

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

May 17, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Conlon, Ms. Kong-Thao, Mr. Oertwig, Mr. Brodrick, Ms. Street-Stewart, Ms. Carroll, Dr. Harvey, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Cameron, Assistant General Counsel, Ms. Polsfuss, Assistant Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

As noted by Ms. Street-Stewart the following pages were replaced with updated information:

- Page 44 – Bid No. A9007-C Academic Center Remodel at Harding Senior High School
- Page 45 – Bid No. A9008-W Anti-Virus Software
- Page 46 – Bid No. A9009-M Gymnasium Floor Replacement at Webster Elementary School
- Page 47 – Bid No. A9011-M Casework for Science Labs at Central Senior High School

Mr. Brodrick requested Item 10, Page 38, Bid No. A8994-C Pupil Transportation – Summer 2005 be pulled for separate consideration.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Oertwig.

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

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

Ms. Street-Stewart noted the following changes to the Main Agenda:

- Under Committee Reports replace the placeholder pages with Minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of May 10, 2005 and Minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of May 16, 2005.
- Add to Public Comment, a group addressing Equal Access to Library Media Centers
- Under Old Business replace the existing second reading cover page with Second Reading materials for the Student Behavior Handbook and with Second Reading materials for the Harassment, Violence and Other Offensive Behavior Policy.
- Under New Business replace the placeholder page with the letter of recognition to the City of St. Paul
- Under New Business add the First Reading of Policy 413.00 Racial Bias Policy

- In the Superintendent’s Report – Replace page 75 with new page 75.

Additionally, Ms. Street-Stewart indicated that the Committee Report section would be moved to follow Public Comment to facilitate discussion of the subjects to be covered.

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved approval of the Main Agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Carroll.

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

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education -- April 12, 2005
2. Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting -- May 10, 2005

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved approval of the minutes of both the regular Board of Education meeting on April 12, 2005 and the Special Board of Education meeting on May 10, 2005. Mr. Brodrick seconded.

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

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

V. RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognition of Minnesota Elementary School Principals’ Association 2005 Division Leadership Achievement Award **BF 26389**

JoAnn Knuth, Area C Superintendent, offered her congratulations to Mr. Scott, Principal of Horace Mann Elementary School. She introduced Mr. P. Fred Storti, Executive Director, Minnesota Elementary Principals’ Association who provided background on the award, which honors principals whose leadership and sustained efforts are exemplary in contributing to the operation of effective schools and learning programs. He also provided additional background on Mr. Scott and his accomplishments and then introduced Mr. Scott who offered his thanks for receipt of the award.

MOTION: Mr. Conlon moved recognition and congratulations from the Board to Lewis Scott as recipient of the 2005 Division Leadership Achievement Award from the Minnesota Elementary School Principals’ Association. Seconded by Ms. Carroll.

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

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

2. Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching **BF 26390**

Dr. Serrano, Area A Superintendent, expressed her pride in recognizing the outstanding work by teachers in the district. She then asked John Garcia, Principal, Galtier Math/Science/Technology Magnet, to describe the annual presidential award program, sponsored through the National Science Foundation (NSF), which identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Territories and the U.S. Department of Defense Schools. The recipients are chosen by a panel of leading mathematicians, scientists and educators in conjunction with the White House. It is the highest award a classroom teacher can earn in the area of science and mathematics. He indicated Mr. Childs was also named Minnesota Elementary Science Teacher of the Year by the Minnesota Science Teachers Association in April. He introduced Mr. Childs who expressed his appreciation for receipt of the award and his desire to continue, through teaching, to provide children with something to wonder at.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Ms. Kong-Thao, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate Gregory Childs on being named Minnesota Elementary Science Teacher of the Year and for receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

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

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

Ms. Street-Stewart excused herself from the meeting at this point (6:25 p.m.). Vice Chair, Ms. Kong-Thao assumed the Chair.

