

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

May 16, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by the Chair, Elona Street-Stewart.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Street-Stewart, Ms. Carroll, Mr. Conlon, Ms. Kong-Thao, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Oertwig, Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Kanavati, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Lalla, General Counsel, Ms. Yeager, Chief of Staff and Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk.

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

Ms. Street-Stewart noted the following Consent Agenda pages had updated replacement pages: 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57.

Mr. Conlon requested Item 28, page 63, "Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Mardag Foundation for Out for Equity," be pulled for separate consideration.

MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of the Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Mardag Foundation for Out for Equity which was pulled for separate consideration.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

Ms. Street-Stewart noted the following changes to the Main Agenda: an Update has been added on Safety and Security; under Committee Reports placeholder page 31 has been replaced with the Minutes of May 2, 2006 Meeting; placeholder page 33 with Minutes of May 9, 2006 Meeting and under Superintendent's Report a page 83 has been added to the report.

MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Main Agenda be approved as revised.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Oertwig Yes
Mr. Brodrick Yes

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 25, 2006

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of April 25, 2006 be approved as published.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

V. RECOGNITIONS

A moment of silence was held to honor of Maria Lamb in recognition of her passing. It was stated she had touched many lives in the District with her commitment and passion for education and that she was a powerful influence on everything that has been accomplished over the past years. All future work will be building on work she has contributed to and which stands as a challenge to go higher. The District is grateful for her contributions and bridge building abilities between the community and schools.

BF 26791 Community Education Association 2005 Outstanding Organization Award to the Working Family Resource Center

Mr. Russ Frankel, Board member, Minnesota Community Education Association, recognized the vision, to educate, strengthen and affirm working families, of the Working Family Resource Center. He stated he was pleased to present this prestigious award to the Working Family Resource Center for its valuable contributions to work-life education at the workplace of over 100 businesses and 10,000 participants. He presented the award to Marcie Brook, Director of the Center.

BF 26792 Minnesota Community Education Association 2005 Outstanding Project Award to the Saint Paul Public Schools Family Education Department for "Smart From The Start"

Mr. Frankel then moved on to present an outstanding project award to the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Program for its "Smart from the Start" video project drawing on new research about brain development, such a critical issue to the health and future success of children. The video was developed for the diverse audiences served by ECFE to augment those already produced for Hmong and Spanish speaking families. He presented the award to Betsy Marshall, producer of the video.

MOTION: Ms. Kong-Thao moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate the Working Family Resource Center for receiving the Minnesota Community Education Association 2005 Outstanding Organization Award and the Family Education Department for its video "Smart from the Start" for receiving the Minnesota Community Education Association 2005 Outstanding Project Award.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

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

BF 26793 Recognition of the Eighteen Participants Who Were Selected for the District's 2006-2007 Leadership Institute Cohort VII

Kate Wilcox Harris, Executive Director, Office of Leadership Development and Joe Munnich , Community Involvement Coordinator, introduced members of the Leadership Institute 2006-2007. The Institute is divided into four modules: Building Effective Working Relationships; Leading an Organization-Mission, Governance and Culture; Partnerships within the School System and Effective Instructional Leadership. The program is designed to prepare future St. Paul Public Schools principals to creatively address the complicated and challenging issues in urban schools. Ms. Wilcox-Harris also acknowledged the funding for the program provided by Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi.

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate: Steven Aeilts, Hamilton Bell, Shawn Bromeland, Lisa Carrigan, Karen Duke, Amy Dutton, Kim Galarneau Skelton, Scott Hall, Aliyat Lecky, Alan Levin, Brooke Magill, Nancy Meyer, Diane Morin, Che Vang Moua, John Osorio-Murillo, Michael Sodomka, Scott Tryggeseth and Lois Vosika-Weir on being selected to participate in the 2006-2007 Leadership Institute.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

BF 26794 Recognition of Students and Staff for Development and Production of Safety Training Video

Pat Quinn, Executive Director, Operations, Will Waterkamp, Safety and Security Administrator and Yanchy Lacska, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, were called forward to acknowledge the students and staff who contributed to the newly developed safety and security training videos. Mr. Waterkamp indicated that a Department of Education grant was obtained to continue safety training within the District. In an effort to get the information out to staff and administration in a way that it would be readily available, five videos were produced with the help from students and staff at Central High School and Hazel Park Middle School. The videos have been sent to the Department of Education and the District hopes for some national exposure from the project.

