

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2001
5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by Becky Montgomery, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Carroll; Mr. Conlon; Ms. Montgomery; Mr. Oertwig; Dr. Phillips; Mr. Thao; Dr. Harvey, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Lalla, General Counsel; Mrs. Higgins, Assistant Clerk

Absent: Mr. de la O

III. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

1. Order of the Consent Agenda

By: Ms. Montgomery

1. Pull No. 26 on Page 67, for Separate Consideration.

By: Ms. Carroll

1. Pull No. 28 on Page 68, for Separate Consideration.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Order of the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

By Dr. Harvey:

1. Two corrections to the minutes of the Committee of the Board Meeting of January 22, 2001, at places.

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

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Annual Meeting of the Board of Education of January 16, 2001
2. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of January 16, 2001

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of January 16, 2001 be approved as submitted.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

V. RECOGNITIONS

B.F. 24490 Recognition of Barbara Hunter, Bruce F. Vento Elementary School, for receiving National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards In Early Adolescence/English Language Arts Honor

B.F. 24491 Recognition of Patricia Peterson, J. J. Hill Elementary School, for receiving National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards in Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Exceptional Needs Specialist Honor Childhood through Young Adulthood/Exceptional Needs Specialist Honor

B.F. 24492 Recognition of Harriette Snowden, Como Park Elementary School for receiving National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards In Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Exceptional Needs Specialist Honor

B.F. 24493 Recognition of Michael Ekblad, Humboldt Senior High, for receiving National Board Certification for Early Adolescent/Generalist

Kate Trewick, Chief Academic Officer, announced that Saint Paul has four new Board Certified teachers who will be acknowledged and congratulated this evening for their commitment and dedication to the teaching profession. Ms. Trewick reviewed the background of national certification and noted the district is looking forward to an increase in the number of certified teachers in the coming years due to the many programs currently available through Staff Development. She

introduced Joe Paatalo, part-time teacher at Arlington High School who is also involved with the National Board. Mr. Paatalo noted that Minnesota currently has 149 National Board Certified Teachers of which 59 are from St. Paul. He introduced Robert Lace, representative of the Federation of Teachers, who announced the four recipients and their specific areas of specialization. The newly certified teachers spoke briefly and expressed their thanks for all the assistance they received from their colleagues. Dr. Harvey and Ms. Montgomery added congratulatory comments. The teachers and presenters received the congratulations of the Board and the Superintendent.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education recognize Barbara Hunter, Patricia Peterson, Harriette Snowden and Michael Ekblad for receiving National Board Certification.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

Dr. Harvey previewed the Program Update portion of the meeting and commented that the focus of this presentation will be on site-based management. She cited the \$3.2 million McKnight Grant the district received to help implement this system-wide approach and reported that every school in Saint Paul now has a site-based management council. Dennis St. Sauver, Director of Site-Based Improvement, followed Dr. Harvey's remarks with an introduction of two parents of St. Paul students who have been actively involved in their site councils and in their neighborhoods: Joanne Clark and Roger Barr. Ms. Clark reviewed her background and expressed her thanks for the training and co-operation of staff. Mr. Barr presented his vision of site-based management from the view of his position on the site council and from his position with Support Our Schools (SOS), a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to support public education in St. Paul and work for its improvement. Mr. St. Sauver reported on the training aspect of site-based management in St. Paul and gave an overview of the types of training programs that are available for parents and community members. He listed the initiatives that are in place and commented on each. Dr. Harvey spoke briefly about the training portion of the initiative, and indicated this is only one part of the project. Mr. Thao congratulated staff for their hard work and stated the district is moving in the right direction. Collaboration between people of all backgrounds for the purpose of helping children is very important and this is being done now in St. Paul. Ms. Carroll expressed her appreciation for the work of everyone involved in site-based management and noted that the process has been successful.

Dr. Harvey introduced Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, who spoke about the School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) process for 2001-02. She reviewed the training portion of the plan, who it involves, and the results of the training, i.e. people going back to the schools to continue the training. Ms. Baines added that rubric training for SCIP was initiated for district administrators, staff, school administrators, school staff, site council participation and community and parent participation. Packets of material were distributed to Board members which further described the process in detail.

