

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street
APRIL 24, 2001
5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Becky Montgomery, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Carroll; Mr. Conlon; Mr. de la O; Ms. Montgomery; Mr. Oertwig; Dr. Phillips; Mr. Thao (arrival: 6:45 p.m.); Dr. Harvey, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Lalla, General Counsel; Mrs. Higgins, Assistant Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

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| By Dr. Harvey: | 1. Remove Items 37, 39 and 40 from the agenda. |
| By Tom Conlon: | 1. Pull Items 7, 12, 14, 15, 49 for Separate Consideration |
| By Al Oertwig: | 1. Pull Item 43 for Separate Consideration |

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Order of the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

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| By Dr. Harvey: | 1. A corrected set of minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of April 16, 2001 is at places. |
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MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Order of the Main Agenda be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of March 13, 2001

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of March 13, 2001 be approved as submitted.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

V. RECOGNITIONS

B.F. 24561 Recognition of Schools, Teams, Individuals and their Coaches in our Saint Paul Schools that have won Awards and Championships.

Denise Quinlan, Assistant to Area Superintendent B, introduced Jerry Keenan, Athletic Director, Harding High School, who announced the following athletes and coaches who have won awards and championships in winter athletics:

Humboldt High School – Steve Lindberg, Principal. Adapted Athletic Director Kris Schones introduced coach Joel Kaufman who presented the members of the adapted floor hockey team. This is their third state championship.

Capitol Hill, Nancy Stachel, Assistant Principal. Coach Alexandra Hawksford introduced the members of the champion girls' basketball team. Their record was 11-0 for the year

Ramsey Junior High School, Larry Gallatin Principal. Coach Brian Paulson introduced the members of the champion wrestling team. Coach Dave Cullen presented the champion boys' basketball team.

Como Park Senior High School, Sharon Eichten, Principal. Athletic Director Bill Niemczyk introduced coach Richard Dumas who presented the Academic State Class AA Championship girls' Nordic ski team. Coach Greg Petrie introduced the members of the City Champion wrestling team. Coach Neil Paitich introduced the members of the City Co-Champion boys' hockey team. This is their first hockey championship in 21 years.

Central High School – Mary Mackbee, Principal. Athletic Director Nate Galloway introduced coach Amanda Alms who presented the City Champion boys' swimming team. Coach Willie Taylor announced the girls' basketball team had won the City Championship.

All athletes were awarded medallions for their successes and received congratulations from the Board and the Superintendent.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education recognize the coaches, teams and individuals for their accomplishments and authorize a letter of commendation to be given to them.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24562 Limited 30 Black Women's Network

Becky Montgomery, Chair, announced that on March 11, 2001, Mary Thornton Phillips and Mary Mackbee were recognized at a Community Service Award Ceremony, by the Limited 30 Black Women's Network. This award recognizes black women of all ages who have given their time and talents in community service. The awards, which were accepted by Ms. Montgomery and Mary K. Boyd at the dinner, were presented to the recipients; each spoke of their appreciation in being honored by this organization who supports black women in all of their endeavors.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education recognize Mary Thornton Phillips and Mary Mackbee as recipients of Community Service Awards from the Limited 30 Black Women's Network.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

1. Destination 2010

Dr. Harvey reviewed this initiative which is a partnership with the Minneapolis Foundation and the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Public Schools. An investment will be made in 450 third grade children in four schools in Minneapolis and three schools in Saint Paul with a one time \$10,000 college scholarship or a \$5,000 vocational school scholarship upon graduation from high school. The schools chosen are from those who are under performing academically, whose students are poor and are primarily children of color. A press conference was held to

announce this initiative and was shown to the audience. Both students and teachers were interviewed regarding this opportunity which is hoped will encourage students to continue in school and to work hard to realize their dreams. Dr. Harvey introduced Emmett D. Carson, President and CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation. Mr. Carson noted that over the next nine years these students will receive additional enrichment to help them achieve their goal. Parental involvement is also important and parents will be signing a contract to show their support for the children. Mr. Carson also made four requests: 1) That the School Board and Superintendent commit to keeping Destination 2010 on the front burner, 2) Remain open to hearing and acting on what is working and what is not working, 3) Students must remain in one of the two school districts, 4) On a regular basis, request of the Foundation and the Superintendent a progress report on Destination 2010.