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate the staff and students for their accomplishments in developing, producing and acting in the videos for District safety training.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

1. Safety & Security Update/Video Presentation

Mr. Quinn invited everyone to view the new website at www.safety.spps.org. He then presented a 3-minute video showing selections from the five training videos. The training videos deal with Lock Downs Procedures, Threat Assessment, Fights in Schools, Gang Recognition and Incident Command. The videos are all on the website, coupled with written materials, and are available for staff use. All of the materials comply with Federal and State guidelines and mimic what is put out in classroom guidelines so there is consistency throughout the program. Upcoming training opportunities are also available on the website.

The Board asked if the videos have been shared or marketed to other districts. Staff indicated the videos had been shown out-state to obtain feedback prior to the final cuts. They are now available throughout the state through Homeland Security and the Department of Education. They can not be sold for profit because they were produced with grant funding. District staff have seen the video either through web access or at area meetings. No separate training has been done for site councils but Safety and Security staff make themselves available to do these trainings when requested.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the update.

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

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Minutes of the Meeting of April 25, 2006

Ms. Kong-Thao noted this meeting had been reported on at the April 25 Board meeting.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 2006

Mr. Brodrick, acting chair at this meeting, reported the subjects address were: Charter School Quality Reviews; Recommendations for Boundary Changes for Ames, Dayton's Bluff, Highwood Hills and Sheridan and a work session.

• **Charter School Quality Reviews**

The quality report on the charter schools reviewed included: the purpose of the review, an introduction to the report, and overview of the charter school program, an overview of student and staff demographics, and overview of student achievement, the environment for learning and raising student achievement, curriculum content and instructional programs linked to students' assessed needs and strengths, staff development, parent/family involvement and recommendations of the review team to the Superintendent and the Board of Education. Reviews were presented by Mo Chang, Charter School Liaison and Dr. Phillip Moye, Director of School Quality Reviews and Improvement Planning.

a) Achieve Language Academy Charter School Review

Four areas for improvement goals were noted for this school:

- 1) Address the educational needs of English Language Learning (ELL) by:
 - Reviewing the current model serving ELL students and consider a different approach that has measurable exit criteria.
 - Recruiting, employing and retaining fully licensed ELL staff,
 - Partnering with the SPPS to develop and utilize best practice related to intake, assessment and language development
 - Consider flexible grouping in content areas.
- 2) Continue development of collaborative leadership strategies that develop trusting relationships between the administration and all stakeholders.

- 3) Adopt a policy that establishes a fund balance level of no more than 15% of the current year's expenditures to protect the school from financial crisis and at the same time assure that the current funds are spent on the students they were intended to benefit. Develop and implement a plan for the spending down of the excess fund balance on books for the media center, classroom libraries for all grades and other materials that support the cultural mission and focus of the school.
- 4) Develop and implement a discipline plan for grades 7 and 8 that is an extension of the Responsive Classroom strategies and techniques currently used in grades K-6 or a compatible set of methods and practices so that the whole school may benefit from consistent practices.

MOTION: **Mr. Oertwig moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education grant another three (3) year contract to the Achieve Language Academy Charter School and incorporate clear, measurable performance standards into the contract.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

b) Higher Ground Academy Charter School Follow-Up Review

Dr. Moye stated this school's second triennial review was conducted in the spring 2005 at which time the Board of Education required that a follow-up review be conducted in the spring 2006 to report on the school' progress in addressing issues raised during the review.

