

**INDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625**  
**Saint Paul, Minnesota**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**May 15, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Ms. Street-Stewart, called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

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

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

The Chair noted there were three replacement pages for consent items 42, 44 and 46.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the rules be waived, the replacement pages accepted and the consent agenda approved as revised.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

The Chair indicated there were replacement pages for placeholder pages 23 and 25 and information on the PLA for Homecroft which was missed in the collation process for the earlier mailing.

**MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the rules be waived, the replacement pages accepted and the main agenda approved as revised.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting on April 10, 2007
2. Minutes of the Board of Education Special Meeting on May 1, 2007

**MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of April 10, 2007 and the Special Board of Education meeting of May 1, 2007 be approved as published.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Report on the Committee of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2007

The Vice Chair, Ms. Kong-Thao, noted the items on the agenda for this meeting were: Overview and Training for Board Members on Non-Renewal Process; Charter School Review and a Board Work Session

- **Overview and Training for Board Members on Non-Renewal Process**

During last year's probationary teacher non-renewal meeting, the Board of Education requested more information about the process which was provided by administration at this meeting in advance of the 2006-07 process.

The Executive Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, provided a Power Point presentation on Probationary Teacher Non-Renewal Process which included:

- Background and Purpose
- Process for 2006-07 School Year (a review of the process that the district is using this year which is different from what has been done in the past)
- The timing of the process
- Communications and resources available to staff.

Time was allocated following the presentation and in-depth discussion was devoted to the subject and changes made to the Probationary Teacher Non-Renewal Process were discussed.

The Director discussed the Career in Education Program (CIE), a collaborative effort between SPPS and the St. Paul Federation of Teachers that began in 1999-2000 with the goals of:

- Supporting professional growth of teachers through quality, professional development and assessment
- Standards of Effective Teaching linked to nine (9) Principles of Learning (POL)
- Achievement of Tenure Program, that provide support in different ways to new teachers
- Professional development for tenured staff
- Teacher Assistance Program

The 2006-07 process begins in spring 2007 and ends June 5, at which time the Superintendent will submit the names of teachers whose contracts will not be renewed to the Board of Education for formal action. Before July 1, the Human Resource Department will notify teachers of the Board's action.

- **Charter School Review**

Three charter schools were up for contract renewal

- Community of Peace Academy
- High School for the Recording Arts
- New Spirit

The charter school process and the relationship to the Saint Paul Public Schools as sponsor was described and a recommendation was made to renew the sponsorship of all three schools.

An overview of each charter school's program, student and staff demographics, student achievement data, observed and reported strengths and successes and provided suggestions for continuous school improvement was provided to the Board.

After extensive discussion the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart that the Board of Education approve the renewal for the three charter schools: 1) Community of Peace Academy, 2) High School for the Recording Arts and 3) New Spirit for three (3) more years.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

The Board thanked staff for their work in conducting and presenting the reviews.

- **Board Vacancy**

The Board Chair indicated she had received notice of resignation from Board member Al Oertwig and asked committee members for their approval to accept the e-mail letter she had received as the letter of resignation and to move forward on filling the vacancy. A date was also set for a special Board meeting to discuss the process for filling the vacancy.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Brodrick and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Board of Education accept the e-mail letter as Letter of Resignation from Mr. Al Oertwig and proceed to give direction for the process to fill the vacancy.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

- **Board Calendar**

Information was provided on two upcoming meetings.

2. Report on the Committee of the Board Meeting of May 8, 2007

The Vice Chair noted the items on the agenda for this meeting were: a Quarterly Financial Report; a Report from the Latino Consent Decree Parent Advisory Committee and Presentation of 2007-2008 SPPS Budget

- **Quarterly Financial Report**

The Chief Business Officer presented the quarterly financial report for the quarter ending March 31, 2007 stating the financial picture was good for all funds at this point in time as the district approaches the end of the year. Projected expenditures did not materialize in some areas that resulted in \$12.1 million less than what had been projected in the adopted budget.