Dr. Harvey thanked Mr. Carson and the Minneapolis Foundation for everything they have done and continue to do in investing in Saint Paul students.

2. St. Paul Reads

Nancy Katzmarek, Assistant Area Superintendent for Special Projects, announced that St. Paul students are ahead of last year in the number of books being read. If every one of the 45,000 students reads two more books, St. Paul Public Schools will exceed their total of 1.1 million books read, again this year. She explained that students can keep track of their totals, as well as the individual school totals, on the Website. Ms. Katzmarek noted that the St. Paul Reads initiative won two awards this spring, and that the national initiative "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF), a partnership with the Department of Education, established a program whereby if a school could raise \$1.25 per student, then RIF will donate \$3.70 which will enable a student to buy a \$5.00 book at a discount. St. Paul made a commitment to St. Paul Reads, with a 96% participation rate, and raised over \$55,000. RIF will match that with over \$163,000 for a total purchasing power of \$219,000. Dr. Harvey commented that year two is coming along very well, which she attributes to the support of parents, teachers and the community.

3. School Budget Process

4. School Continuous Improvement Plans

Lois Rockney, Executive Director of Business and Financial Affairs, stated that the budget process and the School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) are closely tied together, therefore this report will be a combination of both updates. She noted that the budget process for 2001-02 began in February, putting together the plan, goals and costs. Ms. Rockney requested two schools to make presentations to share the process they went through in developing their SCIP and budget plans.

Gloria Coltrain, Principal of Mississippi Creative Arts Magnet School reviewed the process undertaken at Mississippi, noted budget figures related to referendum dollars, and introduced members of the team participating in the project. A third grade teacher, kindergarten teacher and co-chair of the site council shared their insights.

Steve Lindberg, Principal of Humboldt, reviewed their process and referendum budget. He gave an overview of the status of the technology program, the labs in place, and the current needs. Mr. Lindberg introduced a parent and a teacher who shared their experiences in the preparation of the budget and SCIP.

Mary Dooley Burns, Assistant Director, Family Education gave an overview of their planning process which began in January. She reviewed various programs in place and listed the proposed destination of referendum dollars.

5. Basic Skills Test Results

Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, reviewed the outcomes of the basic skills tests for eighth graders and seniors in the Saint Paul Public Schools. With the use of overheads, Ms. Baines gave an overview of the test results in reading, math, and writing. She stated that results from the Minnesota Comprehensive tests for third and fifth graders will be presented at a later date.

VII. INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Board

a. Meeting of April 10, 2001

Mr. Oertwig, Committee Chair, reported there were three topics on the agenda for this meeting:

1) Attendance and Truancy Policy, 2) Student Recognitions, and 3) Work Session.

Attendance and Truancy Policy

Mr. Oertwig reported that Dr. Harvey had provided background information on student attendance for elementary and secondary schools and talked about administration's goal to develop an attendance system that would provide clear, accurate and dependable attendance data for every school. Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, reviewed a report on attendance and truancy, which provided monthly attendance reports and the percentage of students K-12 in school from September, 2000 to March 2001. She noted that this type of information would be helpful in determining which students are chronic truants and focus on the need to provide additional help to those students. A task force will be looking at policies in regard to attendance and excused absences. She also noted that a report will be coming at a later date from the Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) and Ramsey County on how students are doing in these programs. Ms. Baines reported that a comprehensive and systemic way of reporting attendance data will be in place this fall. Board members added comments and requests for additional information from administration.

