Official letter of resignation submitted
3. Letter submitted to Committee of the Board
4. COB brings formal recommendation of acceptance to Board at next meeting of the Board of Education.
5. Applications for Board through posting consistent with District policy regarding job openings.
6. Open application time (1 month)
7. First interviews of all candidates be done at a Special Board meeting and that the meeting be televised.

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon that the Committee of Board recommend that the Board of Education establish an interview task force to develop the

process which will be utilized to interview and narrow applicants for the Board. Two rounds of interviews are to be utilized.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education use the following language in the posting “demonstrated knowledge of Saint Paul Public Schools and/or experience in governance; and who does not intend to be a candidate for the school board election in November 2005.”

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Oertwig moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education authorize the Vice Chair to draft a welcoming statement (including the EOE statement) to be included in the posting.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Conlon moved, seconded by Ms. Carter that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education appoint Ms. Kong-Thao and Ms. Carroll as the Interview Task Force to report back to the Board at the April 12 COB meeting with their recommendations.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao that the Committee of the Board recommend that the Board of Education run the posting on the Board vacancy in the normal manner for external postings; place it on the District web, on official school bulletin boards and as a District e-mail broadcast; that a press release be prepared by the Communications Office and released to all community newspapers and cultural media with follow-up by Communications Office to encourage its use; that community radio stations be approached to run the press release as a PSB; that a write-up be prepared and sent to all schools for inclusion in their newsletters and that Board members get the information out to their network of contacts.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Street-Stewart	Yes
Ms. Carroll	Yes

Mr. Conlon	Yes
Ms. Kong-Thao	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes

It was decided, by consensus of the Committee, that applications be sent to Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Board Clerk, 360 Colborne, St. Paul, MN 55102.

**2. Officer Restructuring**

With receipt of the official letter of resignation from Ms. Carter the following actions were taken:

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao that the Committee of the Board recommend that the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Toni Carter from her position on the Board of Education effective April 1, 2005 and that a vacancy on the Board of Education be declared.

The motion was approved at the Special Board of Education meeting of March 29, 2005.

With the departure of Ms. Carter, various positions on the board needed to be reassigned and Ms. Street-Stewart indicated nominations were open for the following positions:

- Chair of the Board of Education -- Elona Street-Stewart was elected as Chair.
- Vice Chair of Board of Education -- Kazoua Kong-Thao was elected as Vice Chair.
- Treasurer -- Tom Conlon was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Ms. Street-Stewart indicated the position of Clerk remains the same with John Brodrick serving in that position

The entire slate of officers was approved at the Special Board of Education meeting on March 29, 2005.

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao that the Committee of the Board meeting recess and the Board move to a Special Board of Education Meeting. Motion passed and Committee of the Board recessed.

**3. Monitoring Indicators**

The board was introduced to the new data support system which enhances the district's ability to plan, make decisions and monitor initiatives. Discussion was held relative to the board's monitoring process and how this should be incorporated into the board's on-going work.

Meeting of April 12, 2005

Ms. Kong-Thao gave a brief review of the subjects which had been addressed at the meeting which had just concluded.

**1. Capital Bonds**

Discussion was held on the two remaining capital projects needing board approval. The following actions resulted:

**MOTION:** Mr. Conlon moved, second by Mr. Oertwig, that the Committee of the Board recommend that the Board of Education fund an 8 lane track at Griffin Stadium.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. Brodrick Yes

**MOTION:** Mr. Conlon moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Committee of the Board recommend that the Board of Education fund the Griffin Stadium track following previously committed projects with the project to be implemented no later than 2007.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart that the Committee of the Board recommend that the Board of Education not add the additional seating at Johnson to capital projects but instead support what has been done at other schools with non-stadium facilities, that being local fund-raising efforts to provide for seating.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

## 2. Board Vacancy Interview Process

Ms. Street-Stewart read the official posting for the vacancy on the Board of Education and gave a brief overview of the schedule and process to be used. The following motion was made to approve the process to be utilized.

**MOTION:** Mr. Conlon moved, seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart, that the Committee of the Board recommend that the Board of Education approve the Board vacancy interview process with the recommended revisions.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

## IX. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Mr. Brodrick moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Board of Education approve all Consent Agenda items with the exception of: the Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation for Out for Equity and the School Calendar, which were removed for separate consideration.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Approved Consent Agenda Items are as follows:

**BF 26357**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Bush Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to Bush Foundation for programs that facilitate the transition from high school to higher education in the district;; accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26358**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the City of St. Paul for the Neighborhood STAR (Sales Tax Revitalization) Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the City of St. Paul to purchase and install playground equipment; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26359**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Education for a Mathematics and Science Partnership Program Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Board of Education for a Mathematics and Science Partnership Program Grant in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26360**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for J.J. Hill Montessori Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for an artist in residence at J.J. Hill Montessori Elementary School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26361**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for Longfellow Humanities Magnet School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for a 2005-2006 State Arts Board Grant; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26362**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for Webster Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for an artist in residence at Webster Elementary School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26363**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for World Cultures Magnet School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for an artist in residence at World Cultures Magnet School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26364**      Entering into Food Service Agreements with Various Schools and Programs

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize the Executive Director, Operations, to enter into agreements to provide food service for non-Saint Paul district schools and programs.