She highlighted financial information in the General Fund that included

- Reserved Fund Balance
- Designated Fund Balance,
- General Fund Fully Financed
- Food Service Fund
- Community Services Fund

- Community Service Fully Financed Fund
- Construction Fund
- Debt Service Fund.

She stated the district's fund balance is anticipated to remain stable at \$5.6 million after expenditures.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education accept the Quarterly Financial Report.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

- **Report from the Latino Consent Decree (LCD) Parent Advisory Committee**  
The Chair and Co-Chair of the LCD Parent Advisory Committee presented the LCD Committee's Annual Report. The goal of the report was to document the feedback and recommendations Latino parents from across Saint Paul Public Schools have shared with district personnel via Parent Advisory Committees (PAC) meetings, surveys and evaluations. The report also presented data concerning the Latino students and Latino Consent Decree programs.

The following areas were of greatest concern:

- School safety and security
- Low cost books
- Continued recruiting of bi-lingual educational assistants in more schools to provide help for students
- The 4-year-old programs

The Administrative Response encourages parents to become more involved in the District in whatever capacity they feel most comfortable.

The Interim ELL Director continued the discussion and reported on meeting with the legislature and outlined other areas which needed to be addressed.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart that the Board of Education accept the Report from the Latino Consent Decree (LCD) Parent Advisory Committee.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

- **Presentation of 2007-2008 SPPS Budget**  
The Chief Business Officer presented the 2007-2008 Saint Paul Public School's proposed budget (both General and Non-General Funds) and announced the following dates:

- May 15 -- 8:15 p.m. – Public hearing on 2007-08 SPPS budget at the District Administration Building, 360 Colborn. She stated interpreters would be provided for Hmong, Spanish and Somali families.
- May 29 - School Board budget discussion
- June 19 – Budget adopted by Board

A Power Point presentation of the 2007-08 SPPS Proposed Budget (Non General Fund and General Fund) was made covering the following areas:

- The Big Picture – All Funds and their use, breaking it down into:
  - Non General Funds
  - General Fund – Overview and the dilemma
  - Referendum Impact and dilemma
  - Deficit - Breaking it down
  - Solution – Options
- Next Steps – The Timeline

Board members and the Citizens Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (CBFAC) discussed the proposed budget including the elimination of the Excel Program and the reorganization of the Special Education PAS Program and the Johnson Parkway move.

The question of why are so many families and students leaving the district was again posed and addressed.

Thanks were extended to staff for the presentation.

**MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the Board approved the minutes of the Committee of the Board for April 24 and May 8, 2007 as published. Motion seconded by Mr. Conlon.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

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

### 1. Socorro Silva – Transportation

Requested consideration of transportation being provided for students attending Phalen Lake who live outside the actual school area.

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

### 1. Report

The Superintendent stated she would be providing a few updates on current issues of note including planning underway for the recruitment, hiring, retention, promotion and recognition of staff; a summary of the activities regarding military recruitment and a summary of the Teacher Quality Enhancement Program (TQE) audit and provides several special recognitions.

### 2. Recognitions

- **Beating the Odds School – Riverview West Side School of Excellence**

The Superintendent provided a summary of the criteria used for selection of Beating the Odds schools with the goal of recognizing and learning about promising practices in order to spread the excellent work throughout the system. Riverview is a citywide option school which is transitioning from a K-3 to a K-6 school. Its demographics include 88% of its students receiving free or reduced meals, 50% are English language learners and 9% special ed. The largest demographic group is Latino or Hispanic American.

Riverview is a uniformed school. The school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for the last two years as defined by NCLB implementation. It has outperformed the District in third grade reading (2006 MCAII results). On average, the students scored higher than comparable students statewide in reading and in math and SAT 10 growth is at or above the District average for all grade levels and all sub-groups.

