

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street
JULY 24, 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; Mr. de la O; Ms. Montgomery; Mr. Oertwig; Dr. Phillips; Mr. Thao; 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

By Dr. Harvey:

1. Replacement Page 39 is at places.
2. Pull Item No. 9 on Page 48 from the Agenda.

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

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

By Dr. Harvey:

1. Under Committee Reports, a Corrected Page 27 of the minutes of the meeting of July 2, 2001 is at places.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, 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:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of June 26, 2001.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon seconded by Mr. de la O, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of June 26, 2001 be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

V. RECOGNITIONS

None

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

1. Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment

Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, introduced Dr. Tom Watkins as the new Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment. She reviewed his career achievements and noted he was coming to this district from the Duluth, MN public school system to fill this full time position, in which he will share in the responsibility of carrying out the program initiatives of the accountability program. Ms. Baines introduced Dr. Watkins who spoke briefly of his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the students, staff, parents and stakeholders of St. Paul. He stated his priority is to make sure that students and staff are served in the best way they possibly can be. Ms. Baines thanked Dr. Geoff Maruyama for the time he has given to the St. Paul school district in this capacity.

**VII. INFORMATION REQUESTS AND RESPONSES
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Board
 - a. Meeting of July 2, 2001

Dr. Phillips, Associate Chair, Teaching and Learning, reported on the two items for this meeting which were: 1) Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee Report, and 2) Administration Update and Charter School Application.

1. Dr. Phillips thanked the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee members for their work and the thoughtful recommendations they have brought forward. Dr. Greg Filice and Dr. Gary Kwong, co-chairs of the G/T Committee, gave the report from the Committee. Dr. Kwong spoke to the first three recommendations: 1) All day kindergarten, 2) Staff Training and Materials about Gifted and Talented Students and Offerings. (The committee's observation was that the Board could not just say that there will be gifted and talented programs across the district, it must concentrate on the quality of what is in each of the schools by ensuring that there is staff training and that the appropriate materials are available. Teachers and counselors need to have a better understanding of gifted and talented.) , 3) Broaden the Definition of Gifted/Talented. (Administration is going to be looking at this and coming back to committee with recommendations.) Dr. Filice followed with the remaining three recommendations: 4) Feedback from internal customers (Discussion was held regarding getting feedback from different segments within the community. There are people who think St. Paul has one gifted and talented elementary, one middle school and one high school, which is not the case in this district. Dr. Phillips stated that It is a matter of record that this district will have gifted and talented programs in every school.) 5) Public Support for Gifted/Talented Services and Programming (this message must get out to the community) and 6) The Board of Education charge to the Gifted/Talented Advisory Committee (this is being reviewed and will be reported on in the fall). The administrative response agreed, in general, with the recommendations, however it is a matter of how to get these issues accomplished because of space restrictions, etc.

After this discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education approve the report of the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee and the administrative response.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education complete the revision of the charge of the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee no later than October 1, 2001.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Comments, questions and concerns were voiced by committee members and members of the public. Dr. Phillips reviewed several of the comments: 1) Broaden GT identification process – this is to make sure that no gifted and talented student is excluded because we have a single process. Our goal is to have all students who have the potential to work at a gifted and talented level have the opportunity, because there would be challenges in all schools. 2) Provide services for kids in schools where they are. Many parents would like to keep their children in neighborhood schools and are happy that it is more comprehensive. 3) The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test is a test given to students whose primary language is not English, and others who do not speak English well, but who can be identified based on their potential. Dr. Phillips stated that whatever administration recommends should serve all students well and should address the three principles of equity, fairness, and a level playing field. Students have already been identified for gifted and talented programs for 2001, and this new process of assessment will affect students for the fall of 2002.

2. Charter School Application – Saint Paul Math & Science Academy

Dr. Phillips noted that this was the second application received from this charter school. The first application contained 28 items administration identified for more information. The second application came back with only one of the issues identified. Administration recommended that the Board of Education not sponsor the charter school based on their non-response of a complete proposal.