Mr. Rick Kreyer, Executive Director Human Resources/Labor Relations highlighted last year, and where the district is going this year, concerning hiring activities. He reviewed changes made last

year that have been successful in ensuring timely hiring practices, more aggressive recruitment, better match for teachers and schools. Mr. Kreyer gave an overview of the 2001 school year, the various Job Fairs and Career Fairs that are scheduled to attract teachers and other staff to this district. Samples of recruitment materials were shown, along with a standard application for employment which will simplify the process. Mr. Kreyer added that by July 1st of this year the civil service services that are being provided by the City of St. Paul should be transitioned back to the district Human Resources Department where the testing, recruiting and hiring of civil service employees will be done in the future.

Board members asked questions of Mr. Kreyer dealing with Human Resource issues and commended staff for the work that has been done and the work that is currently under way.

VII. INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Board

a. Meeting of January 22, 2001

Mr. Oertwig, Chair, reported there were two items on the agenda: Capital Bond Projects and a Work Session. Ms. Carroll, Associate Chair, Operations, commented that at a previous meeting with CLRSPAC and the Committee of the Board, Patrick Quinn, Executive Director, Plant Planning and Maintenance, presented capital bond proposals greater than \$100,000. CLRSPAC members reviewed the recommendations and will be presenting their response at this meeting. John Krenik, Chair, CLRSPAC, presented their recommendations and discussion followed concerning specific items, after which a motion was made on the finalized list.

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education approve administration's recommendations plus projects over \$100,000.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

A discussion followed concerning tennis courts at Como Park Senior High School.

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Thao that the Board of Education approve the revised administrative list that includes deletion of the two (2) tennis courts at Como Park Senior High School and the deletion of bleachers.

Board members discussed the intention of the motion, and it was unanimously decided to amend the motion to read as follows:

Motion to Amend: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education approve the revised administrative list that includes the addition of the two (2) tennis

courts at Como Park Senior High School and the deletion of bleachers. The rules were waived to accept this motion to amend.

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

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

Amended Motion Recommended by Committee::

The amended motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education approve, if the tennis courts projects are not feasible, resurfacing be included.

Board members discussed the motion to clarify that if the addition of two new tennis courts was not feasible because of space limitations, to be determined by the school, that the existing two courts be resurfaced. Ms. Montgomery noted her concern regarding the motion, i.e. micro managing. Ms. Carroll, also, had concerns and will be voting No.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. Oertwig reported on the topics discussed at the Work Session: scheduling future Committee of the Board Meetings, participation in the Winter Carnival Parade and the announcement by Mr. de la O that he will not seek re-election to the Board because of other responsibilities.

b. Meeting of January 23, 2001

Mr. Oertwig, Chair, reported on the two items on the agenda: Board Committees and Councils Review and a Work Session. Mr. Oertwig stated that the discussion of Board Committees included the desire to make use of the talent and insights of community members on citizens' committees and how those committees fit into site-based management. A survey was sent to councils reporting to the Board for their input on these issues and they were reviewed. Communication issues were discussed and timelines for committees to report to the Board.

The Work Session included an update on where the district is at in terms of legislation. Mr. Oertwig expressed his concern about the financial status the district is in, in terms of budgeting for the upcoming year. The Governor's budget is less than was anticipated for school funding for next year. Mr. Oertwig stated that if the budget were approved, the district would have to make reductions in the amount of \$21 million. He listed several scenarios and highlighted deductions that would have to be made, including using some of the fund balance in the operating capital fund and using about one-half of the fund balance. Mr. Oertwig urged individuals in the schools to contact their legislators to help bring about a change in the Governor's budget.