Student Recognitions

Mr. Oertwig reported a discussion was held regarding combining student recognitions into one celebration. This year the event is scheduled for May 29, 2001 at Harding High School. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion Recommended by Committee:

It was moved that the Board of Education approve the administration's proposal for the Student Recognition event.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

Work Session

Mr. Oertwig reported a discussion was held regarding Board priorities. He announced a discussion meeting with Board members and Representative Betty McCollum was scheduled for April 20, 2001

b. Meeting of April 16, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there were four schools up for renewal by the district: Community of Peace, High School for Recording Arts, New Spirit, and Strategies for Success. He stated the district is committed to supporting charter schools and that the process has been improved in terms of looking more thoroughly at the review process. Mr. Oertwig stated the committee has the following options available when reviewing charter schools: To renew the charter school's contract, not to renew, or renew with conditions. Mr. Harvey presented an overview of the renewal process and listed the following recommendations: Community of Peace – a three year renewal; High School for Recording Arts – renewal of contract for a one-year period conditioned upon submission of various items and resolution of issues by June 1, 2001; New Spirit – a one year contract renewal provided school representatives and parents resolve their differences before June 1, 2001; Strategies for Success – non renewal of contract. Schools not renewed for the 3-year time period may request a hearing to further discuss their concerns and recommendations.

Motion Recommended by Committee:

It was moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation that administration renew the contract for Community of Peace Charter School for another three (3) year term starting July 1, 2001 and expiring July 30, 2004.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

c. Meeting of April 23, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there were three topics on the agenda: 1) Desegregation, 2) Articulation, 3) Placement.

Desegregation

Mr. Oertwig stated that Yusef Mgeni, Director of Educational Equity, provided a presentation and update on Desegregation. He noted that St. Paul was integrated in the 1860's by a Minnesota Legislative Act focusing on dealing with too many students of color in one school. In 1999 this rule was revised and schools could no longer use race as a sole criteria in terms of placement of students within the building. Mr. Mgeni reviewed charts that provided information on student demographics in St. Paul, information from past years, and on the district's desegregation status. He commented that Site based management is looking at the composition of parent groups at each of the sites. A district-wide task force is being set up to look at these issues in more detail.

Articulation

Mr. Oertwig commented that this issue is regarding preference for students in applying to the junior and senior high school level when there is a continuation at a higher level of a program that has been started at an earlier level. This has been done since 1999 for the Spanish Immersion and

Montessori programs. The preference falls below those for attendance area and for sibling preference.

Placement

Mr. Oertwig noted that Jill Cacy, Director of Student Placement, updated the committee on placement procedures - 74% of elementary students and 90% of secondary students received their first choice for schools in the 2001-2002 school year. Discussion followed concerning various issues, i.e. students receiving free or reduced lunch and who were living in poverty scored lower on tests, students of color being placed in programs that work for them, issue of students of color related to expulsions and suspensions, the continuance of the Discover Model for identifying students in need of additional gifted and talented services, and the preference for in district and out of district students.

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved that the Board of Education approve the indefinite continuation of an articulation preference for any programs that meet all of the following criteria. The rules are waived to accept this motion inasmuch as the minutes were presented at this meeting.

- Curriculum and instruction are continuous throughout the levels of the program. .
- The articulated program is essential to the achievement of standards.
- There is a shared fundamental philosophy through all levels of the program.
- There are real linkages between program, curriculum and instruction across levels.
- The program satisfies district diversity objectives.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Ms. Carroll , that items 1 through 57, deleting No. 37, 39, and 40, pulling items 7,12,14, 15, 43 and 49 for separate consideration, be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

The Approved Consent Agenda Items Follow:

B.F. 24563 Permission to Accept a Grant from the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Fiscal Agent for LEAP Forward and Frogtown Weed and Seed

That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to accept an additional grant from Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Fiscal Agent for LEAP Forward and Frogtown Weed and Seed, for afterschool program costs at Jackson Preparatory Magnet School; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24564 Request for Permission to Participate in Accepting a School-To-Work Partnership Grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning (Year 5)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in accepting a continuation grant from the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning to the Saint Paul/Roseville/School-To-Work Partnership (Year 5) and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24565 Request for Permission to Participate in Accepting a Grant Award for the Dayton's Bluff Environmental Education Initiative

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in accepting a grant award with the Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhoods Association for an environmental education initiative at Dayton's Bluff Elementary; and to implement the program as specified in the proposal.