A few of the things making the school special include: receipt of the Superintendent's Achievement Award for the last four years; during the last 10 years it has been consistently awarded Ecolab grants totaling more than \$80,000; and they received \$100,000 between 2004-06 from a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. The school is a founding partner of the Urban Teacher Education Program (UTEP), which grooms aspiring teachers for working in urban classrooms.

Other strengths include collaborative efforts with achievement as the goal, a curriculum directed at success for all. Everything is based on cooperative learning with a dual language emersion option which provides cultural awareness and enrichment.

- **Beating the Odds School – Horace Mann Elementary**

The school is a neighborhood K-6 elementary located in the Highland Park community and is known for academic excellence and personal development focus for each student. Fewer of the students at this school face the academic or economic challenges some of the other Beating the Odds schools face. More than 65% of Horace Mann's students outperformed their peers statewide when matched to similar students.

The school has consistently made AYP for each year of NCLB implementation and it outperformed the state in reading and math overall at each grade level as measured by the percent of students proficient in 2006 MCA IIs. The SAT 10 growth is at or above the District average in math for all grade levels and sub-groups.

The school has earned a Superintendent's School Improvement Award for 7 of the 8 years it has been offered. More than 80% of the school's families volunteer in activities throughout the school year. The school is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year in June. Other strengths include it being a small community where students are inter-connected with each other, with staff, families and volunteers. The school has a large base of community volunteers and partnerships including the Minnesota Wild.

**BF 27176**

**Recognition of Participants in 2007-08 Leadership Institute**

The Leadership Institute is divided into four models: Building Effective Work Relationships; Leading an Organization-Mission, Governance and Culture; Partnerships within the School System; and Effective Instructional Leadership. It is designed to prepare future St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) principals to creatively address the complicated and challenging issues in urban schools.

**MOTION:** Mr. Conlon moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to recognize and congratulate the 2007-2008 Leadership Fellows: Kara Amundson, Claudia Baldwin, Shelma Blue, Ashley Cannaday, Melilssa Ehlers, Barbara Evangelist, Ham Jatta Fofana, Hader Guana, Sharon Hendrix, Charlene Hoff, Ann Johnson, Stacie Jones, Bee Lee, Heather Mansour, Scott Masini, Judy Mortrude, Millard Neymark, LaShawn Ray, Mike Searles, Mai Seavang, Michael Shepperd, Angelica Van Iperen, Nancy Veverka, Larry Wren and Brian Zambreno.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

**BF 27177**

**Recognition of Operations for Receipt of ENERGY STAR Leader Award**

The Energy Star Award is based on the District's 10% improvement in district-wide efficiency resulting in over \$1,008,000 in avoided energy costs and a significant impact on the local environment. St. Paul is one of only 28 school districts in the nation to receive this award. The District achieved this national award as part of the Schools for Energy Efficiency (SEE) program, a partnership with Hallberg Engineering, Inc., and also through the committed dedication to energy conservation efforts of the Superintendent, School Board, Operations personnel, students and staff in District buildings.

Ed Garvey, Deputy Commissioner from the Minnesota Department of Energy presented the Energy Star Award and offered congratulations on behalf of the Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Joe Hallberg, Hallberg Engineering, presented congratulations on behalf of Commissioner Alice Seagrim's office at the Minnesota Department of Education and presented a letter from her to the District.

**BF 27178**

**Recognition of Operations for Receipt of Two Sustainable Saint Paul Awards**

Ann Hunt, St. Paul Deputy Policy Director for Environment presented two Sustainable St. Paul Awards to the District on behalf of Mayor Coleman. The award honors outstanding achievements of individuals, businesses and organizations that are protecting and restoring the environment in St. Paul.

The first award was for Energy Efficiency. During the last two years, the District has participated in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) School for Energy Efficiency (SEE) program, with the assistance of Hallberg Engineering. The District has reduced energy use by more than 10% with total avoided costs over \$1 million.