Mr. Oertwig reported that Ms. Montgomery suggested a change in the Agenda by moving new personnel appointments to the Consent Agenda rather than approving them under the Superintendent's Reports.

c. Meeting of February 12, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported that there were two items on the agenda: Gifted/Talented Programs and Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Council Budget Guidelines. Dr. Phillips, Associate Chair, Teaching and Learning, reported a discussion was held concerning the Gifted and Talented Programs in the St. Paul Public Schools. Several years ago the district decided to improve the programs within the district and looked at a new way of assessing gifted and talented students. This is the first update since the Discover assessment has been implemented. Presentations were made by teachers from three schools, Cherokee Heights Elementary, Museum Magnet and Webster Enrichment Magnet, all talking about their successes in three different types of programs. Some concerns were also raised in the area of level of assessment and if the program is reaching all children who could be identified as being gifted. Dr. Phillips stated that presentations were also made by the Capitol Hill Site Council/Parent Group who requested a follow-up process for students who move into Saint Paul after the second grade testing. Those students have no way to be eligible for entrance to Capitol Hill because they have missed the kindergarten and second grade testing. Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, presented data around Discover and provided information on Capitol Hill. She also discussed how Capitol Hill students compare to past Capitol Hill students and to other students identified by Discover and how do students receiving gifted and talented services perform compared to other students. Dr. Harvey listed five criteria next steps:

- 1) Continue to use the Discover assessment and continue to evaluate it.
- 2) Look for uniform criteria for having another assessment of students who are gifted for a variety of reasons.
- 3) The ability to drive what works throughout every class room.
- 4) To enhance staff's ability to monitor and support.
- 5) Is the district doing enough, and if not, what else is next.

Dr. Phillips stated that the Co-Chair of the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee, Gary Kwong, presented a report pertaining to the elementary grades for the 1999-2000 year. A report on the secondary grades will be delivered at the next meeting. This report covered, in part, equal access, consistent delivery of services, high quality gifted and talented education through adequate funding and training, and continued process improvement for everyone in elementary and secondary schools. Dr. Harvey thanked the G/T Committee for the excellent report.

Mr. Oertwig reported the second agenda item was to look at adoption of budget guidelines for developing the budget for next year. He reviewed the process involved in developing these guidelines, which included input from administration and the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee.

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education approve the proposed Guidelines as reviewed by administration and presented by the Citizens' Budget and Finance Committee.

Mr. Conlon stated, for the record, his minority opinion was not noted in the committee minutes. He is in agreement with the budget committee's resolution in opposition to using any of the fund balance reserve to balance the budget. Instead, spending cuts should be used to protect the district's bond rating and be fiscally conservative.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. Oertwig read the Resolutions submitted by the CBFAC: 1. Approve the Budget Guidelines as presented. 2. Recommend rejection of the General Fund Reduction Plan recommendation. Request that targeted areas of reduction be identified based on the district's Strategic Plan, as opposed to an across the board reduction. 3. Recommend adherence to the district's fund balance policy. Under no circumstances should the unreserved fund balance be depleted to alleviate the projected general fund deficit.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that items 1 through 29, save item No. 26 and No. 28 for Separate Consideration, be approved as amended..

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

The Approved Consent Agenda Items Follow:

B.F. 24494 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 a grant from Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Fiscal Agent for LEAP Forward and Frogtown Weed and Seed, for after school program costs at Jackson Preparatory Magnet School; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24495 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting a Grant Application to
the Perpich Center for Arts Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in the Submission of a grant application to the Perpich Center for Arts Education MAX grant program;

and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24496 Request for Permission to Participate in Submitting Grant Applications to 3M for Continuation of Arts Projects

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to participate in submitting a continuation application to 3M for arts curriculum initiatives; and to implement the projects as specified in the proposals.

B.F. 24497 Request for Permission to Submit Arts Grant and Book Grant Applications to the Veritas Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Veritas Foundation for books and arts programming at St. Anthony Park Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the projects as specified in the proposals.

B.F. 24498 Request for Permission to Submit Applications for 2000-2001 Ecolab Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications for Ecolab Violence Prevention Grants, Visions for Learning; Primary Grants (K-6) (formerly Lifeline for Children at Risk Grants), and Visions for Learning; Secondary Grants (7-12) (formerly Quest for Excellence Grants); to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the proposals.

B.F. 24499 Lease Agreement for Home Living Lab Education Site: Rent Increase

That the Board of Education authorize payment of the monthly increased rent of \$595.00 per month for rental of an apartment at 1475 Wynne Avenue, St. Paul, for a home living lab educational site.