B.F. 24566 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting an Application to the Cultural STAR Small Grant Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submitting an application to the City of St. Paul with the Givens Foundation for a Cultural STAR Special Projects grant for cultural celebration of reading in downtown Saint Paul; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24567 Request for Permission to Submit an Application for a Tree Trust Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application for a Tree Trust Grant for garden projects and integrated environmental education at Hayden Heights Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the proposals.

B.F. 24568 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting an Application for a Texaco Touch Science Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submitting an application for a Texaco Touch Science grant for garden projects and integrated environmental education at Dayton's Bluff Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the proposals.

B.F. 24569 Application for Child and Adult Care Food Program Funds

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee, to submit an application for Child and Adult Care Food Program Funds for the 2001-2002 school year; and if granted, to accept such funds.

B.F. 24570 Application for Summer Food Service Program Funds

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to submit an application for Summer Food Service Program and, if granted, to accept such funds.

B.F. 24571 Application for School Breakfast, School Lunch, Afterschool Snack and Kindergarten Milk Funds

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to submit a consolidated application for School Breakfast, School Lunch, Afterschool Snack and Kindergarten Milk Funds for the 2001-2002 school year and, if granted, to accept such funds.

B.F. 24572 Authorization for Hourly Rate Increase: Ankeny Kell Architects

That the Board of Education authorize an increase in the maximum hourly rate for professional consultant services provided by Ankeny Kell Architects not to exceed a maximum of \$120.00 per hour.

B.F. 24573 Agreement with the Science Museum of Minnesota for the Cleveland Quality Middle School Interdisciplinary Museum Program

That the Board of Education enters in a 2000-2001 agreement with the Science Museum of Minnesota for services to Cleveland Middle School to fund an interdisciplinary museum program for the 2000-2001 year at a cost of \$69,607 to be paid from Cleveland Middle School's General Fund line budgeted amount for fees for service 01-315-260-315-6305-0000.

B.F. 24574 Recommendations for Exclusion of Students in Non-Compliance with Minnesota Statute 123.70 Health Standards: Immunizations

That the Board of Education exclude the named students from school effective Wednesday, May 2, 2001 should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunizations on or before this date.

B.F. 24575 Request for Funds for Site Council Parents to Attend Minnesota Educational Effectiveness Program (MEEP) Spring Leadership Conference, Maddens Conference Center, Brainerd, Minnesota, April 23-25, 2001

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve Eric Straub, Laura Stanley, and Linda Ruiz to attend the Minnesota Educational Effectiveness Program (MEEP) annual spring leadership conference at Maddens Conference Center on April 23, 2001.

B.F. 24576 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Fire Alarm Work at Cleveland Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$26,606.73 to the district's contract with Sheehy Construction Company, Inc. for installation of fire sprinklers, fire alarms, new lighting and acoustical ceilings at Cleveland Middle School.

B.F. 24577 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Boiler/Burner Replacements at Various Schools

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$17,548.00 to the district's contract with Albers Mechanical Services, Inc. for boiler and burner replacements at Central, Harding and Highland Park Senior High Schools and Jefferson School.

B.F. 24578 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Accessibility Improvements at Hancock Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$5,088.00 to the district's contract with Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company, Inc. for construction of accessibility improvements at Hancock Elementary School.

B.F. 24579 Authorization for Construction Change Directive No. 2 to Contract for Remodeling at 1780 West Seventh Street

That the Board of Education authorize Construction Change Directive No. 2 for an add amount of \$72,721.00 to the district's contract with Frerichs Construction Company for remodeling of 1780 West Seventh Street.

B.F. 24580 Authorization for Construction Change Directive No. 2 to Contract for Construction of Classroom Addition at Highwood Hills Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Construction Change Directive No. 2 for an add amount of \$82,859.00 to the district's contract with CM Construction Company, Inc. for construction of an EBD classroom addition at Highwood Hills Elementary School.