The second award was for Waste Reduction and Recycling. The District launched district-wide cafeteria food waste recycling in all elementary schools. As of May 2007, a total of 50 elementary schools participate in cafeteria food waste recycling. The school district formed a partnership with the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project and the St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health to implement this program. As of March 9, 2007, the District had diverted 253 tons of food waste from the garbage stream to livestock feeding, with a 31% reduction in the volume of school garbage.

Ms. Hall also noted that a student, Ororpa Yang, from Arlington High School had been recognized with the Youth Leadership Award for his project in native plantings and restoration.

The Board offered its congratulations to the Operations Department, Hitesh Haria, Pat Quinn, Kevin Umidon, Bill Larson, Jim Gable, Jackie Karns, Jennifer Carpenter, Jean Ronnie, Zack Hanson, Environmental Health Director for St. Paul/Ramsey County Public Health, Lisa Marshall, St. Paul/Ramsey County Health Educator and Jody Tate, President, JL Tate & Associates, Consultant on the food waste recycling project for receipt of the three awards and also commended all staff and students on their part in making the program a success.

3. Updates

• **Military Recruiters**

The Superintendent provided an update on meetings held with principals on military recruitment indicating Administration has worked on and resolved some of the outstanding Board concerns. The forms and new procedures were presented and explained to the principals. The Student Placement Center will correct the date on when forms are due back to the schools. Military Recruiters will be given an option to recruit in the college/career center, the cafeteria or an adjacent area depending on space available at a given school. The principals also met with the Executive Director of High Schools to develop procedures which will be shared with recruiters annually.

The Superintendent reviewed the 7 desired outcomes requested by YAWR:

- Restrict recruiters to career resource centers
- Insure that all contact with students is directly supervised

- Create and post a schedule of visits
- Ensure adherence to the schedule
- Ensure comparable frequency of visits from post-secondary institutions
- Provide "opt-out forms" for minors to sign
- Notification to YAWR 7 days prior to recruiter visits

The Superintendent stated the only outcomes of the seven which have not been supported by Administration are the seven day notification since scheduled visits are posted for all to see well in advance of visits and restricting recruiters to the career resource centers which were not implemented due to space considerations at some schools.

A Board member reminded Administration that this was to be an on-going discussion as to the whole issue of having career centers in all schools. The Superintendent assured the Board that this was the case and a report could be expected prior to June 29 in the weekly update or at a Board meeting. The Board expressed its appreciation for Administration's attention to this issue.

- **TQE Grant**

The District was awarded a Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant totaling \$3.3 million beginning October 1, 2005. The grant provides funds to send qualified staff to college to earn necessary credits to become certified special ed and ELL teachers in St. Paul schools. The U.S. Department of Education Office of the Inspector General informed the District it would be audited on its TQE program to determine if the District provided the required share of matching funds and if the District used the TQE funds for allowable expenses as set forth in the plan. Field work is completed and no specific date has been given on when the report will be issued. Administration will report to the Board when the report is received.

4. Human Resource Transactions; Recruitment, Hiring, Retention, Promotion and Recognition

The Superintendent indicated the District is focused on recruiting and retention planning to address concerns raised by the community and staff relative to staff diversity. The Human Resource Department is moving forward on a number of fronts to be sure the strategy is addressed immediately. Some key areas being focused on include the commissioning of an examination of the recruitment and retention practices by Deloitte and Touche, LLC. Information received was used to develop a draft plan for recruitment, hiring and retention of staff. Work has begun with internal stakeholders on the plan with initial feedback indicating the District needs to ensure orientation is provided for new or promoted staff and that staff be recognized for their good work. A recruiting budget has been included in the 2007-08 budget to ensure the District is reaching a diverse hiring pool. An Inclusiveness Workplace Study of District staff is being conducted to ensure the District has work and school environments where all staff feels welcome, valued and respected regardless of position, etc. An Inclusiveness Council has been formed to advise the Superintendent on ensuring the District is an inclusive organization.