3. Recognition of the Twenty-five Participants Who Were Selected for the District's 2005-2006 Leadership Institute **BF 26391**

Dennis St. Sauver, Executive Director and Kate Wilcox-Harris, Associate Director, Office of Leadership Development introduced the 25 individuals selected for the Sixth Leadership Institute 2005-06 Cohort. The Institute is a leadership development program designed to prepare future SPPS principals to creatively address the complicated and challenging issues of urban schools.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education recognize and congratulate members of Cohort 6 of the Leadership Institute: John Andrastek, Maria, Alicia Arabbo, Tania Chance, Kris Chlebeczek, Andrew Collins, Jennifer Ewald, Lorraine Haaland, Jennifer Johnson, Danaya Lamker-Franke, Mary Lentsch, Valerie Littles-Butler, Isreal Moses, Shoua Faith Moua, Evelyn Nordquist, Linda Parker, Ximena Beach Rayo, Kent Rhein, Partick Romey, Stephen Taylor, Kerry Timmerman, Daniel Vaagenes, Monroe Walker, Aly Xiong, Darren Yerama and Samuel Yigzaw.

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

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

Dr. Harvey noted that the SPPS Leadership Institute is receiving national attention and recognition. She stated that she hoped the cohort would recognize they would need courage (making the hard decisions), heart (understanding education is the students' lifeline to their future), and brains (thinking to the future to give students all they need to have in order that they can fly) to achieve their goals.

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES -- None

VII. INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

1. A request was made that Human Resources provide a list of how many teachers, district-wide, have world language licensure but are currently not teaching in that area. The request was made in order to look for a possible solution, within particular buildings, to continue providing languages where the program has been discontinued.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meeting of May 3, 2005

Ms. Kong-Thao reported the subjects addressed at the May 3 Committee of the Board (COB) meeting were: (1) a work session to finalize details for the first interviews of candidates; (2) Citizen's Budget & Finance Advisory Committee (CBFAC) Report on Citizen's Guide to School Finance, and (3) Police Services.

1. **Work Session**

Applicant letters of intent and resumes were given to Board members and the entire process for filling the vacancy was reviewed.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education approved that the ballot process for the first interview will be: (1) Each Board member will receive a ballot listing all names and indicating they make up to three choices. (2) That a minimum number of candidates for the second interview be established as five (5) candidates. (3.) After the first vote is tallied, anyone receiving a minimum of two votes will be called back for a second interview. (4.) If, after the first vote is tallied, less than five candidates have been identified to return, the Board will move to a second ballot, from which the names of those selected in the first ballot have been removed. The second ballot will indicate that each Board member may vote for up to two candidates. (5.) In the unlikely event at least five candidates are not selected through a second ballot, a re-ballot utilizing step 4 will be repeated until at least five candidates are selected. (6.) The Assistant Clerk will serve as teller for the count on ballots and report back the result. The report will include only the names of successful candidates, actual votes will remain confidential.

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

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

Ms. Kong-Thao announced the candidates for second interviews had been selected at a Special Board of Education Meeting earlier in the evening. The successful candidates were: Jennifer Armstrong, Andrew Dawkins, Gilbert de la O, William Finney, and Brian Joyce.

2. **CBFAC Report on Citizen's Guide to School Finance**

The committee presented the pamphlet they developed as a user friendly guide to school finance for the public and SPPS community.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education accept the concept of the CBFAC's *Citizens' Guide to School Finance* draft presentation. The Committee of the Board expressed its appreciation to CBFAC for the excellent work they have provided in presenting this draft for its use across the district and

community. Further, the Committee looks forward to hearing CBFAAC's next set of informative materials.

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

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

3. Police Services

The subject involved in-depth discussion between SPPS administration and representatives of the St. Paul Police Department on the subject of the use of Tasers in schools. A number of community members provided input in the form of public comment.

Ms. Kong-Thao reported on two motions made which have subsequently been superseded by action taken at the COB meeting of May 16.