B.F. 24581 Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Boiler and Burner Replacements at Various Schools

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$7,210.00 to the district's contract with Egan Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for boiler and burner replacements at various schools.

B.F. 24582 Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Fire Alarm System at Central Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$97,373.00 to the district's contract with Merrimac Construction Company, Inc. for installation of fire protection sprinkler and alarm systems at Central Senior High School.

B.F. 24583 Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Accessibility Improvements at Como Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$11,984.00 to the district's contract with Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company, Inc. for construction of accessibility improvements at Como Park Senior High School.

B.F. 24584 Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Lighting and Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Ames Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$7,617.00 to the district's contract with J. S. Cates Construction Company, Inc. for installation of lighting and fire alarm system upgrades at Ames Elementary School.

B.F. 24585 Authorization for Change Order No. 3 to Contract for Construction of a Building Addition at Longfellow Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 3 for an add amount of \$28,776.54 to the district's contract with Gladstone Construction, Inc. for construction of a building addition at Longfellow Elementary School.

B.F. 24586 Authorization for Change Order No. 3 to Contract for Construction of Building Addition at Franklin Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 3 for an add amount of \$26,424.00 to the district's contract with Rochon Corporation for construction of a building addition at Franklin Elementary School.

B.F. 24587 Authorization for Change Order No. 5 to Contract for General Construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 5 for an add amount of \$11,738.00 to the district's contract with Adolfson and Peterson, Inc. for construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School.

B.F. 24588 Bid No. A8613-C Lighting at Ramsey Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8613-C for lighting upgrades at Ramsey Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$281,105.00.

B.F. 24589 Bid No. A8618-C Lighting at Hancock Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8618-C for the lighting retrofit at Hancock Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$90,677.00.

B.F. 24590 Bid No. A8619-C Pipe Replacement at Linwood Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8619-C for the pipe replacement project at Linwood Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, J.S. Cates Construction Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$404,000.00 and unit prices #1 through #4.

B.F. 24591 Bid No. A8620-C Pipe Replacement at Phalen Lake Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8620-C for the pipe replacement project at Phalen Lake Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$151,516.00 and unit prices #1 through #4.

B.F. 24592 Bid No. A8623-C Roof Replacement at Maxfield Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8623-C for the roof replacement at Maxfield Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, E.R. Berwald Roofing Co., Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$482,435.00.

B.F. 24593 Bid No. A8624-C Air Handler Replacement at Ames Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8624-C for the air handler replacement at Ames Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Gladstone Construction, Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$169,300.00.

B.F. 24594 Bid No. A8626-C Water Remediation at Rondo Education Center

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8626-C for water remediation at Rondo Education Center to the lowest responsible bidder, Meisinger Construction Company, Inc. for \$109,700.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24595 Bid No. A8628-C Lighting Upgrades at Murray Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8628-C for lighting upgrades at Murray Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for \$358,213.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24596 Approval of Employment Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement Between Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, and School Service Employees, Local No. 284, Exclusive Representative for Cook Managers

That the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 approve and adopt the Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment for School Service Employees, Local 284, representing cook managers in this school district; duration of said Agreement is for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2002.

B.F.24597 Permission to Enter into a Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning and accept grant funds in the

amount of \$5,620 for the purpose of mentoring ten science teachers at four identified Saint Paul Schools.

B.F. 24598 Request for Permission to Submit Applications for EDS Technology Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications for EDS Technology grants for innovative classroom projects at Arlington Senior High School and Hayden Heights Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24599 Request for Permission to Submit Applications to the Neighborhood STAR Small Grant Program to the City of St. Paul

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications to the City of St. Paul for Neighborhood STAR Small Grants at Eastern Heights Elementary, Galtier Science/Mathematics Technology Magnet, and Monroe Achievement Plus Community School for playground projects; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24600 Request for Permission to Submit an Application to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning for an Even Start Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning application to provide a family literacy program to families in need, including early childhood education activities, parent-child activities, parenting skills and adult education; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24601 Monthly Operating Authority

That the Board of Education approve and ratify the following checks and wire transfers for the period March 1 – March 31, 2001.