B.F. 24500 Children's Home Society Contract for Childcare Services

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Children's Home Society to provide space for childcare at the Ronald M. Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning for direct services to learners in Saint Paul Public Schools' Adult Literacy Programs for the period January, 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003.

B.F. 24501 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, February 28, 2001 should they not comply with Minnesota State Health Standards for Immunizations on or before this date.

B.F. 24502 Authorization for Hourly Rate Increase: Data Core Engineering, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize an increase in the maximum hourly rate for professional consultant engineering services provided by Data Core Engineering, Inc. not to exceed a maximum of \$105.00 per hour.

B.F. 24503 Authorization for Hourly Rate Increase: BWBR Architects

That the Board of Education authorize an increase in the maximum hourly rate for professional consultant services provided by BWBR Architects to a maximum not to exceed hourly rate of \$110.00 per hour.

B.F. 24504 Authorization to Obtain Professional Architectural Consultant Services from Dean Architects, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to obtain professional architectural consultant services from Dean Architects, Inc. on the basis of an hourly rate fee schedule not to exceed a maximum of \$85.00 per hour.

B.F. 24505 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Ductwork Cleaning at Various Sites

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$18,900.00 to the district's contract with EnviroBate Metro, Inc. for ductwork cleaning at the District Service Facility, Maxfield Elementary School and Washington Middle school.

B.F. 24506 Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to Contract for Technology Improvements (Bid Package No. 1B) at Frost Lake, Parkway and Webster Elementary Schools

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 for an add amount of \$29,741.76 to the district's contract with Mendota Electric, Inc. for technology improvements (Bid package No. 1B) at Frost Lake, Parkway and Webster Elementary Schools.

B.F. 24507 Authorization for Change Order No. 4 to Contract for Sprinklers, Fire Alarm and Lighting Upgrades at Hazel Park Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 4 for an add amount of \$12,128.00 to the district's contract with CM Construction Company, Inc. for installation of sprinkler, fire alarm and lighting upgrades at Hazel Park Middle School.

B.F. 24508 Authorization for change Order No. 12 to Contract for Building Addition and Renovation at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 12 for an add amount of \$30,304.00 to the district's contract with Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for construction of a building addition and renovation at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School.

B.F. 24509 Bid No. A8593-M Four Color Offset Press for Graphic Services

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8593-M for a four color offset press for Graphic Services to the lowest responsible bidder, Heidelberg USA, Inc., in the amount of \$251,935.00.

B.F. 24510 Bid No. A8603-C Technology Upgrade at Rondo Education Center

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A803-C for the technology upgrade-bid package 1B (Division 16-electrical) at Rondo Education Center to the lowest responsible bidder, White Bear Electric, Inc., for the lump sum base bid of \$171,861.00.

B.F. 24511 Bid No. A8607-C Window Replacement at Ames Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8607-C for window replacement at Ames Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Summit Architectural Products for \$104,286.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1 and 2.

B.F. 24512 Acceptance of Contract Amendment Revising Retiree Health Insurance and Severance Articles in the Employment Agreement for International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, Local 61, Exclusive Representative for Painters

That the Board of Education adopt the Contract Amendment adding the portion of the collective bargaining contract for the period May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001, designated International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, Local 61, Contract Article 12: Wages, Sections 12.6 and 12.7.

B.F. 24513 Monthly Operating Authority

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

(a) General Account	#215447-218772	\$39,133,938.33
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	#3002503-3002604	
(b) Debt Service	-0-	2,052,270.00
(c) Construction	-0-	<u>1,480,541.43</u>
		<u>\$42,666,749.76</u>

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$13,666,481.21 and overtime of \$48,620.77.

(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 May 15, 2001.

B.F. 24514 Contract Services with ASU Group

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the ASU Group, effective March 1, 2001, to provide third party claims administration of our workers' compensation program. The contract amount will be charged to budget code #01-005-930-000-6305-0000.

B.F. 24515 Contract for Services with East Metro Integration School District 6067 (EMID)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a Contract with EMID to receive state desegregation funding for the 5-District Integration Partnership in the amount of \$365,000.