The Charter School Quality Review Team offered the following priority recommendations:

- 1) Continue to recruit, employ, retain fully licensed teachers who are assigned to teaching duties for which they are fully licensed and provide program specific high quality professional development so that their individual and collective knowledge and skills may be continuously improved.
- 2) Continue to provide support services to English Language Learning (ELL) students in regular education classrooms with support services that meet their individual needs.
- 3) Continue to utilize the A+ curriculum in ways that encourage teachers to enhance, adapt, supplement and expand these materials so that student learning and achievement may be maximized and continuously improved.
- 4) Consider ways to expand and enhance the high school level curriculum and instruction provided so that learning and achievement of these students may be fully challenged.

Dr. Moye stated the Higher Ground Academy Charter School would like Concordia College to pick up their sponsorship. He said the district would cooperate with them and make that change as soon as possible. The Charter School Quality Review Team has determined that Higher Ground Academy is fulfilling its contract with the SPPS and recommends the Board of Education continue its three (3) year contract with Higher Ground Academy.

MOTION: **It was moved by Ms. Street-Stewart and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Board of Education continue the three (3) year contract with Higher Ground Academy.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Dr. Moye reported briefly on the review conducted on New Voyage Academy Charter School and the recommendation they would have brought not to continue sponsorship of the school. No action is required as New Voyage Academy ceased to operate as of March 17, 2006.

- **Recommendations for Boundary Changes for Ames, Dayton's Bluff, Highwood Hills and Sheridan**

It was stated the purpose of this meeting was for discussion and input with no action being taken at this meeting. The subject will be put on the agenda for the May 9 COB meeting for action.

Discussion covered the proposed boundary changes for each school, racial composition, economic impact, percentage of ELL students or students receiving free and reduced lunch. Questions and concerns brought forth by parents and principals whose schools would be affected by the repurposing of Parkway were addressed.

- **Work Session**

Two subjects were addressed during this portion of the meeting: Committees Reporting to the Board and an Update on Magnet School Funding.

- a) Committees Reporting to the Board

A set of documents was prepared for the Committee to review that included: Committees Reporting to the Board, Outside Committees on which a Board Director Serves and the Policy on Advisory Committees. It was requested a meeting be scheduled in the near future to discuss feedback on what is missing and what needs to be improved.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Board of Education accept the report on Committees Reporting to the Board.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

- b) Update on Magnet School Funding

Following an in-depth discussion on the background and the problem, the following recommendations were made:

- 1) A more in-depth study is needed before a complete reworking of the existing Pupil Funding Formula is proposed
- 2) Two funding streams to schools should be revised effective with the 2006-07 school year. First, the magnet base revenue should be distributed to all city-wide attendance area schools on a per pupil basis, and second, the compensatory education revenue should be distributed based on the changes made by the 2003 legislature. This will reduce each school's compensatory revenue by \$415 per compensatory education pupil unit. These funds would then be redistributed to address some of the inequity issues among schools

- 3) The Pupil Funding Team should be reconvened to establish the criteria for a viable educational program in St. Paul and revise the formula based on those criteria.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Conlon that the Board of Education approve to phase in the Magnet Base reallocation over two (2) years for schools whose dollar loss was \$140 or more per student. This will require an additional \$640,000 to send to seven (7) schools that qualify. Take the funds needed to give funds back to these seven (7) schools from the referendum holdback, as the district did two years ago when the small schools/small allocation adjustment was made. Make the commitment that if any additional funding comes from the legislature, the first restoration will be to the referendum holdback that was reallocated to these schools.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

3. Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 2006

Ms. Kong-Thao introduced the agenda items for the meeting: West Side (Humboldt Junior and Senior High) Improvement Plan, Continuation of Discussion on Recommendation for Boundary Changes for Ames, Dayton's Bluff, Highwood Hills and Sheridan, Update on 2005-2006 Budget and Expiration of 2002 Levy Referendum and CBFAC – Non-General Funds.