MOTION: Ms. Street-Stewart moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education, in seeking to ensure that the learning environment will be safe, nurturing and equitable for our diverse learners, approve its recommendation to the Saint Paul Police Department that it voluntarily suspend the use of Tasers by our School Resource Officers against K-12 students in Saint Paul Schools through the end of the school year.

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education direct Administration to meet with Chief of Police, John Harrington, and return to the May 16, 2005 Committee of the Board meeting, with an agreement on changes to the current policy (1) *Whenever a Taser is used in Saint Paul Public Schools the Saint Paul Police Department will call for Emergency Medical Service from the Saint Paul Fire Department to respond immediately,* 2) *The Saint Paul Police Department will not employ Tasers in elementary schools against elementary school students except when student is involved in activities that are suicidal or pose immediate threat to their life and well-being, and;* 3) *The Saint Paul Police Department will not deploy Tasers in junior or senior high schools except or when they are seeking to intervene in an assault, the results of which would result in great bodily harm or death and would permit the use of deadly force by a police officer under the circumstances stated in Clause 2)* regarding the use of Tasers in Saint Paul Public Schools, in order that the Board of Education might agree to amending its recommendation enacted at the May 3, 2005 Committee of the Board meeting.

Ms. Kong-Thao then reported on the motion made at the COB meeting of May 16, 2005 meeting and brought forward for approval at this evening's meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education approve in seeking to ensure that the learning environment will be safe, nurturing, and equitable for our diverse learners, in the performance of the School Resource Officer's (SRO) contract between Saint Paul Public Schools and the Saint Paul Police Department, the following is agreed: 1) The Saint Paul Police Department will not deploy Tasers against students in Saint Paul Public Schools except when they are intervening in circumstances that could result in substantial or great bodily harm or death, or circumstances that would permit the use of deadly force by a police officer, 2) Whenever a Taser is used in Saint Paul Public Schools, the Saint Paul Police Department will call for Emergency Medical Service from the Saint Paul Fire Department to respond immediately.

Board noted, in view of some of the comments made by speakers in public comment, that everything which was developed in terms of the wording of this motion was developed in open, public forum; a great deal of information was collected and discussed at both COB meetings relative to Tasers and their use. Many iterations of the wording were considered before arriving at the final version recommended on May 16 which was carefully crafted and stated so as to be clearly more restrictive, protective and limited to the frame of

“substantial or great bodily harm” which is statutory language employed in State statutes and which is not open to interpretation.

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved that the motion be tabled to the next meeting of the Board, that the Board request the police suspend use of Tasers until that time, and that additional information be brought to the Board. Motion failed for lack of a second.

The question was called on the motion of May 16.

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

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

Meeting of May 10, 2005

Ms. Kong-Thao stated the only subject addressed at this meeting was Non-General Funds 2005-2006. Presentations were made by various departments: Food Services, Community Service Fund, Community Service Fully Financed Fund (Grants), Building Construction, and Debt Service. No action was taken at this meeting.

Meeting of May 16, 2005

Ms. Kong-Thao indicated the subjects addressed at this meeting included (1) Offensive Behavior/Harassment Policy & The Student Behavior Handbook; (2) Summer School Report; (3) Charter School Contracts; and (4) Police Services.

1. **Offensive Behavior/Harassment Policy & Student Behavior Handbook**

This represented the second reading of the policies. The policies were reviewed and resulted in various motions which are reported here but are pended for final action at the third reading during the June 28, 2005 Board of Education meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Street-Stewart and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education adopt proposed policy 415.00 (Harassment, Violence, and Other Offensive Behavior).

