

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625**  
**Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Administration Building**  
**360 Colborne Street**  
**MAY 15, 2001**  
**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; Mr. Thao; Dr. Harvey, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Lalla, General Counsel; Mrs. Higgins, Assistant Clerk

Unable to Attend: Dr. Phillips

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

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

- By Dr. Harvey:
  1. Replacement Pages 36, 44, 57, 59 and 78 at places.
  2. Pull Item No. 18 from the Agenda.
- By Mr. Oertwig:
  1. Pull Item No. 10 for Separate Consideration.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Order of the Consent Agenda be approved as amended and the rules be waived to accept the Replacement Pages..

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

- By Dr. Harvey:
  1. The order of the Program Updates will be changed. Basic Standard Test Results will be heard first.
  2. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of May 8, 2001.

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

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 24, 2001.
2. Special Meeting of the Board of Education of May 8, 2001.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. de la O, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 24, 2001 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of May 8, 2001, be approved as submitted.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

#### **V. RECOGNITIONS**

**B.F. 24617**      **Recognition of Twenty-Eight Participants Who Were Selected to Participate In the District's 2001-2002 Leadership Institute**

Dr. Nancy Katzmarek, Assistant Area Superintendent for Special Projects, reviewed the application process for nomination to the Leadership Institute 2001-2002, which is a two phase leadership development program designed to prepare future Saint Paul Public Schools principals. She noted there were 70 applicants, 43 interviews and 30 individuals chosen. Dr. Katzmarek introduced the candidates who were congratulated by the Board and the Superintendent.

Board members and the Superintendent each added comments on the importance of this initiative and of their appreciation to the group for taking on this challenge. Dr. Harvey stated these candidates are 'The Future of Saint Paul' and their leadership will provide a very important role for students in Saint Paul.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, That the Board of Education recognize and congratulate: Virginia Broich, Patrick Bryan, Patrick Coyne, Priscilla Cunningham, Leslie Garcia-Heinz, Deborah Henton, Todd Hochman, Fatima Lawson, Jim Litwin, Bruce Maeda, Paul Mattke, Coleman McDonough, Thomas Olson, Elaine Rasper-Borth, Julie Sedor, Von Sheppard, Vallapa Siverhus, Robert Smith, Nancy Stachel, Glen Stevens, Florence Tantoh, Chang Thach, Steve Thao, Winston Tucker, Mark Vandersteen, Zelma Wiley, Timothy Williams, Rodney Wilson for being selected for the 2001-2002 Leadership Institute.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24618 Special Educator of the Year Recognition

Patricia Fernandez, Director of Special Education, noted that this was the sixth year the Special Education Advisory Council has recognized individuals who work with a very special population of children in the district. She introduced Roberta Kaufman, Vice President of the Council, who gave a brief description of the program. Ms. Kaufman introduced Sue Hooper who has been selected Special Educator of the Year. Ms. Hooper comes from Highland Park Senior High School where she works with the adapted physical education program and inclusive education programs. Ms. Kaufman introduced Ms. Hooper and several of the teacher finalists. They were presented to the Board and the Superintendent and received congratulations for the excellent work they perform for the students in the special education program of the Saint Paul schools.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Board of Education recognize Sue Hooper as Special Educator of the Year. That the Board of Education also recognize Christine Moerke and Matti Osborne, jointly, Julie Isachsen, Debbie Virnig, Vin Allia and Larry Iwen as Special Educator of the Year finalists.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24619 Recognition of Bonnie Jackson, Arlington High School Work Experience Coordinator, as Outstanding Career Special Needs Teacher of the Year

Gene Janicke, Assistant to Area Superintendent D, reviewed Ms. Jackson's background over the twenty-two years she has worked in the Saint Paul schools. This award is given every two years by the Minnesota Association of Career and Technical Educators (MnACTE) to a teacher who demonstrates exceptional commitment to providing work-based learning and technical education options to students with special needs. Ms. Jackson accepted the award and received the congratulations of the Board and Superintendent for her exceptional work.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate Bonnie Jackson, Arlington High School Work Experience Coordinator, for receiving the Outstanding Career Special Needs Teacher of the Year Award, February 22, 2001, from the Minnesota Association of Career and Technical Educators.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**VI. PROGRAM UPDATES**