The Superintendent stated she was recommending the Human Resource Transactions as outlined on pages 31-42 which reflect transactions occurring between March 12 and April 19, 2007. Additionally, the following appointments were recommended:

- Appointment of Aly G. Xioing as Interim Principal at Prosperity Heights Elementary School effective April 30 2007
- Appointment of Kate Flynn as Interim Elementary School Principal at Como Park Elementary effective April 9, 2007
- Appointment of Kevin Umidon as Acting Executive Director of Plant Planning and Maintenance effective May 16, 2007 and
- Appointment of Shirley Heitzman as Interim Assistant Director of Fund Development effective May 21, 2007.

The Superintendent then listed the positions for which the District is currently recruiting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved the Superintendent's Report be accepted and that the Board approved the Human Resource Transactions as published along with the appointment of Aly G. Xioing as Interim Principal at Prosperity Heights Elementary School effective April 30 2007; Kate Flynn as Interim Elementary School Principal at Como Park Elementary effective April 9, 2007; Kevin Umidon as Acting Executive Director of Plant Planning and Maintenance effective May 16, 2007 and Shirley Heitzman as Interim Assistant Director of Fund Development effective May 21, 2007. Motion seconded by Tom Conlon.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

### VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items as published. Motion seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

**BF 27179**      Gift Acceptance from Art Staples and Family

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize Superintendent Carstarphen to allow Humboldt Senior High School to accept a monetary gift from the Art Staples and Family of \$5,000. The money will be deposited into the Humboldt Senior High Athletic intra-school account, 19-225-292-000-5096-0000, and will be used as determined by the school.

**BF 27180**      Gift Acceptance from JLT Group, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Saint Paul Public Schools to accept a non-monetary gift of \$14,545.73 from JLT Group Inc. to be used as designated.

**BF 27181**      Gift Acceptance from Saint Paul Almanac

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Saint Paul Public Schools to accept a non-monetary gift of 2007 Saint Paul Almanacs valued at \$38,240.00 from Saint Paul Almanac to be used with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classes.

**BF 27182**      Gift Acceptance from Star Tribune Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to allow Como Park Senior High School to accept this gift from Star Tribune Foundation. The \$5,000.00 will be deposited in Intra-School Fund 19-212-291-000-5096-0000.

**BF 27183**      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from Bob Miller for Academy of Finance Student Interns

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant of \$1,000.00 from Bob Miller for the student interns in the Academy of Finance program.

**BF 27184**      Request for Permission to Accept a HP Technology for Teaching Grant for the Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the HP Corporation for computer equipment at the Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27185**      Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the ING Unsung Heroes Grant Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the ING Unsung Heroes Grant Program for funds to support the science and literacy curriculum at Central High School and Phalen Lake Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27186**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Minnesota Association of Administrators of State & Federal Education Programs' (MAASFEP) Paul Wellstone Memorial Award

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Association of Administrators of State & Federal Education Programs' (MAASFEP) Paul Wellstone Memorial Award for funds to support family involvement activities; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27187**      Minnesota Department of Education - Adult Basic Education (MDE-ABE) Grant Award Amendment

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to amend the allocation of the Supplementary Refugee ESL Grant from the Minnesota Department of Education-Adult Basic Education in the amount of \$230,000.00 to \$371,682.00.

**BF 27188**      Carl D. Perkins and Tech Prep Grants to the Minnesota Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to prepare applications for funds available for FY 2007-2008 from the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27189**      Request Permission to Submit a McKinney/Vento Homeless Education Grant Application to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Education for a McKinney/Vento Homeless Education Grant; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27190**      Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Minnesota State Arts Board for the Arts in Education Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Minnesota State Arts Board for staff development and creative support to art programs in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27191**      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant Application from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation for Crossroads Elementary

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation for new musical instruments at Crossroads Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27192**      Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Perpich Center for Arts Education's Art Courses for Educators (ACE) Dance Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Perpich Center for Arts Education for programs that provide professional development in dance education; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27193**      Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board's Community Power Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board for projects that propose innovative ways to educate and actively engage residents in reducing waste, changing purchasing practices, rethinking reuse and recycling and properly disposing of hazardous items; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27194**      Acceptance of a Grant from the St. Anthony Park Association