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve striking the phrase “sexual orientation or affectional preference” and replace with “sexual or affectional orientation” throughout the proposed policy. Revise the Cross Reference Section with the following deletions: SPPS Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension); SPPS Policy 415 (Sexual Harassment); SPPS Policy 442 (Staff Separation); and the words “Student” and “Guide” from the title SPPS Student Rights and Responsibilities Guide, A Student Behavior Handbook for Elementary and Secondary Schools. Add the words “in part” and “and repeats” as appropriate in the History Section.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve the replacement and repeal of the current Saint Paul Public Schools policy and procedure 415 .00 (Sexual Harassment) once the newly revised Saint Paul Public Schools policy 415.00 is adopted.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve the following revisions in policy 413.00, Racial Bias Policy: Remove the phrase racial harassment throughout the policy; Under Racial Bias as Defined... delete items No. 2 “Verbal or physical conduct relating to another individual’s or groups’ race that is derogatory, offensive, exploitive, and/or degrading, or No. 3 “A display or circulation of materials and/or pictures which are derogatory to a person’s race”. Under Declaration of Policy No. 1 remove the three bullet points “Promote democracy,” “Provide for the common good,” and “Build a society that is the best it can be” and replace with the current Board Ends as

adopted on 4/20/2004: "HIGH ACHIEVEMENT-.Learners will meet the highest district and state standards through a learning journey that is academically rich and rigorous," "MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS – Learners will understand the relationship between their lives and the lives of others and the relevance of their educational experiences to their roles in society," and "RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT – The learning environment will be safe, nurturing and equitable for our diverse learners." That in item No. 2 under Declaration of Policy that the referenced items (Instructional/educational philosophy & policy..., the Mission Statement (1991) and the Resolution of Prevention of Bias Crimes (8/14/1990)) be moved to the cross reference section at the end of the policy.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve the adoption of the revised policy 413.00.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Brodrick that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve the proposed changes in the Student Behavior Handbook.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig and seconded by Ms. Carroll that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve changing the wording in the entire Student Behavior Handbook document from "sexual orientation or affectional preference" to "sexual or affectional orientation."

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Brodrick that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve adding at the bottom of page 19 of the Student Behavior Handbook the following wording, "If parents still object, they may appeal to the appropriate Area Superintendent, and then to the Superintendent, and the Board of Education."

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve changes to the chart on page 36, second column in the Student Behavior Handbook: 1) spell out w/o("without"), and, 2) reword as "with intent meets "0" tolerance, without intent does not meet "0" tolerance."

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve referral of the Student Behavior Handbook as amended back to the Board of Education Meeting on May 17, 2005 for its second reading.

2. **Summer School Report**

Staff made a presentation describing last year's (2004) summer school session.

3. **Charter School Contracts**

A presentation was made on three charter schools that were assessed through the District's Charter School Quality Review process conducted by Mary Chorewycz, Director of School Quality Reviews and Improvement Planning, Phillip Moye, Assistant Director of School Quality Reviews and Improvement Planning with assistance provided by Mo Chang, Charter School Liaison. The charter schools involved in this process, were: (1) Twin Cities Academy, (2) Face to Face, and (3) Higher Ground Academy.

The Board acknowledged the review team for their excellent work and Ms. Chang as well.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Twin Cities Academy Charter School for another three (3) years based on the results of the Quality Review Report and specifically request the school's attention to the items that were raised as observed challenges or concerns, specifically including attention to the ELL issues and the lack of racial, and socioeconomic diversity.

MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. Oertwig moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the motion be amended to read: The Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Twin Cities Academy Charter School for another three (3) years based on the results of the Quality Review Report and specifically request the school ~~attention to~~ develop a plan to address the items that were raised as observed challenges or concerns, specifically including attention to the ELL issues and the lack of racial, and socioeconomic diversity.

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

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

AMENDED MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Twin Cities Academy Charter School for another three (3) years based on the results of the Quality Review Report and specifically request the school develop a plan to address the items that were raised as observed challenges or concerns, specifically including attention to the ELL issues and the lack of racial, and socioeconomic diversity.

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

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig and seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Face to Fact Charter School for another three (3) years based on observed and/or reported challenges and concerns.