- **West Side (Humboldt Junior and Senior High) Improvement Plan**

Discussion covered an update on the strategic plan, key efforts and an in-depth discussion on the capital improvements involved in the athletic fields.

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved that the Board of Education adopt the recommendation as presented and that the Board continue to have discussion, with community involvement, on subsequent capital investments to support academic achievement. Seconded by Mr. Conlon.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

- **Continuation of Discussion on Recommendation for Boundary Changes for Ames, Dayton's Bluff, Highwood Hills and Sheridan**

A overview was presented on what had been done to date to get everyone from Parkway into other schools and how student distribution looked currently.

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved that the Board of Education approve the boundary changes as proposed. Seconded by Ms. Carroll. (Maps of boundaries attached)

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Oertwig	Yes
Mr. Brodrick	Yes

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved that the Board of Education instruct administration to provide the Board a report on the entire process of repurposing Parkway with statistics and narrative for future reference. This report to be done as soon as data is available following the start of school in the Fall. Seconded by Ms. Carroll.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Clarification was made that the Placement Center will handle the notification of the remaining unregistered students of the schools within the newly implemented attendance areas of their enrollment options and provide school specific information to them.

The Board expressed its thanks to the Placement Center staff for their efforts in working through this process.

- **Update on 2005-2006 Budget and Expiration of 2002 Levy Referendum**

- a) 2005-2006 Budget Update

Lois Rockney, Executive Director, Financial Services, provided a financial update, reviewing the quarterly report provided to the Board in February showing a projection the District was facing a \$2.5 million deficit and that the general fund target of 5% might not be met. The Board asked staff to bring a second financial report for the general fund for the quarter ending March 31, 2006. Ms. Rockney indicated she could now state the District will be meeting the general fund target with a reserve of 5.39%. She reviewed several factors in revenue and expenditures which contributed to this reversal.

- b) Expiration of the 2002 Levy Referendum

Mary Gilbert, Legislative Liaison, reviewed the referenda passed in 2000 and 2002 and reviewed some of the impact loss of the 2002 referendum would have on the District. She then moved on to review legislative actions pending.

She noted District schools have been asked, upon completion of their budgets, to identify the impact to their educational programs if referenda dollars are discontinued. Other budget issues were also identified pending action from the legislature, including:

- 1) Identifying a continued source of funding for four-year old kindergarten programs
- 2) All day kindergarten equity
- 3) Secondary school class size, funding and implementation of new state standards
- 4) Cuts in existing programs, including special education and ELL

Ms. Gilbert then presented a calendar of "Dates of Importance for the 2006 Referendum Elections" and reviewed next steps:

- 1) Collect school specific information on referendum and discuss impact with site teams
- 2) Review district outcomes/measures
- 3) Review budget and legislative impact, if any
- 4) Develop a process of receiving stakeholders' input and sharing information
- 5) Determine scope and size of referendum

Following Ms. Gilbert's presentation the Board designated what they expect to happen within the next five weeks which included:

- a) The community must be notified the Board must extend the 2002 referendum
- b) Send a message to broader community the Board hopes for their support of the extension with reasons
- c) Ask school-connected stakeholders what other initiatives they would support being added to the referendum.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education, by the end of the school year, seek input using various methods from school-connected stakeholders about the use and purpose of future referendum funds. These community conversations should focus on continuing currently funded efforts plus priorities for the options of: ECFE; 4-year old Kindergarten; high school reform; all day Kindergarten equity and /or other options. These community conversations should be based on data provided by staff about the use and value of current referendum funds.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

- **CBFAC - Non-General Funds**

Ms. Rockney introduced the current CBFAC committee members. She indicated the discussion for the evening involved the Non-General Funds: Food Services Fund, Community Services Fully Financed Fund, the Building Construction Fund and the Debt Service Fund. These are all funds that have restricted revenue streams where the money collected must be spent for a dedicated purpose. These budget figures are based on actual payable 2006 tax levies and current legislation. It is not known if legislation currently under consideration by the State will have an impact on the projections.