**BF 26365**      Request for Permission to Enter Into a Contract with Ramsey County for Collaboration on the Steps to a Healthier US Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County to enhance the capacity within the Saint Paul Public Schools to promote physical activity, healthy nutrition and establish practices that support chronic disease prevention in the amount of \$154,720.00.

**BF 26366**      Authorization for Hourly Rate Increase: The Cuningham Group

That the Board of Education authorize an increase in the maximum hourly rate for professional consultant services provided by The Cuningham Group on the basis of an hourly rate fee schedule with a not-to-exceed maximum rate of \$160.00 per hour.

**BF 26367**      Application for Summer Food Service Program Funds

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

**BF 26368**      Application for School Breakfast, School Lunch and After School Snack Funds

That the Saint Paul Public Schools' Board of Education authorize the Executive Director, Operations, to submit a consolidated application for School Breakfast, School Lunch, and After School Snack Funds for the 2005-2006 school year and, if granted, to accept such funds.

**BF 26369**      Textbook Adoption for Visual Arts K-12, General Music K-8, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) – Clothing and Child Development, Government 12 and Sociology 11/12

That the Board of Education formally adopt the textbooks recommended by the Textbook Selection Study Committees in Visual Arts, General Music K-8, FACS: Clothing 9-12 and Child Development 9-12, Government 12, and Sociology 11/12. Funds to be used are from the Instructional Services budget #01-005-610-302-6460-0000.

**BF 26370**      Bid No. A8992-C Accessibility Improvements at Harriet Bishop Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8992-C for accessibility improvements at Harriet Bishop Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, PMI Construction Co., for \$135,460.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

**BF 26371**      Bid No. A8993-C Lighting Retrofit Harding Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8993-C for the lighting retrofit at Harding Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Merit Electric Company, for \$98,300.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 3, 4 and 5 and unit prices #1 through 11.

**BF 26372**      Bid No. A8996-C Lighting/Ventilation and Remodel Project at Groveland Park Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8996-C for the lighting/ventilation and remodel project at Groveland Park Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Merrimac Construction Company, Inc., for \$1,270,504.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

**BF 26373**      Bid No. A8998-C Roof System Replacement at Como Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8998-C for the roof system replacement at Como Park Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Palmer West Construction Company, Inc., for \$582,415.00, the lump sum base bid A plus alternate no. 1, plus the lump sum base bid B and unit price W.

**BF 26374**      Bid No. A8999-C Plumbing Replacement Project at Homecroft Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8999-C for the plumbing replacement project at Homecroft Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Specialty Construction Services, Inc., for \$394,000.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

**BF 26375**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization Program for Crossroads Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization Program for purchase and installation of playground equipment for the Early Childhood Program at Crossroads Elementary School in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26376**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Otto Bremer Foundation for Saint Paul Indian Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Otto Bremer Foundation to support the development of a strategic plan to focus and guide Indian Education's work in the district; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26377**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for Longfellow Humanities Magnet School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for a 2005-2006 State Arts Board Grant; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26378**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for an Alcohol Abuse Reduction Project

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for a project to reduce and prevent alcohol use and related problems among Southeast Asian students in the district; to ratify the application as submitted; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26379**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for Demonstration Grants for Indian Children

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for a 4-year-old program at American Indian Magnet School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26380**      Extension of Contract for Services with Chuck Huebner

That the Saint Paul Public Schools' Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to extend the contract with Chuck Huebner through April 30, 2005, to complete tax updates to the system at a cost not to exceed \$3,200. Funds are to be paid out of Business and Financial Affairs budget number 01-005-110-000-6305-0000.

**BF 26381**      Bid No. A8997-M Data/Video Projectors

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8997-M for furnishing and delivery of data/video projectors to the lowest responsible bidder, Tierney Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$112,000.00.

**BF 26382**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for Linwood A+ Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota State Arts Board for an artist in residence at Linwood A+ Elementary School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26383**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Xcel Foundation for Funding of the Transitional Language Centers

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Excel Foundation for Transitional Language Centers that improve the learner supports of the Hmong population; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 26384**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Education for Comprehensive School Reform Projects

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Education for Comprehensive School Reform; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents and that the Board of Education appoint Matthew Mohs, Assistant Director, Funded Programs to serve as the District's Representative to the Minnesota Department of Education in matters concerning these Comprehensive School Reform Grants.

**BF 26385**      Request for Permission to Accept Donation from the Capital City Partnership

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept the donation of the painted snowmen statutes and approve their placement at the named locations.

**BF 26386**      Monthly Operation Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period February 1 – March 31, 2005.