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant of \$5,000.00 from the St. Anthony Park Association and to implement the grant as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27195**      Acceptance of a Grant from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and to implement the grant as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27196**      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Saint Paul Foundation for Central High School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant from the Saint Paul Foundation to support the Central Touring Theater of Central High School and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27197**      Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from Saint Paul Foundation for the Fund for Teachers Project

The Board of Education accepts The Saint Paul Foundation Grant for fully financed project budget annually for the Fund for Teachers in an amount to be determined each year by the funds available.

**BF 27198**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Stride Rite Corporation for a Saucony "Run for Good" Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Stride Rite Corporation to enhance the physical education program in the district and to encourage a lifelong commitment to physical fitness by including running as a major component; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27199**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to 3M for a Secondary Science Initiative – Science for 2009

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to 3M to close the achievement gap and to raise the overall achievement of middle and high school students in science, to improve the quality of science teaching in grades 7-12 and aligning instruction, scope and sequence, and assessment to the Minnesota Academic Standards in Science and the Saint Paul science standards; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27200**      Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for an Improving Literacy through School Libraries Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for funds to build the ideal foundation to immerse students in technology-rich learning environments, improve student reading skills and academic success through equitable access to technology, professional development and training; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27201**      Request for Permission to Submit Grant Application to the Wells Fargo Community Funding Council

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Wells Fargo Community Funding Council for programs providing early childhood education focusing on readiness for kindergarten for families with low to moderate income; to accept funds, if awarded; and to submit grant applications to the Wells Fargo Community Funding Council for programs providing early childhood education focusing on readiness for kindergarten for families with low to moderate income; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

**BF 27202**      Cooperative Agreement with the City of Saint Paul and District #625 for Community Education Programs for 2007-2008

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Saint. Paul for the purpose of continuing the joint provision of Community Education/Recreation Programs and activities for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as a cost not to exceed \$350,000.

**BF 27203**      Approval of an Employment Agreement with International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82 to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2007-2010

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment of those employees in this school district for whom International Union of Painters & Allied Trades District Council 82, is the exclusive representative; duration of said agreement is for the period of May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2010; and that the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 adopt a resolution that this contract maintains the District's fiscal structural balance.

**BF 27204**      Facility Rentals for 2008 Graduations

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to rent Aldrich Arena on June 2, 2008; and Roy Wilkins Auditorium at RiverCentre on June 2, 3, 4, 2008 for graduation ceremonies and to enter into appropriate rental agreements for these uses.

**BF 27205**      Permission to Enter into a Community Partner Agreement with KaBoom for American Indian and World Cultures Magnet Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to sign a Community Partner Agreement with KaBoom for the funding and construction coordination of a playground structure and related landscaping at the American Indian and World Cultures Magnet schools site.

**BF 27206**      Authorization for Amendment No. 2 to Lease Agreement for 1919 University Avenue for AGAPE and Transition to Independence (TTI) Programs

That the Board of Education authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute Amendment No. 2 of the lease agreement for space at 1919 to house the AGAPE and Transition to Independence (TTI) programs for a one year term commencing July 1, 2007 and terminating June 30, 2008; in accordance with all terms and conditions of said agreement.

**BF 27207**      Authorization for Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement for 1919 University Avenue for the Gateway Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute Amendment No. 1 to the lease agreement for space at 1919 University for the Gateway Program for a one year term commencing July 1, 2007 and terminating June 30, 2008; in accordance with all terms and conditions of said agreement.