MOTION TO AMEND: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the motion be amended to read. The Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Face to Face Charter School for another three (3) years ~~based on~~ with specific attention to the observed and/or reported challenges and concerns.

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

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

AMENDED MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Brodrick, that the Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Face to Face Charter School for another three (3) years with specific attention to the observed and/or reported challenges and concerns.

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

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig and seconded by Ms. Street-Stewart that the Committee of the Board recommend the Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Higher Ground Academy for three (3) years

with an internal assessment in one year to review progress on identified compliance issues and other concerns, especially curriculum issues, to determine whether progress has been sufficient to continue district sponsorship.

MOTION TO AMEND: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Oertwig that the motion be amended to read: The Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Higher Ground Academy for three (3) years with an ~~internal~~ interim assessment in one year to review progress on identified compliance issues and other observed or reported challenges and concerns, especially curriculum issues, to determine whether progress has been sufficient to continue district sponsorship.

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

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

AMENDED MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Brodrick that the Board of Education approve to extend the district's sponsorship of Higher Ground Academy for three (3) years with an interim assessment in one year to review progress on identified compliance issues and other observed or reported challenges or concerns, especially curriculum issues, to determine whether progress has been sufficient to continue district sponsorship.

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

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

4. Police Services

Superintendent Harvey and Patrick Quinn, Executive Director of Operations, provided the staff presentation for Administration and Commander Tim Lynch, Sergeants John Lego and Paul Strong made the presentation for the Saint Paul Police Department. This meeting resulted in the motion approved earlier in the proceedings of the May 17 Board of Education meeting.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Board of Education approve all Consent Agenda items with the exception of Item 10, Bid No. A8994-C Pupil Transportation-Summer 2005 which has been pulled for separate consideration.

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

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

Approved Consent Agenda Items are as follows:

BF 26392 Request Permission to Submit a Grant Application for a Community Power Grant Through the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board for a project related to waste and toxicity reduction; to accept the funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award document.

BF 26393 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the National Gardening Association for Bruce F. Vento Elementary School and their 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the National Gardening Association for 200 premium Dutch flower bulbs to plant a garden; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award document.

BF 26394 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the ServeMinnesota's AmeriCorps Promise Fellow Program for Crossroads Elementary

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to ServeMinnesota for an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26395 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation for Murray Jr. High School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation for a baritone saxophone for Murray Jr. High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26396 Request to Form Partnership Between Anoka-Ramsey Community College and Arlington High School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the partnership between Anoka-Ramsey Community College and Arlington High School.

BF 26397 Approval of an Employment Agreement with United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Local Union No. 96, to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment For 2005-2007

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 United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers, Local Union No. 916, is the exclusive representative; duration of said Agreement is for the period of May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2007, and that the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 adopt a resolution that this agreement maintains the District's fiscal structural balance.

BF 26398 Request for Permission to Enter into a Contract with the American Indian Family Center for Collaboration on the Nagi Kicopi Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the American Indian Family Center and to expand services that will focus specifically on the prevention of child abuse and neglect in the American Indian community and to receive funds in an amount not to exceed \$46,025.

BF 26399 Calendar Year 2005 Alternative Bonds

That the Board of Education approve and authorize the calendar year 2005 facilities plan for alternative bonds.

BF 26400 Agreement for Temporary Security Guard Services (Ratification)

That the Board of Education ratify the Administration's action of authorizing an agreement with American Security, L.L.C. to provide unarmed security guard services through the end of the 2004-2005 school year at a cost not to exceed \$190,000.00.

BF 26401 Bid No. A9000-C Technology Upgrade at Mann Magnet Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9000-C for the technology upgrade at Mann Magnet Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Peoples Electric Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$389,000.00.