The estimated budget includes adjustments due to enrollment changes, contractual obligations and inflationary increases on non-contractual obligations. The 06-07 estimated budget does not substantially change from the programs provided in 05-06 except for proposed program reductions and building construction projects. There are minor increases in most of the funds presented. The \$7.0 million decrease in the Building Construction Fund creates the net decrease from last year and represents an overall decrease of 3.0% in non-general funds.

Specific, in-depth discussion on each of the Non-General Funds was held.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, approval of the Consent Agenda items with the exception of the Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Mardag Foundation for Out for Equity which was pulled for separate consideration and the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Saint Paul and District #625 for Community Education Programs which was pulled from consideration and is to be resubmitted at the next Board of Education meeting.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Oertwig Yes
Mr. Brodrick Yes

1. Approved Consent Agenda Items

BF 26795 Request Permission to Accept Grant Funds from Guidant Foundation Presented to Student Services for Implementation of Campaign for Local School Wellness Policy

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept funds; implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26796 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to Ecolab Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Ecolab Foundation to implement the AVID program at Humboldt Junior and Senior High Schools; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26797 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to St. Paul Travelers Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the St. Paul Travelers Foundation to implement the AVID program at pilot sites in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26798 Authorization for Agreement to Lease Space at Spruce Tree Centre

That the Board of Education authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute an agreement for lease of space at Spruce Tree Center, 1600 University Avenue, St. Paul to house the Project L.E.A.D. (Leadership Environment Adventure and Determination) and CLC (Community Learning Circle) programs for a one year term commencing July 1, 2006 and terminating June 30, 2007, in accordance with all terms and conditions of said agreement.

BF 26799 Authorization for Lease Agreement with Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Specialized Transition Employment Planning (STEP) Program

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of a lease agreement between the District and Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Suites 126 and 127 at 251 Starkey Street for the term of August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 for the Specialized Transition Employment Planning (STEP) program and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

BF 26800 Authorization for Amendment to Lease Agreement for Space at Bandana Square for Special Education and Indian Education Programs

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Bandana LLC (formerly Marshal Partners Limited Partnership) extending the District's lease of space at Bandana Square for two additional months beginning July 1, 2006 and ending August 31, 2006, and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

BF 26801 Approval of the New Rate of Pay for Insulation Repair Work

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the pay rates set forth for the insulation repair positions effective as of June 1, 2006.

BF 26802 Professional Services from The Westlund Group, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to procure professional technology systems consultant services from The Westlund Group, Inc. as needed, based on a schedule of rates not to exceed \$105.00 per hour for the period May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 or for additional extended periods at the same terms and conditions.

BF 26803 Approval to Purchase FASTT Math™ Intervention Program for Junior High School Excel Programs

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Scholastic Inc. to provide *FASTMATH* to Excel Junior High School classrooms programs. The cost to the school district is not to exceed \$52,000. The funds will be provided from Excel budget 31-005-211-000-6430-9020.

BF 26804 Approval to Purchase Scholastic *READ 180 Enterprise Edition* and Supplemental Resources

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Scholastic for ongoing licensing and upgrade of Scholastic READ 180. The total cost for the new and upgraded licenses will not exceed \$375,000. The funds will be provided from Special Ed budget # 29-005-420-419-6430-1330, English Language Learning budget # 29-005-205-417-6430-4695, Technology budget # 29-005-681-000-6401-4885 and Excel budget # 31-005-211-000-6430-9020.

BF 26805 Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Remodeling of Science Classrooms at Central Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$4,183.00 to the District's contract with Merrimac Construction Company, Inc. for remodeling of science classrooms at Central Senior High School.