(a) General Account	#346355-351379	\$93,111,383.63
	#3007728-3007967	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	488,053.11
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>2,509,954.26</u>
		\$96,109,391.00

Include in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$36,281,904.53 and overtime of \$197,559.89.

(d) Collateral Changes – None

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 28, 2005.

## **CONSENT AGENDA - SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

**BF 26387**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation for Out for Equity

It was stated this item was pulled due to a philosophical concern that, though the service was a valuable one, it could be better provided outside SPPS. Additional comments from the board included how fortunate the district is to have funding from the Foundation for this valuable support service for students and staff over such a length of time and for the excellent work it enables.

**MOTION:**            Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation for school-based support services for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) students and their families in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**BF 26388**      School Calendar 05-06

Concern was expressed that since the development of the calendar was a collaborative effort, had the input groups been consulted about the changes made. Response indicated the change was made due to a State law making January 2 a holiday. The question as to how this affected the end of year dates was raised. Response indicated the day was added in June making the June 15 the last day of school in 05-06. This was done because of a previously

stated preference that added days be made to the end of the school year. It was stated the consensus of those consulted felt this was the best solution of those available.

**MOTION:** Ms. Kong-Thao moved that the Board of Education amend the adopted school calendar for 2005-06 to designate January 2 as a holiday, with school reconvening on January 3; that June 14 be designated an instructional day and June 15 as the final work day for teachers; and that early release days be designated on September 28, December 7, February 8 and May 3. Seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

## X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mary Reis – Board Vacancy

Ms. Reis expressed her hope the vacant position would be filled by an African-American candidate in fairness based on population statistics and demographics and a desire for diversity in representation.

2. Walter Lockhart – Funding for Crossroads

Mr. Lockhart spoke, as concerned parent and co-chairperson of the Crossroads site council, of the frustration with the overall funds available to schools and the need to convince the legislature to properly fund K-12 education. He also spoke to the disparity among St. Paul elementary schools with free and reduced lunch counts, to the pressure being put on Crossroad's staff to maintain excellence with the current level of funding and stated the site council could not approve the current budget.

3. Cheryl Crawford – Crossroads Funding

Ms. Crawford read a letter from Kira Donnelly which spoke to Crossroad parent's frustration at the cuts made and the decreasing ability to maintain excellence because of this. She cited specific examples of how cuts have impacted the school and ended by asking for equity in financing for Crossroads as compared to similar schools.

## XI. OLD BUSINESS -- None

## XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading: Harassment, Violence and Other Offensive Behavior Policy

Ms. Street-Stewart reviewed the procedure in adopting policy and revisions and confirmed with Mr. Lalla that no motion was necessary at this time to accept the first reading of the policy revision. She confirmed this policy and the Student Behavior Handbook had been referred to the Committee of the Board at an earlier meeting.

## XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Conlon moved approval of the Superintendent's Report, seconded by Ms. Carroll

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Approved Human Resource Transactions include:

1. New appointments; promotions; temporary appointments; reinstatement after layoff; rehire after resignation; changes in title; reduction in title; leaves of absence; reinstatement from leave of absence; terminations of employment; termination during probationary period; terminations of temporary employment; and suspension without pay.

**XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS**

Congratulations were offered to Ms. Street-Stewart and Ms. Kong-Thao on the assumption of their new positions of chair and vice chair.

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS -- None**

**XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

Board of Education Meetings

April 21, 2005	4:30 p.m.	Closed Board of Education Meeting/Expulsions
May 10, 2005	4:00 p.m.	Special Board of Education Meeting/First Interviews
May 17, 2005	4:00 p.m.	Special Board of Education Meeting/2 <sup>nd</sup> Interview Candidate Selection
May 17, 2005	5:45 p.m.	Regular Meeting of Board of Education
May 23, 2005	4:00 p.m.	Special Board of Education Meeting/2 <sup>nd</sup> Interview/Final Selection
June 28, 2005	5:45 p.m.	Regular Meeting of Board of Education

Committee of the Board Meetings

<u>May 3, 2005</u>	4:30 p.m.	Topic TBD CBFAC Report – Citizen’s Guide to School Finance Police Services
<u>May 10, 2005</u>	7:00 p.m.	(With CBFAC) Budget Non-General Funds
<u>May 16, 2005</u>	4:30 p.m.	Offensive Behavior/Harassment Policy & Student Handbook Summer School Report Charter School Contracts
<u>May 23, 2005</u> (Monday)	7:00 p.m.	(With CBFAC) Budget – General Funds
<u>June 14, 2005</u>	7:00 p.m.	CBFAC Presentation and Administration Response
<u>June 21, 2005</u>	4:30 p.m.	Board Discussion of Proposed Budget

**MOTION:** Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the Board of Education approve the scheduling of the following Special Board of Education Meetings: April 21, May 10, May 17, and May 23, 2005.

The motion was approved with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Conlon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.

Prepared and submitted by  
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