(a) General Account	#221471-224733	\$41,069,445.34
	#3002683-3003790	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	-0-
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>1,982,481.12</u>
		<u>\$43,051,926.46</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$15,415,680.89 and overtime of \$72,606.85.

(d) Collateral Changes - None

That the Board of Education further authorize payment of properly certified cash disbursements including payrolls, overtime schedules, compensation claims, and claims under the Workers' Compensation Law falling within the period ending July 17, 2001.

B.F. 24602 Approval to Enter into a Contract with Ramsey County Community Corrections Department

That the Board of Education enter into a contract with the Ramsey County Community corrections Department for 2001, in providing instruction and services for students who have been placed for care and treatment at Boys Totem Town and the Juvenile Detention Center. That three fully financed budgets be established for each of the three programs from which appropriate expenditures be made for the purpose of this contract, not to exceed a total of \$822,806.

B.F. 24603 Approval to Enter into a Contract with the Institute for New Americans

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the Institute for New Americans to provide English Language Learning (ELL), brush-up, and GED

classes for the period beginning May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002, at a cost not to exceed \$566,280, to be paid from the Adult Basic Education Outreach budget #04-005-520-322-6305-8521.

B.F. 24604 Request for Funds for Teacher and Students to attend Service/Learning Experience at Colorado Outward Bound School

That the Board of Education authorize intra-school funds to pay for Julie Doble and Open School students to attend the Service/Learning Experience at the Colorado Outward Bound School from April 28 – May 2, 2001. Travel expenses will be taken from 19-050-291-000-6368-0000.

B.F. 24605 Request to access Learning Indeed Grant Funds and Open School's Professional Development monies for 10th grade student to attend National Youth Leadership Conference

That the Board of Education authorize Staff Development Funds and Learning Indeed Funds to pay for 10th grade student Mark Dyson's attendance at the National Service Learning Leadership Conference, held on April 4-7, 2001 in Denver, Colorado. Travel expenses will be taken from the Learning Indeed Grant, 29-005-605-000-6368-4660, at a cost not to exceed \$400 and from 01-050-640-306-6305-0000 at a cost not to exceed \$275.

B.F. 24606 Request to access Learning Indeed Grant funds for Eco-Education consultant to present at the National Youth Leadership Conference in Denver, CO

That the Board of Education authorize Learning Indeed Funds to pay for Sage Passi's attendance to make a presentation at the National Service Learning Leadership Conference, held on April 4-7, 2001 in Denver, Colorado. Travel expenses will be taken from 29-005-605-000-6368-4660, at a cost not to exceed \$500.

B.F. 24607 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting an Application to the General Mills Foundation for a Service Learning Grant

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

B.F. 24608 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting an Application to the Cherne Foundation for a Service Learning Grant

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

B.F. 24609 Request for Permission to Submit Continuation Grant Applications to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning for Comprehensive School Reform Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit Continuation Comprehensive School Reform Grants to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning from Dayton's Bluff Elementary and Wilson Middle School for Year 2 CSRD Continuation Grants and Cherokee Heights Elementary, Four Seasons Elementary, North End Elementary, Prosperity Heights Elementary for Year 3 Continuation Grants, to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24610 Request for Approval of Mathematics and Literature Tour of England by Teachers and Students

That the Board of Education approve the Mathematics and Literature tour of England for sixteen Open School students and two teachers from March 28 – April 7, 2001.

SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

B.F. 24611 Request for Permission to Submit an Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Project Continuation Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Project Continuation Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to expand programs in the district which assist adolescent parents to become self-sufficient and effective caregivers; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24612 Agreement Between County of Ramsey and Saint Paul Public Schools to Services to Adolescent Parents

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into an addendum to the contract with the County of Ramsey to receive \$37,658.00 for outreach program services to be provided from January 2, 2001 through June 30, 2001. That these funds be deposited in the Saint Paul Public Schools Daycare fully financed budget account #30-005-570-000-5099-5700.