BF 26806 Bid No. A9080-M Boiler Replacement at Jackson Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9080-M for the boiler replacement at Jackson Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Albers Mechanical Contractors, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$249,900.00

BF 26807 Bid No. A9081-M Piping Replacement at Como Park Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9081-M for the supply, waste and vent piping replacement at Como Park Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, D.N.R. Construction Services, Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$307,976.00.

BF 26808 Bid No. A9082-M Ventilation Upgrade at Hayden Heights Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9082-M for the ventilation upgrade at Hayden Heights Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Parkos Construction Company for the lump sum base bid of \$621,700.00.

BF 26809 Bid No. A9083-M Window Replacement at Highland Park Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9083-M for the window replacement at Highland Park Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Val-Pro, Inc. for \$1,212,588.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 3.

BF 26810 Bid No. A9084-M Roof Replacement at Highland Park Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9084-M for the roof system replacement at Highland Park Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Palmer West Construction Company, Inc. for \$1,005,740.00, the lump sum base bid and alternates no. 1 through 7.

BF 26811 Bid No. A9085-M Lighting Replacement at Riverview Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9085-M for the lighting replacement at Riverview Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Collins Electrical Construction Co. for \$165,900.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

BF 26812 Bid No. A9086-M Health and Safety Corrections at Harding Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9086-M for the science lab and miscellaneous health and safety corrections at Harding Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Sheehy Construction Company for \$874,800.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

BF 26813 Bid No. A9087-M Piping Replacement at Highland Park Elementary School

support to art programs in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

BF 26821 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application 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 science and literacy curriculum materials at Central High School and Benjamin E. Mays Magnet School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

BF 26822 Student Information System Annual License

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Campus Support Services LLC for the licensing of the Campus Student Information System for as long as Campus serves as the adopted student information system for the Saint Paul Public Schools.

2. Separate Consideration Consent Agenda Items

BF 26823 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Mardag Foundation for Out for Equity

Mr. Conlon noted he had pulled this item as he feels it is a service which would be better provided by an outside source rather than the District. He will vote no on it.

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Mardag Foundation for funds to assess the social and academic needs of LGBT middle school students and develop and conduct Best Practices interventions 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 following roll call vote:

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

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS -- There were none.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

BF 26824 Third Reading: School Emergency Management Policy 812.00

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, approval of the School Emergency Management Policy No. 812.00.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

A question was asked as to how training in this area was tracked. Mr. Quinn responded that the safety plans submitted every year by every school to the Safety Office contain a staff

training plan. Additionally there are requirements for fire drills and lock down drills in schools. Mr. Kanavati noted the area superintendents set up training in conjunction with their area meetings, then principals pick it up and take it to their staff. Mr. Quinn indicated some training is mandatory (especially training on site), other training is optional so a train the trainer model is utilized to get the information back to staff. Records are kept on who takes courses/trainings.

BF 26825 Third Reading: Wellness Policy 533.00

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, approval of the Wellness Policy No. 533.00.

Ms. Street-Stewart noted there is one formatting change to be made to the policy, moving the item number 16 on page 4 to page 1 as item number 9.

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the policy be amended by moving the item number 16 on page 4 to page 1 as item number 9 under General Statement of Policy.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

The Board expressed concern about the discontinuance of physical education classes in some elementary schools while the new policy promotes physical education for students. Extensive discussion was held on the matter. Raymond Yu, Director of Student Services, indicated the concern was shared but it is a complex issue and is handled as a site based decision right now. He noted there is no State or Federal funding to implement the policy but Guidant Corporation provided a generous grant to be used for implementation of aspects of the program. There was additional discussion relative to the policy and its implementation within the district.

It was noted this was another example of a Federally-mandated program with no funding to support it.