1. Basic Standards Test Results – Writing

Dr. Harvey gave an overview of the test results in writing for 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Saint Paul. She stated that the district total over the past two years has climbed from 63% in 1999 to 77% in 2001. She shared an insight of what has been learned from this round of assessments: 1) Attendance counts. If students are in attendance 95% of the time, their achievement is exceeding the achievement of those who do not come to class. 2) Stability. Dr. Harvey explained that if students are stable and stay in the same school two years or more, their achievement greatly exceeds the achievement of those who were not in the same school. She further explained the importance of the scores indicating the number of kids tested, along with graphs indicating the number of ethnic groups tested. Each one of the ethnic groups' scores have gone up. Poverty is another indicator - scores have gone up for each of the following groups: those who qualify for free lunch and those who qualify for reduced price lunch. Dr. Harvey complimented the 10<sup>th</sup> graders for their writing efforts this year.

Maria Lamb, Executive Director Achievement Plus, shared examples of writing by two students from Vento Elementary School. Principal Darrel Rivard introduced fourth grader, Lamarcus Baker, who had won first place in a writing contest where there were 1125 entries. Lamarcus read his writing entry, for which he won a prize of a \$1200 pendant that he gave to his aunt. Principal Rivard then introduced Gnia Thao who read his essay, "What makes a good President?" Gnia, a sixth grader, won the Goodhue Award sponsored by the Pioneer Press. Dr. Harvey commended the school and its staff for the good work they do and continue to do. The students, staff and Lamarcus' aunt received congratulations from the Board and the Superintendent.

Jeanne Klein, Director of Professional Development, discussed the overall umbrella of focus on student work – writing to standards. She gave an overview of the process 300 teachers went through to look at student work; end samples of which will be given to each teacher, K-12, so that they can look at the samples of writing to standards and see if their students' work is to standard. Ms. Klein introduced two eighth grade students from Highland Park Junior High School, who have delivered work to standard in report writing: Lena Marx and Samantha Thomas. The students presented a portion of their report, entitled "Berlin Wall", on Power Point. The students and their teacher received congratulations from members of the Board and the Superintendent for their presentation.

Renie Willard, Director, Curriculum Development & Management, talked about the topic of Integrated Math and gave an overview of this initiative. It is a new approach to math - a spiral curriculum, where students can learn concepts at an earlier age, and is based on problem solving. Ms. Willard stated integrated math is not about new materials, it is about new instruction. She introduced Judy Klatt, teacher at Monroe, who highlighted several math problems, showing the difference between traditional math and integrated math, with an emphasis on problem solving. A video was shown of enthusiastic students and teachers during integrated math classes. Ms. Willard noted that staff development is a key ingredient in this new way of teaching. She reviewed the number of teachers already trained, and the partnership with the University of Minnesota who is providing the training and mentors. Mr. Conlon and Ms. Carroll questioned Ms. Willard as to how this technique is being accepted in higher learning and how all students will have access. Dr. Harvey concluded the presentation with a brief review of the 'spiraling' aspect of the integrated math and the positive results that have been acquired to date.

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

None

### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Board

a. Meeting of May 7, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there were three topics on the agenda: 1) African American Student Achievement, 2) Legislative Update – Redistricting, and 3) Work Session.