**BF 27208**      Authorization for Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement for Space at East Side Community Center for Day Care Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the district and Merrick Community Services for lease of space at the East Side Community Center for a day care program for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

**BF 27209**      Authorization for Amendment No. 4 to Lease Agreement for School Readiness Program at Metro 94 Business Center

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Superintendent of Amendment No. 4 of the lease agreement for suites 23, 24 and 25 at Metro 94 Business Center, 475 Etna Street, for the term September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

**BF 27210**      Authorization for Amendment No. 3 to Lease Agreement for Space at Spruce Tree Center for Project L.E.A.D. and C.L.C

That the Board of Education authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute Amendment No. 3 to the lease agreement for space at Spruce Tree Centre, 1600 University Avenue, St. Paul, to house the Project L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Environment, Adventure and Determination) and C.L.C. (Community Learning Circle) programs for a one year term, commencing July 1, 2007 and terminating June 30, 2008; in accordance with all terms and conditions of said agreement.

**BF 27211**      Agreement between the Working Family Resource Center and District No. 625 for Early Childhood Family Education Parenting Classes for 2007-2008

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an Agreement with the Working Family Resource Center for the purpose of continuing the provision of Workplace Early Childhood Family Education Parenting Programs and activities for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$165,000.

**BF 27212**      Amendment of Contract for Services with Education Resource Strategies (ERS)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an amended contract with Education Resource Strategies (ERS) to conduct a comprehensive study of operational systems to better understand resources and resource allocation practices. The amended contract would run from February 28, 2007 through June 30, 2007 for a cost of \$15,000 to be paid from a private grant.

**BF 27213**      Establishment of the Unclassified Position of Multimedia Specialist for Independent School District No. 625 and Relevant Terms and Conditions of Employment

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve the establishment of the Multimedia Specialist job classification effective May 15, 2007, that the Board of Education declare the position of Multimedia Specialist unclassified; and that the pay rate be Grade 12 of the 2006-2007 Professional Employees Association standard ranges.

**BF 27214**      Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period March 1 – April 30, 2007.

(a) General Account	#404843-408681	\$92,873,949.44
	#3010455-3010680	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	525,706.01
(c) Construction	-0-	5,055,674.01
		<u>\$98,455,329.46</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$43,953,471.42 and overtime of \$283,284.79.

(d) Collateral Changes                      None

and 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, 2007.

**BF 27215**      Bid No. 9138-M Window Replacement System at Chelsea Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9138-M for the window replacement system at Chelsea Heights Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, National Window Associates for \$439,372.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

**BF 27216**      Bid No. A9142-C Science Lab Safety Corrections at Hazel Park Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9142-C for science lab safety corrections at Hazel Park Middle School to the lowest responsible bidder, Unicorp, Inc. for \$431,500.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1, 2 and 3 and unit price #1.

**BF 27217**      39. Bid No. A9143-C Woodshop Remodeling at Highland Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9143-C for the woodshop remodeling at Highland Park Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company, Inc. for \$257,543.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 through 10.

**BF 27218**      Bid No. A9144-C Piping Replacement at Prosperity Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9144-C for piping replacement at Prosperity Heights Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, GA Construction, Inc. for \$282,600.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

**BF 27219**      Bid No. A9145-C Piping Replacement at Eastern Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9145-C for piping replacement at Eastern Heights Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, NewMech Companies, Inc. for \$347,000.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 through 4 and unit prices #1 and 2.

**BF 27220**      Bid No. A9146-C Unit Ventilator Replacement at Cleveland Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9146-C for the ventilation project at Cleveland Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company, Inc. for \$971,515.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

**BF 27221**      Bid No. 9147-C Piping Replacement at Cherokee Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9147-C for piping replacement at Cherokee Heights Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Specialty Construction Services, Inc. for \$734,000.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 2 and unit prices #1 and 2.

**BF 27222**      Bid No. A9148-C Science Lab Remodeling at Ramsey Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9148-C for the science lab remodeling at Ramsey Junior High School to the lowest conforming bidder, Parkos Construction Company for the lump sum base bid of \$469,700.00.

**BF 27223**      Bid No. A9149-C Science Lab Remodeling at Cleveland Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9149-C for the science lab remodeling at Cleveland Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Meisinger Construction Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$489,900.00.