B.F. 24516 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Sheltering Arms Foundation for an Elementary School Violence Prevention Project

That the Board of Education authorize the superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Sheltering Arms Foundation to pilot an elementary School Violence Prevention Project; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the program as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24517 Request for Permission to Submit a Grant Application to the Grotto Foundation for a Shared Reading Project at Como Park Elementary

That the Board of Education authorize the superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application to the Grotto Foundation to expand Shared Reading programming at Como Park Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the program as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24518 Request for Permission to Accept SubAward Grants from the University of Minnesota Center for School Change Gates Foundation Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept subgrant awards for Arlington Senior High School, Central Senior High School, Como Park Senior High School, Harding Senior High School, Highland Park Senior High School, Humboldt Senior High School, Johnson Senior High School from the University of Minnesota Center for School Change Gates Foundation Grant for smaller learning communities planning projects at the high schools; and to implement the projects as specified in the proposals.

B.F. 24519 Request for Permission to Submit an Application for a CHESP Service Learning Grant to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit a grant application for a CHESP Service Learning Grant to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning to expand, enhance, and institutionalize Community Service Learning (CSL) efforts in the

District; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24520 Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Minnesota Department Of Children, Families and Learning for Comprehensive School Reform Grants (Round 4)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit Round Four Comprehensive School Reform Grants to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families, and Learning from American Indian Magnet, Bruce F. Vento Elementary, Como Park Elementary, Crossroads Elementary, Humboldt Junior High, Humboldt Senior High, John A. Johnson A+ Elementary, and Parkway Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

B.F. 24521 Permission to Enter Into an Agreement with the Ramsey County Community Human Services Department

Ms. Montgomery will be voting to Abstain on this item because of her employment with Ramsey County and to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with the Ramsey County Community Human Services Department to provide support services through the Family Support Project for the period beginning January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. A fully funded budget will be established to account for these funds. The Center for Employment and Training will be reimbursed \$2,000 for each participant served. We anticipate serving 10 participants for a total budget of \$20,000.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes
Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Abstain
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes

B.F. 24522 Request for Permission to Submit to the U.S. Department of Education an Application for a Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant

Ms. Carroll stated she is concerned that the appropriate level of district oversight was not exercised in this case to find a better balance between site based decision-making and district guidance. Mr. Conlon commented that if approved, the grant has financial 'tails' once it expires and would create future funding liabilities to the school district. He added he would rather strengthen neighborhood schools than deseg efforts. In response to questions from Board members, Pat Fitzgerald, Office of Academics, reviewed the process of applying for this grant. He reported that all schools were notified of the opportunity to apply and information sessions were held. Schools were selected from the list submitted. He explained that pairings were made by areas of interest. Mr. Oertwig will support this item with the understanding that process issues will be reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application for a Magnet School Assistance

Program Grant to the U.S. Department of Education; 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:

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

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

1. Philip Jarosz The impact a bus driver with a positive attitude can have on students.
2. Doreen Cotton Member of the Great Expectations Parent Academy, a group composed of parents, staff and community members for the purpose of attaining diversity and equal representation in the schools.
3. Mary Reiz Involvement of parents with African American students in every school.
4. Rossie Anderson Howty Concerns of the African American students today; respect, and unequal treatment by teachers.
5. Victoria Davis Review of the Great Expectations Project, black history, support and encouragement of the formation of African American groups in each school, and equal education for all groups.
6. Vernon Lamb The need to look at different methods of teaching diverse groups of children.
7. Don Dame Spoke of the district's medical insurance problems with retired employees moving out of the State of Minnesota.
8. Jacquelyne Nichols Children who skip school and how the district can come up with a better plan to save those children outside of the TIP program.
Ms. Montgomery stated that staff will contact Ms. Nichols to help with her concerns.
9. Michael Brown Requested the proper way to obtain private information from the school concerning his daughter.
Ms. Montgomery stated that staff will contact Mr. Brown regarding his concern.

Dr. Phillips thanked the group for attending and presenting their concerns to the Board. She commented that one point was very important for parents of African American students: getting into the schools; being there and listening to what is going on. It is also important to have representation on the site councils and to have a part in school decision making. She added that there are needs in the African American community that require time to discuss.

Dr. Harvey added comments concerning all students and how the district should be held accountable for ensuring that our children are: a) respected, b) putting in place interventions that it takes for our kids to move forward, and c) to develop the best instruction, the first time around.