- 1) African American Student Achievement – Mr. Oertwig reported that a majority of the discussion from this meeting has been previously included as a part of the Program Update report. He added that a large number of people and organizations were present at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to talk about their concerns and issues they wanted to share with the committee. He reinforced the fact that Mr. Mgeni and Dr. Henderson are working with the African American community and other communities and continuing work in this area. Mr. Oertwig noted that at the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Harvey presented ten points that represent what the district administration can be held accountable for: 1) Get it right the first time, 2) To provide a safety net for kids, 3) To increase student achievement, 4) Maximize the benefit of the diversity in our district, “Use what you have”, 5) Each individual child, 6) Families, 7) Partnerships, 8) Listen to and involve the community, 9) Return to the community with our results, 10) Do this work together.
- 2) Legislative Update – Redistricting – Attachment A - Mr. Thao, Associate Chair, Community Relations, reported that there is a proposal in the legislature to put Minneapolis and Saint Paul in one district. He noted that Ms. Montgomery, in her overview of the issue, stated that it would not be in our district’s interest to combine Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Mary Gilbert, Legislative Liaison, provided a legislative update on key financial issues. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education approve the Redistricting Resolution that would keep Minneapolis and Saint Paul School Districts separate.

Ms. Montgomery offered a friendly amendment to the motion to read:

That the Board of Education approve the Redistricting Resolution that would keep Minneapolis and Saint Paul School Districts and Cities in separate Congressional Districts.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the motion be approved, as amended.

Mr. Conlon stated he had voted No on this motion in committee because of his concerns, i.e. this is a state legislative and federal issue to be dealt with rather than the school district. He asked if urban interests are being advanced and commented on some of the disadvantages of the proposed motion. He felt separation was not the fairest overall, and doesn’t agree with the agenda it is intended to do, so will be voting No.

Ms. Montgomery commented that she feels that two voices representing the two separate school districts in two separate congressional districts would be to our advantage so that we continue to have two voices that can speak out about urban issues, rather than one.

Mr. Oertwig supported Ms. Montgomery’s comments regarding the possible diluting of concerns of the cities.

Continuation of the Motion as Amended:

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

b. Meeting of May 14, 2001

Mr. Oertwig stated there were three items on the agenda, plus a Work Session:

- 1) ACORN Charter School Program Expansion, 2) Inclusiveness in Contracting, 2) 2001-2001 Budget: Joint Meeting with Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee.

1. Mr. Oertwig stated the ACORN Dual Language Community Academy was opened in August, 1996 with a program covering grades K through 6. They are now presenting a middle school proposal, which staff reviewed, using the newly established, reinforced criteria for reviewing proposals and they also looked at a previous review that had been done and the material that the program had supplied that indicated how they had worked to improve in the areas outlined by the team review. Mary Apuli, school administrator, gave a presentation on the school's request to add seventh and eighth grade to their school. Staff reported the school had made good progress in correcting deficiencies and administration's recommendation would be to approve the requested expansion. Monitoring of the school on a yearly basis was recommended.

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education approve the request by the ACORN Charter School to add grades seven (7) and eight (8) to their current K-6 program, and that the rules be waived to accept this motion.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Inclusiveness in Contracting – Anne Carroll, Associate Chair, Operations, reported that Dr. Harvey and staff presented background information on the Inclusiveness in Contracting program that provided joint agreements with the City, County and School District. The County chose to narrow their efforts and go with one construction project and this structure did not meet the district's needs. Staff then offered the Committee three different options on how to proceed in establishing an inclusiveness in contracting program for Saint Paul Public Schools: 1) continue to work with Ramsey County, 2) research other area jurisdictions for the purpose of collaborating or partnering with them on a program, or, 3) develop an Inclusiveness in Contracting Program internally using district staff. The majority of committee members felt option No. 3 would be best for the district.

Discussion was held where Board members expressed various concerns, i.e., cost effectiveness, legal compliance, staffing and outreach options. Staff will proceed with a plan and return to the committee.

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education approve the District move forward to 1) develop inclusiveness in developing contracts and internal use of staff, and 2) when possible district staff will collaborate with other entities who have similar interests.

Ms. Carroll moved a friendly amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, to read:

That the Board of Education approve the District to move forward to 1) develop a new process for inclusiveness in contracting using existing staff, and 2) when possible district staff will collaborate with other entities who have similar interests. The rules are waived to accept this motion.