MOTION: **Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, approval of the Wellness Policy No. 533.00 as amended.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Brodrick stated he would like further discussion on the several items identified as needing further clarification/study in the Apprenticeship Opportunity Pilot Program including:
 - Identify key contact for SPPS
 - Inventory of what is being done

- Choice programs for vocational training
- What unmet needs are there in other stake holder's interest
- Development of possible resolution (in consultation with staff) on what can be accomplished. This is to be tied to the SPPS mission
- Define curriculum objectives
- Recruitment and retention strategies

MOTION: Mr. Brodrick moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the subject of the Apprenticeship Opportunity Pilot Program outstanding items and a report on a comprehensive assessment of vocational education across the district be referred to a Committee of the Board meeting at the earliest opportunity.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

2. Mr. Goldstein requested page 64 of the Consent Agenda be pulled until such time as clarification on the dates could be obtained and if they are incorrect that the item be resubmitted at the next Board meeting.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Human Resource Transactions

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Superintendent's Report as published with the addition of page 83. Seconded by Mr. Conlon.

Mr. Oertwig requested that the sixth name down under "Promotions" on page 79 be removed for separate consideration. He indicated he felt this particular promotion should be done after the new superintendent starts.

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved to amend the list to remove the sixth name on page 79 for separate consideration. Mr. Conlon seconded the motion.

Extensive discussion was held on the matter. The question was asked if there were other similar actions pending within the next two to three months. Ms. Rogers, Executive Director, Human Resources and Employee Relations, responded this particular action has been in the works since the winter break and that she would check to see if there were others pending. The Chair asked that the Board be informed prior to the issue coming before them if any other changes are to be made before the end of the year.

Ms. Street-Stewart provided clarification that a Yes vote would be to remove the name for separate consideration.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

AMENDED MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Superintendent's Report as published with the addition of page 83 and the deletion of the sixth name on page 79. Seconded by Mr. Conlon.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the changes relative to the sixth name on page 79, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Street-Stewart noted the retirement added with page 83 is that of Interim Superintendent, Lou Kanavati, effective on June 30, 2006. She extended the Board's appreciation for his work.

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

1. Mr. Oertwig reported on his attendance at the Minnesota Statewide Integration Conference which he attended as representative for the EMID Board and indicated he would leave the book on the presentations in the board room for use by board and staff.
2. Mr. Oertwig reported on the Association of Metropolitan School Districts which was an update on legislative activity and staff's work on getting an item with levy referendums to allow for an inflationary increase into a bill. There was also discussion of moving the annual meeting from January-February to a fall session.
3. Mr. Oertwig announced The Alliance for Student Achievement's annual summit on September 22 from 9:00-3:00 at the Minneapolis Convention Center noting board members might want to consider attending.
4. Mr. Oertwig stated he had completed his six years as one of the twelve members of the National Steering Committee for the Council of Urban Boards of Education. He noted the April meeting held discussion on expanding the student climate survey to include staff.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS -- None

XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

1. Board of Education Meetings (5:45 p.m.)
 - June 13, 2006 - Special BOE Meeting on Probationary Non-Renewals (TIME 4:30 p.m)
 - June 20, 2006
 - July 18, 2006
 - August 15, 2006
 - September 19, 2006

- October 17, 2006
- November 21, 2006
- December 12, 2006 - Truth In Taxation Hearing
- December 14, 2006 - Special BOE Meeting on Truth In Taxation
- December 19, 2006

MOTION: **Mr. Oertwig moved the addition of a Special CLOSED Board Meeting for an expulsion hearing on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 5:00 pm. Seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

The quorum for this expulsion hearing is Ms. Street-Stewart, Ms. Carroll, Mr. Brodrick and Mr. Goldstein.

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

- May 30, 2006 -- 7:00 p.m.
- June 13, 2006 -- 7:00 p.m.
- June 27, 2006
- July 11, 2006
- August 1, 2006
- August 22, 2006
- September 5, 2006
- September 26, 2006
- October 10, 2006
- October 31, 2006
- November 14, 2006
- November 28, 2006

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: **Ms. Kong-Thao moved adjournment, seconded by Ms. Carroll.**

The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

For clarity and to facilitate research, these minutes reflect the order of the Agenda and not necessarily the time during the meeting the items were discussed.

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