Mr. Conlon wanted to clarify that items 7 and 12, since both of these items involve Health Start, that there would be no family planning services involved, but rather they would be for current parents and that all funds would be directed in that manner. Dr. Harvey affirmed that was correct, and these are services to teen mothers.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24613 Request for Funds for Staff and Students to Attend Small Schools of Choice Study Trip, New York City, April 25-27, 2001

Mr. Conlon noted that normally grants would cover this type of expense and inquired as to whom is funding this trip. Dr. Harvey stated that the district shares in a grant from the Gates Foundation, which is administered through the Center for School Change and is exclusively connected with creating small schools. A portion of this activity will come from the Gates Foundation and the remaining funds will come from the individual schools.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education authorize staff development funds for staff members Von Sheppard, Scott Hall, Norita Dittberner-Jax, and students Zachary Pizza and Shane Van Kampen to attend the Small Schools of Choice Study Trip in New York City on April 25-27, 2001. Travel expenses will be taken from 01-230-640-306-6366-0000 at a cost not to exceed \$5,350.00.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24614 **Instructional Materials Adoption**

Mr. Conlon stated he would be voting No on this item due to the fact there are several textbooks listed that concern family planning and some additional concerns he has related to other textbooks.

Ms. Carroll stated she has concerns about the adoption process, not about the content. One issue is math adoption - as the district shifted from centralized control to site based control there has been an uneven implementation of the math curriculum. It is her hope that the district will continue to look harder at how to have a more even implementation process.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education formally adopt the instructional materials recommended by the Instructional Materials Selection Study committees in the following curriculum areas: American History, Middle/Junior High; Elementary (K-6) Social Studies; Family and Consumer Science, Junior and Senior High; Health, Middle/Junior and Senior High; and U.S.. History, Senior High.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24615 **Request for Permission to Submit a 21st Century Grant to the U.S. Department of Education**

Mr. Oertwig asked how the district directs these types of funds to schools that are most in need. He noted that some schools have more specific needs than others, such as services for low income and minority students; therefore, how does administration focus on what they are doing so that the resources get to where they need to be. Ms. Carroll asked how are the schools related to each other and how are they related to community service providers. Dr. Harvey reviewed the approach she and administrators take in determining how these funds are distributed. She stated it is a very thorough and deliberate process. Dr. Harvey explained this grant in detail, explaining that it will provide for nine hubs: tutoring hubs, sports and recreational activities and fine arts. These hubs will be placed in strategic areas so that they will be available to a number of students for extended day services and opportunities. These opportunities will include elementary and secondary services for students.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a 21st Century Grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for expanded day and year community learning activities to reduce drug use and violence, enhance academic performance, and build youth assets at Highwood Hills, Homecroft, John A. Johnson Achievement Plus, North End, and Bruce F. Vento Elementary, and Battle Creek Middle School, Hazel Park Middle School, Highland Junior High and Washington

Middle School; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24616 **Amendment to Agreement with Ramsey County for Central Certification Collaborative**

Mr. Conlon stated that he would prefer a process where it is open to as many people as possible. He feels that the benefits of this agreement do not warrant the cost.

Ms. Carroll stated she will be abstaining on this vote inasmuch as she has a women-owned business and is certified by some of these organizations.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to approve the Amendment to the Central Certification Collaborative Agreement with Ramsey County, authorizing the County to contract on the District's behalf for centralized vendor certification program services.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

1. Robin Settle
2. Dan Monson

Talked about a recent incident at Farnsworth Elementary School regarding a needle being found on the playground and a teacher and student being stuck. They requested that this incident not be ignored and education on this topic be introduced into the curriculum. Dr. Harvey stated that she will be talking to the Health and Wellness Department about this situation.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community of Peace Contract Renewal