Mr. Conlon asked for clarification of the issue of using existing staff and what would happen if more staff were needed – would this have to be brought back to the Board? Dr. Harvey said it was not anticipated more staff would be needed. Mr. Conlon commented he would be voting No on this item because of his concerns: when you limit something or you have preferences, you might actually have the opposite effect of some being shut out and others not. He feels that by making the process fair for everybody, it keeps costs down and bids down and by making it available for everybody the district won't have the added cost of having to monitor and use more staff time.

Continuation of the Motion as Amended:

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

3. 2001-02 Budget Discussion

Mr. Oertwig gave a brief overview of the process of adopting a budget on an annual basis. He stated the district has a citizens' committee that is appointed and meets with the Board and develops budget guidelines. The committee has already completed that phase and those guidelines have been reviewed and approved. Now staff is in the process of coming back to committee with a budget that has been developed based on those guidelines. This is reviewed jointly with the citizens committee. In June, the citizens' committee comes back with a report of their recommendations on the budget. The meeting held on May 14<sup>th</sup> reviewed the portion of the budget which covers non-general funds. Mr. Oertwig stated that there are difficulties in terms of the budget this year of estimating the amount of money that is going to be available from the legislative session; staff has estimated 2% which is not sufficient to maintain the cost of operating the district and recommendations are anticipated for reductions within the administration. Mr. Oertwig listed the portions of the budget that were discussed: Transportation, Food Service, Community Education and Community Service Budgets, Building Construction Fund, Debt Service Fund. Further discussions will be held before the committee makes the final budget approval at the end of June.

Work Session – June meeting dates were discussed.

Ms. Carroll added that there was some substantive discussion between the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee and the Board members regarding the concern of the level of debt and a commitment was made for further discussion.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Thao, that items 1 through 29, with Item No. 10 pulled for Separate Consideration and No. 18 pulled from the Agenda, and with Replacement Pages 36, 44, 57, 59, 78 at places, be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**The Approved Consent Agenda Items Follow:**

B.F. 24620      Permission to Accept a Gift Award from the Saint Paul Foundation  
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a gift of \$1,250 from the Saint Paul Foundation for student scholarships at Johnson Senior High School.

B.F. 24621      Center for Employment and Training Welfare to Work Program Contract Modification  
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to modify the contract with Workforce Solutions for the Welfare to Work Program, to provide assessment, case management, work experience, job placement, and other related services and to extend the contract through June 30, 2001.

B.F. 24622      Permission to Enter a Contract with the City of Saint Paul, Division of Parks and Recreation  
That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the City of Saint Paul for the purpose of providing the Night Moves program for 1999-2001 out of budget #30-005-505-000-XXXX-850X.

B.F. 24623      Ratification of Food Service Agreements with Various Schools and Programs  
That the Saint Paul Public Schools' Board of Education ratify execution by the Executive Director, School Services, of agreements to provide food service for the 2001-2002 school year for the following schools and programs: Community of Peace Academy, YMCA at Saturn/River Front, YMCA at Johnson A. Johnson Achievement Plus, and East Metro Integration District 6067 located at 30 East County Road B, Maplewood, Minnesota.

B.F. 24624      Approval of Renewal of Membership in the Minnesota State High School League  
That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to renew the School District's membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Attachment B

B.F. 24625      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, May 23, 2001 should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunizations on or before this date.

B.F. 24626 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Technology Improvements at Frost Lake, Parkway and Webster Elementary Schools

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$6,099.02 to the district's contract with Connectivity Solutions Inc. for technology improvements at Frost Lake, Parkway and Webster Elementary Schools.

B.F. 24627 Authorization for Change Order No 6 to Contract for General Construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 6 for an add amount of \$7,698.00 to the district's contract with Adolfson and Peterson, Inc. for general construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School.

B.F. 24628 Authorization for Change Order No. 7 to Contract for General Construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 7 for an add amount of \$18,491.00 to the district's contract with Adolfson and Peterson, Inc. for general construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School.

B.F. 24629 Bid No. A8633-C Boiler Replacement at Various Schools

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8633-C for boiler replacement at Eastern Heights, Harriet Bishop and Riverview Elementary Schools to the lowest responsible bidder, Newman Mechanical, Inc. for \$366,000.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24630 Bid No. A8635-C Machine Shop Remodeling at Humboldt Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8635-C for the machine shop remodeling at Humboldt Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$131,300.00.