Ms. Davis and Dr. Harvey commented further about how African American students compare with other students in achieving when one group does not receive the help that is required.

Mr. Thao suggested this matter be referred to the Committee of the Board for a more in-depth discussion.

A recess was called.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Citizens' Long Range Space Planning Advisory Committee Appointments (CLRSPAC)
No Appointments were made.
2. Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee Appointments (CBFAC)

Ms. Montgomery nominated the following individuals for At Large Appointments to the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee:

Angela Powe Mary Ellen Radmann

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the above individuals be appointed to the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Referral of the topic of Expulsions to the Committee of the Board

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the topic of Expulsions be referred to the Committee of the Board.

Ms. Carroll commented on the need to have consistency in procedural issues concerning expulsions. Mr. Oertwig suggested Board members submit concerns or suggestions to Kent Pekel, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, prior to the Committee of the Board Meeting, so that staff can be prepared for a presentation on the issue of expulsions.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes

Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes

3. Referral of the topic of African American Student Academics to the Committee of the Board, Teaching and Learning Area.

Board members discussed the rationale for making this referral. Ms. Carroll noted her concern about singling out one group of students because the district charge is to deal with every child, every day. Mr. Oertwig added that staff is already working on this issue, including gathering data from schools to determine what is occurring in each school. He felt it was appropriate to look at this issue, inasmuch as other groups bring their issues before the Board at other times. After Board members expressed their opinions, it was decided this issue was of significant importance to hold a separate discussion concerning this group of students. Dr. Harvey suggested this topic may fit into the agenda of the Committee of the Board on April 23, 2001 when the issue of desegregation will be discussed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Dr. Phillips that the topic of African American Student Academics be referred to the Committee of the Board, Teaching and Learning Area, be approved, and that the rules be waived to accept this referral.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

3. Referral of the topic of Procedures for Placing Referrals on the Committee of the Board Agenda.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the topic of Procedures for Placing Referrals on the Committee of the Board Agenda be approved, and that the rules be waived to accept this referral.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Human Resources
 - a. Professional Staff
 - b. Teaching Assistants

- c. Educational Assistants
- d. School and Community Services Professional
- e. Special Needs Bus Drivers

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, that items a through e be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

- f. Classified/Unclassified Service Personnel

Mr. Conlon will be voting to Abstain on the list of Classified/Unclassified Service Personnel (Item f.) to avoid a possible conflict of interest, because it contains the name of his spouse.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Ms. Carroll that item f. under Superintendent's Reports be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes
Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Abstain
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	Yes

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

None

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Montgomery announced various upcoming meeting dates:

March 5, 2001 MSBA's Day at the Capitol Media Event – K-12 Budget
Capitol Rotunda at 11:00 a.m.

March 10, 2001 Alliance for Student Achievement – Community Meetings
Time and Location to be determined.

April 18, 2001 Round Table Discussion Forum – Meet with St. Paul students
360 Colborne Street 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

XVI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

<u>Regular Board Meetings:</u>	March 13, 2001	5:45 p.m.
	April 17, 2001	5:45 p.m.
	May 15, 2001	5:45 p.m.
	May 29, 2001	5:45 p.m.
	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>
	March 6, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Schoolwide Continuous Improvement Accountability Framework (COB) 2. Professional Standards for Teachers and Administrators (COB) 3. Board Personnel Policies (COB)
	March 12, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. School Calendar (COB) 2. Revision of Budgets (COB)
	April 10, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Attendance and Truancy Policy (COB) 2. Technology (COB)
	April 16, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Charter School Renewals (COB)
	April 23, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Desegregation (COB) 2. Articulation (COB) 3. Placement (COB)
	May 14, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: Joint Meeting with CBFAC (non-general funds) (COB) 2. Inclusiveness in Contracting (Opr)

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)
June 12, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. 2001-02 Budget: Budget Priorities (COB) 2. Student Weighted Formula Update (Operations)
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)

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Phillips	-	Yes
Mr. Thao	-	Yes
Ms. Carroll	-	Yes
Mr. Conlon	-	Yes
Ms. Montgomery	-	Yes
Mr. Oertwig	-	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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Board of Education