The motion to approve Community of Peace Academy for another three (3) year term starting July 1, 2001 and expiring July 30, 2004, was approved during the reading of the minutes of the Committee of the Board meeting of April 16, 2001.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Human Resources
- a. Professional Staff
 - b. Teaching Assistants
 - c. Educational Assistants
 - d. Classified/Unclassified Service Personnel
 - e. Recommendation for the Appointment of Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Implementation

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that items a through d be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

- e. Recommendation for the Appointment of Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Implementation

Dr. Harvey reviewed in detail her reduction strategy concerning the financial area's seven units, due to budget restrictions, and the rationale for the elimination of the current title of Chief Operating Officer. She followed with a narrative of how the various units will be realigned under the supervision of three Executive Directors currently on staff. Dr. Harvey listed the added responsibilities of Patrick Quinn, Executive Director of School Services, and Lois Rockney, Executive Director of Business and Financial Affairs, and the departments that will be under the supervision of Kent Pekel, upon the approval of the appointment of Mr. Pekel as Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Implementation. Mr. Pekel's resume was reviewed by Dr. Harvey, listing his educational background and his strategic planning abilities to appropriately fill this position. Mr. Conlon asked about the original intention of hiring a Chief Operating Officer with business expertise to establish restructuring and reforms and how this now will be handled. Dr. Harvey stated that the goal of change will be the same with three staff people involved as it would be if one individual were responsible. Mr. Conlon further added that it would be good to continue to rely on the external resources of the community; he feels the interaction could be very effective.

Board members voiced their approval of the appointment of Mr. Pekel and added their appreciation for the continued work of Lois Rockney and Patrick Quinn.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the appointment of Kent Pekel as Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Implementation be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

None

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. de la O gave special recognition to the students of Guadalupe Project, an alternative school on the West Side, and principal Jody Nelson, and to Gary Ales and his Friendship Club at Humboldt for their involvement in fund raisers for a young man in their community who was hurt.

XVI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that a Special Meeting of the Board of Education be scheduled for June 12, 2001 at 5:45 p.m.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Ms. Montgomery stated that a calendar will be sent to Board members for completion indicating any vacation or travel plans they may have set for July and August, so that Board meetings can be scheduled. Dr. Phillips asked for an update on the summer school session and suggested parents be informed as soon as possible regarding dates for summer school. She also suggested the handout on the Excel program be sent out to parents several times to keep them informed as to the specifics of the program in the event that their children may be in need of special services to move to the next grade.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The following Board of Education meetings will be held
in the District Administration Building at 360 Colborne Street
Auditoriums A-B - Unless Otherwise Indicated

Regular Board Meetings

Closed Meeting (Expulsion)	April 30, 2001	5:00 p.m.	Conference Room 5A
	May 15, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
(Student Recognitions)	May 29, 2001	5:30 p.m.	Harding High School)
Special Board Meeting (Personnel Issues)	June 12, 2001	5:45 p.m.	Conference Room 5A
	June 26, 2001	5:45 p.m.	

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following Board of Education meetings will be held
 in the District Administration Building at 360 Colborne Street
 Conference Room 5A - Unless Otherwise Indicated

<u>Committee of the Board</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topics</u>
	May 7, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. African American Student Achievement (T&L) 2. Expulsions (COB) 3. Work Session
	May 14, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: Joint Meeting with CBFAC (non-general funds) (COB) 2. Inclusiveness in Contracting (Opr) 3. Work Session
	May 21, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: Joint Meeting with CBFAC (general funds) (COB) 2. Advertising and Vending in Schools (Operations) 3. Work Session
	June 11, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Topics to be announced
	June 12, 2001	6:00 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: Budget Priorities (COB) 2. Student Weighted Formula Update (Operations) 3. Work Session
	June 19, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: CBFAC Final

- Budget Report to the Board (COB)
- 2. School Report Cards (T&L)
- 3. Student Achievement Update (T&L)
- 4. Work Session,

- * May 1, 2001 Honors Concert
- May 10, 2001 Millard Fillmore Dinner
- May 16, 2001 Policy Governance Training, 3:00-7:00 p.m

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

Prepared and submitted by
Gerrie Higgins, Assistant Clerk
Board of Education