B.F. 24631 Bid No. A8636-C Lighting Upgrades at Humboldt Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8636-C for the lighting upgrades at Humboldt Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for \$96,381.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

B.F. 24632 Bid No. A8637-C Classroom Remodeling at St. Anthony Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8637-C for the classroom remodeling at St. Anthony Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for \$60,976.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24633 Bid No. A8638-C Remodeling at Roosevelt Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8638-C for the remodeling at Roosevelt Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Oakwood Builders Incorporated for the lump sum base bid of \$724,435.00.

B. F. 24634 Bid No. A8639-C Receiving Dock Modifications at Various Schools

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8639-C for receiving dock modifications at Cherokee Heights and Eastern Heights Elementary Schools and Cleveland Middle School to the lowest responsible bidder, Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for \$64,700.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

B.F. 24635 Bid No. A8641-C Ventilation and Lighting Upgrades at Highland Park Junior and Senior High Schools

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No A8641-C for ventilation and lighting upgrades at Highland Park Junior and Senior High Schools to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for \$394,882.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24636 Bid No. A8643-C Classroom Addition at Cherokee Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8643-C for the classroom addition at Cherokee Heights Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, TCM Construction, Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$255,900.00.

B.F. 24637 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting an Application to the U.S. Department of Education for a Technology Opportunity Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submitting an application for a Technology Opportunity Grant to the U.S. Department of Education to coordinate online information and data with the City of Saint Paul; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24638 Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period April 1 – April 30, 2001.

(a) General Account	#224734-227573	\$47,799,137.48
	#3002791-3002894	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	54,419.68
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>1,028,166.85</u>
		<u>\$48,881,724.01</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$14,683,348.56 and overtime of \$63,055.38.

(d) Collateral Changes

Western State Bank – Securities Released

\$1,000,000 @ 6.690% 31364CHX9 Due 8/7/01

\$1,000,000 @ 5.950% 313393JL5 Due 3/6/03

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 August 21, 2001.

B.F. 24639 Contract for Services with KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP to conduct an audit of the 2000-01 financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards from June 1, 2001 through November 1, 2001 at a cost of \$64,000 to be paid out of the Business Office budget number 01-005-110-000-6305-0000.

B.F. 24640 Request for Permission to Submit Carl D. Perkins Grants to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to prepare applications for funds available for FY 2001-2002 from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24641 Request for Permission to Participate in Submission of an Application to the U.S. Department of Education for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submission of an application for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) grants from the U.S. Department of Education for implementing tutoring, mentoring, and counseling programs to significantly increase the number of students who are prepared for successful entry into post-secondary education programs in the health sciences, beginning with services for students at Cleveland Middle School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24642 Request for Permission to Participate in Submission of an Application to the U.S. Department of Education for Outreach Projects for a Children with Disabilities Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submission of an application for Outreach Projects for Children with Disabilities Grants to enhance school and community inclusion of secondary students with cognitive disabilities at secondary schools in the district with MMMI/MSMI programs (Highland Senior High, Battle Creek Middle School, and Johnson Senior High); to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24643 Permission to Accept a Deluxe Corporation Foundation Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a gift of \$15,000 from the Deluxe Corporation Foundation to Museum Magnet School in order to purchase items specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24644 Permission to Enter into an Agreement with Health Partners, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Health Partners, Inc. Reimbursement funds will be deposited in the Third Party Reimbursement budget, 29-005-720-000-XXXX-4300. There will be no cost to the district.

B.F. 24645 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting an Application to the George Foundation for a Service Learning Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submitting a grant application to the George Foundation to expand, enhance, and institutionalize Community Service Learning activities in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24646 Permission to Submit an Adult Basic Education Proposal for 2001-2002 and Distribute Funds to Saint Paul Literacy Consortium Members

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning to provide family literacy services for the 2001-2002 year, to accept funds if awarded, and to disburse funds to Saint Paul Literacy Consortium members based on the adult basic education formula.

**SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

B.F. 24647 Bid No. A-8621-C Pupil Transportation – Summer 2001

Mr. Oertwig commented that the cost increases for transportation are greater than the funding that will be coming from the State, so that we will have to find other places that this money can come from, not just transportation, but other areas as well.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education accept the bid rates as shown in the attached tabulation.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

1. Susan Schadegg - Expressed her views on the MAT7 testing of first graders and asked the district for its reasons for doing so. Ms. Schadegg distributed materials to the members of the Board and the Superintendent concerning her key arguments against testing first graders. Dr. Harvey reviewed the current assessment process, and Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer stated there would be a focus group organized to select standardized testing and invited Ms. Schadegg to be a part of that group.
2. Vickie Davis – Discussed concerns she has about the achievement of African American students and the lack of progress being made on this topic. Dr. Harvey requested Yusef Mgeni, Director of Educational Equity, to give an overview of the initiatives that have been occurring over the last three months. He noted the responsibility of his office is the inter-district and intra-district desegregation plans. Mr. Mgeni was joined by Dr. Deloris Henderson and Mother Jean Cooper (Great Expectations). He then listed an extensive number of meetings and conversations that have been held and listed the involvement of community service providers, along with ways in which parents are being encouraged to participate in their children’s education. Mr. Mgeni commented that numerous concerns were expressed at the Committee of the Board meeting on May 7, 2001 regarding the African American student achievement gap. These concerns were addressed by senior staff, and Individuals with responsibility across the district were asked to prepare a two tiered response of: 1) what issues are in place, and 2) what strategies they recommend and propose be implemented on a district wide basis to address these concerns. Dr. Henderson described briefly the way community based organizations are being used in the schools to augment the district’s efforts. Ms. Cooper added comments regarding the importance of pulling parents together and training parents to help them understand what is occurring in the schools today and to train them to be of help to their children. Board members commented that this issue should be an on-going topic and not be a one-time discussion. Ms. Carroll stated that data should be acquired for what is working and what is not in relation to closing the achievement gap. Dr. Henderson stated the Board will be kept informed as to what is occurring in the district.

Board members asked questions regarding integrated math, i.e. how many schools are offering integrated math and at what grade does it start, training for teachers, gearing the MAT7 tests to traditional math rather than integrated math.

Ms. Montgomery called for a fifteen minute recess.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**

1. Human Resources
  - a. Professional Staff
  - b. Teaching Assistants
  - c. Educational Assistants
  - d. School and Community Service Professionals
  - e. Classified/Unclassified Service Personnel

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. de la O, that items a through e be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

**XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS**

None

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**XVI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that a Closed Meeting of the Board of Education be scheduled for May 21, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

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**Regular Board Meetings**

<b>Closed Meeting</b> (Expulsions)	May 17, 2001	5:00 p.m.	Conference Room 5A
<b>Closed Meeting</b> (Negotiations)	May 21, 2001	6:00 p.m.	Conference Room 5A
<b>(Student Recognitions Only)</b>	May 29, 2001	5:30 p.m.	Harding High School)
<b>Special Board Meeting</b> (Personnel Issues)	June 12, 2001	5:45 p.m.	Conference Room 5A
Regular Meeting	June 26, 2001	5:45 p.m.	

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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Conference Room 5A - Unless Otherwise Indicated

<u>Committee of the Board</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topics</u>
	May 21, 2001	7:00 p.m. A&B	1. 2001-02 Budget: Joint Meeting with CBFAC (general Funds (COB)) 2. Work Session
	June 11, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Topics to be announced.
	June 12, 2001	6:00 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: Budget Priorities (COB) 2. Student Weighted (Operations) 3. Work Session
	June 19, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: Budget Report to the Board (COB) 2. School Report Cards (T&L) 3. Student Achievement Update (T&L) 4. Work Session

## **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Mr. de la O	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes
Ms. Carroll	-	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  
Gerrie Higgins, Assistant Clerk  
Board of Education