**BF 27224**      Bid No. A9150-M Wood Shop Safety and Point Source Ventilation Project at Johnson Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9150-M for the wood shop safety and point source ventilation project at Johnson Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company, Inc. for \$163,290.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Additional Appointment to Capital Expenditure Advisory Committee (CEAC)

**MOTION:**                      **Mr. Brodrick moved the appointment of Gerald Christopher to CEAC, motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Brodrick

Yes

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Project Labor Agreements

- Chiller Replacement at the Administration Building, 360 Colborne
- Lighting Replacement & Power Distributions Project at Homecroft Elementary School
- Lighting Replacement Project at Horace Mann Elementary School
- Lighting Replacement Project at Linwood A+ Elementary School

MOTION: Mr. Conlon moved acceptance of Administration’s recommendation that no PLAs be utilized with any of the four projects. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Clarification was requested as to if there was agreement between outside groups and staff on all projects. The response was the St. Paul Building and Trades Council requested a PLA on the Linwood project.

**MOTION: Mr. Goldstein moved acceptance of Administration’s recommendation that no PLAs be used on the projects for 360 Colborne, Homecroft and Horace Mann. Ms. Carroll seconded the motion.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION: Mr. Goldstein moved the Linwood project utilize a PLA; motion seconded by Ms. Carroll.

A question was asked on the difference between the three lighting projects within the same basic timeframe, though Linwood is one month earlier with similar costs. Are there different contract expirations, scope of work for the three projects? The Chief Operations Officer responded there were no separate contractual obligations for the lighting projects, all are under the same agreement and within similar timeframes.

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick move acceptance of Administration’s recommendation that no PLA be utilized on the Linwood project.

Mr. Goldstein withdrew his motion, Ms. Carroll withdrew her second of it.

**RESTATEMENT OF MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved acceptance of Administration’s recommendation that no PLA be utilized on the Linwood project. Seconded by Ms. Carroll.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

**XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**XII. FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

1. Board of Education Meetings – 5:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted
  - June 5, 2007 Special Board Meeting on Non-Renewals (4:30 p.m.)
  - June 19, 2007
  - July 17, 2007
  - August 21, 2007
  - September 18, 2007
  - October 23, 2007
  - November 13, 2007 – Special Meeting of Board to Canvass Election Returns (4:30 p.m.)
  - November 20, 2007
  - December 11, 2007 – Truth In Taxation Hearing (Tentative until confirmed)
  - December 13, 2007 – Special Meeting of Board Action on Truth in Taxation Levy (4:30 p.m.) (Tentative until 12/11 meeting confirmed)
  - December 18, 2007
2. Action Item -- additional Special Board of Education Meetings:
  - May 21 (Start time 4:30 p.m.) – First Interviews for Board Vacancy
  - May 30 (Start time 4:00 p.m.) – Board Retreat
  - May 31 (Start time 5:00 p.m.) – Second Interviews for Board Vacancy

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Special Board of Education Meetings on May 21, 2007 and May 31, 2007 and the Board Retreat on May 30, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Goldstein.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

3. Committee of the Board Meetings (4:30 p.m.)
  - May 29, 2007
  - June 12, 2007
  - June 26, 2007
  - July 10, 2007
  - July 31, 2007
  - August 28, 2007

A question was raised if it was necessary to have a motion to accept the slate of applicants and direct the scheduling of interviews, eligibility issues, etc. General Counsel responded the Board had established and approved the procedures at the May 1 special meeting. With respect to the application of Mr. Jamal, it would be appropriate for the Board to determine whether they would accept his application and Counsel had advised the Board that he is not eligible for appointment under Minnesota Law and the Board could not appoint him.

**MOTION:** Ms. Carroll moved the Board of Education invite the applicants who are eligible under Minnesota State Law to come for interviews on May 21 as arranged by staff. Motion seconded by Mr. Brodrick.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**                    **Ms. Kong-Thao moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Ms. Carroll.**

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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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