BF 26402 Bid No. A9001-C Technology Upgrade at Central Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9001-C for the technology upgrade at Central Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Peoples Electric Co., Inc., for \$1,231,930.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

BF 26403 Bid No. A9002-C Roof Replacement at Cherokee Heights Magnet School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9002-C for the roof replacement at Cherokee Heights Magnet School to the lowest responsible bidder, Nieman Roofing Company, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$86,000.00 and unit price W.

BF 26404 Bid No. A9004-M Lease of School Bus

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9004-M to the sole bidder, Hoglund Bus Co., for \$58,836.96 for lease of a school bus.

BF 26405 Bid No. A9006-C Pool Deck Tile Replacement at Highland Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9006-C for the pool deck tile replacement at Highland Park Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Parkos Construction Company, for the lump sum base bid of \$129,800.00 and unit prices no. 1 and 2.

BF 26406 Bid No. A9007-C Academic Center Remodel at Harding Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9007-C for the academic center remodel at Harding Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, GA Construction, Inc., for \$218,000.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

BF 26407 Bid No. A9008-W Anti-Virus Software

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9008-W for a comprehensive anti-virus software covering all computers on the Saint Paul Public Schools' network during the period June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2009 to the lowest responsible bidder, Creative Business Solutions, for the lump sum bid of \$315,000.00 payable in three annual installments of \$105,000.00 each.

BF 26408 Bid No. A9009-M Gymnasium Floor Replacement at Webster Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9009-M for gymnasium floor replacement at Webster Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Lund Martin Construction, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$54,395.00.

BF 26409 Bid No. A9011-M Casework for Science Lab at Central Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A9011-M for casework for science labs at Central Senior High School to the lowest conforming bidder, Cosney Corporation for \$68,267.68, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1 and unit price no. 1.

BF 26410 Request for Permission to Submit 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 2005-2006 from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technology Education Act; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26411 Request for Permission to Submit a Non-Traditional Training and Employment Grant to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Minnesota Department of Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to prepare applications for funds available for FY 2005-2006 from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Minnesota Department of Education; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26412 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the ING for Central High School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to ING for Link Crew, a peer mentoring program at Central High School; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26413 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education For Early Childhood Educator Professional Development

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for funds to evaluate existing early childhood educator professional development programs, align early education instruction to the K-12 curriculum and connect with early education efforts in the community; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26414 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Target Corporation for "Wordscapes: The Art of Poetry," a Poetry Residency Project at Horace Mann School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to Target Corporation for arts education in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the Wordscapes poetry residency project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26415 Contract for Services with KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with KPMG, LLP to conduct an audit of the 2004-05 financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards from June 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 at a maximum cost of \$88,000 to be paid out of the Business Office budget number 01-005-110-000-6305-0000.

BF26416 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Perpich Center for Arts Education for Linwood A+ Elementary

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Perpich Center for Arts Education for professional development at Linwood A+ Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26417 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for the Preparing and Enhancing Teachers Project

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for the Preparing and Enhancing Teachers Project Grant, to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

BF 26418 Renewal of Licensure and Maintenance of Novell Operating System

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to license software and related utilities of the Novell Operating System for as long as Novell supports the District's application infrastructures and systems.

CONSENT AGENDA – SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

BF 26419 Bid No. A8994-C Pupil Transportation - Summer 2005

That the Board accept the bid rates as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Conlon moved approval of Bid No. A8994-C Pupil Transportation-Summer 2005, seconded by Ms. Carroll.

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

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

The Board commended Mr. Quinn and Mr. Turnquist for drawing the bus routes so efficiently and managing the bidding process so well that the bid for hourly transportation for summer school routes decreased 1% over the 2004 rates. Acknowledgement was also made of operational staff who do such a fine job serving students in a safe and efficient way.

A request was made of Administration that a referral to the COB be scheduled for a report on bus safety as soon as possible. Also a request was made that a report on the status of next year's bus routes and when bids are expected to go out and be returned be provided to the Board.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. International Academy (LEAP) Group

The group, representing students age 21, who expressed their distress at the recent decision to cut off attendance at age 21. They indicated many students who were 21 were within a few credits of achieving their degree. They spoke of their great desire to complete their degree and graduate in order to better their lives.

Dr. Harvey asked the group to meet with Mr. Janicke, Executive Director, Alternative Learning Programs and Mr. Nesbit, Executive Director, Community Education to address their questions and concerns.

2. Media Specialists Group

Ms. Mund spoke for the Media Specialist Group expressing their concern for Equal Access to Library Media Centers as mandated by the NCLB and the value of the services provided by the media specialists.

Dr. Harvey asked Ms. Martin-Pekel, Chief of Staff, to meet with the group to answer their questions.

3. Robin Magee – Addressed the use of Tasers in the schools and expressed strong exception to their use.
4. Kari McCrea – Spoke to the issue of Tasers in St. Paul's schools and asked that the policy be reconsidered.
5. Michelle Gross -- Representing Communities United Against Police Brutality, spoke to the dangers of the use of Tasers on children and asked that the SPPS policy be reconsidered.
6. Victoria Davis – Expressed disappointment in SPPS policy on Taser use and asked that policy be reconsidered.
7. Pam Ellison – Spoke in support of the media specialists and equal access to the media centers.
8. Chonburi Lee – Spoke in support of the media specialists and their value to students and learning.
9. Marie Bishop – Gave her time to Ms. Magee, who continued to express her opposition to the use of Tasers in schools.
10. Trenese Bellamy – Spoke to her opposition to the use of Tasers in schools.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading:** Student Behavior Handbook
2. **Second Reading:** Harassment, Violence and Other Offensive Behavior Policy

A question was raised as to how the public could obtain a copy of the revisions occurring to the policy. It was stated all students should have a copy of the interim guide, copies can be obtained from schools or if a copy of the changes being made is wanted the public should

contact the district office. As policies are adopted newly approved policies are posted on the official school board in each school.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter of Recognition to the City of St. Paul

BF 26420

On April 13, 2005 the City Council of St. Paul passed a resolution to show their support for funding of public education and the relationship between strong public schools and the quality of life of its residents. On May 17, 2005 the Chair of the Board of Education sent a letter of recognition of the City Council's resolution of support and thanking them for that support. Board members expressed their thanks to the City of St. Paul for their support of education and recognizing the district's financial situation.

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved, seconded by Ms. Carroll, acceptance of the resolution and the letter of acknowledgement and to express thanks to Ms. Street-Stewart for drafting the letter of recognition.

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

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

2. **First Reading:** Racial Bias Policy (413.00) –

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the rules for notice be waived and the Racial Bias Policy (413.00) be placed on the agenda of the May 17, 2005 Board of Education meeting.

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

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

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the revised Racial Bias Policy (413.00) be placed into the record for its first reading.

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

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

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Human Resource Transactions
2. Change in Principal Assignment

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent's Reports and the change in principal assignment.

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

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

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS – None

XV. COMMUNICATIONS – None

XVI. FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Board of Education Meetings

- May 23, 2005 (4:00 p.m.) – Special Board of Education Meeting (2nd Interviews & Final Selection)
- May 27, 2005 (4:30 p.m.) – Special Closed Meeting of the Board of Education (Expulsion Hearing)
- June 1, 2005 (11:00 a.m.) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Probationary Non-Renewals)
- June 28, 2005 (5:45 p.m.) – Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

MOTION: Ms. Carroll moved the addition of two Special Board of Education meetings on May 27, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. and June 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Mr. Oertwig,

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

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

Committee of the Board Meetings

- May 23, 2005 (Monday) 7:00 p.m. (With CBFAC)
Budget – General Funds
- June 14, 2005 7:00 p.m. CBFAC Presentation and Administration Response
- June 21, 2005 4:30 p.m. Board Discussion of Proposed Budget

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Oertwig moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Brodrick.

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

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

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

Prepared and submitted by
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