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education not sponsor the St. Paul Math & Science Charter School.

Mr. Conlon noted that he had voted No on the recommendation, in committee, because he felt he would like to have the charter school have an opportunity to supply the missing information. He questioned whether the charter school had resubmitted an application. Dr. Harvey stated that a new application had been submitted within the last five days and this will be brought before the committee within the timeframe required. Mr. Oertwig, Chair of the Committee of the Board, noted that staff has not completed a review, as yet, of the newly submitted proposal, therefore no specific date has been determined for discussion and recommendation. Dr. Phillips asked if legally the charter school could submit any number of applications. Mr. Lalla, General Counsel, stated that the applicant can submit more than one application, with the same 90-day period timeframe attached for approval or denial.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon to table the recommendation inasmuch as another application has been submitted.

The motion died because of the lack of a second.

Continuation of the Motion:

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

b. Meeting of June 16, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there were two items on the agenda: 1) Expulsion Process, and 2) Blueprint Update.

Expulsion Process – Mr. Oertwig reviewed the expulsion process and noted that in some of the closed meetings, Board members raised various questions and concerns. Mr. Lalla, General Counsel, prepared a summary of those issues, which Mr. Oertwig discussed as follows:

Counseling: Concerns that students be identified early-on before they get to the point of having difficulties in school so they get the support they need and not end up in the expulsion process.

2) Providing counseling during the period of expulsion. 3) Alternative education during the period of expulsion 4) Homebound instruction. How soon and how thorough is the education during the period of suspension and expulsion. 5) Process where sometimes students enroll in alternative education programs in lieu of going through the expulsion process. 6) Not readmitting students back into the same school they came from. 7) Length of an expulsion. 8) Zero tolerance of weapons - this issue will be discussed at length at a later time.

Area Superintendents discussed programs implemented in the elementary and secondary schools that focused on student discipline to improve school climate and safety issues. Mr. Oertwig reported that Sue Ault, Manager, Ramsey County Children's Services, was present to talk about how to coordinate efforts in regard to students who are having difficult issues in their lives. Ms. Ault talked about the ACE program (All children Excel) and congratulated the district on connecting students to the sources they need. Dr. Harvey presented information on partnerships with the county to address these issues and Achievement+ working as a different way of working together.

2. Blueprint Update – Mr. Oertwig commented that this item was a discussion item to ensure that Board members are kept informed as to how the process is going. Dr. Harvey introduced Kent Pekel, Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Implementation, into whose work area this initiative will fall. Also in attendance were David Evertz, Kwame McDonald and Mary Beth Blegen, project and staff members. Mr. Pekel remarked that the district is considering changing the name of the initiative to 'Project Connect'. It is a four year initiative to transform the high school experience in St. Paul by connecting students to each other, to caring educators, and to the worlds of higher education and work. Mr. Pekel then outlined the priorities for the upcoming 2001-2001 school year. Ms. Blegen gave a review of what is happening in each of the seven high schools and outlined their plans. It was reported that the Gates Foundation would provide \$1.5 million to St. Paul high schools to explore conversion into small schools of choice. An additional \$360,000 will be given to Saint Paul high schools that submit a qualifying proposal. Plans will be due from high schools by October 15, 2001.

Mr. Conlon commented that from a public relations aspect, that it could be possible to recruit students from the suburbs to come back to St. Paul, with this new and unique approach. This can be a benefit.

Mr. Thao stated that he feels St. Paul will be a model urban school district that will guarantee student achievement and it is very important that the public know this. He encouraged visits to successful sites by parents, and especially parents of students of color, to see how the small schools concept is working. He was pleased to see that the district is utilizing local expertise in this project.

Dr. Harvey concluded the discussion with a recap of the importance of this work.

Ms. Montgomery commented that next year this initiative will be included in the Program Updates portion of the agenda to inform the Board and the public of the progress that is being made.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, that items 1 through 26, with the exception of a replacement page of item No. 3 on page 39, and the deletion of item No. 9 on page 48, be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

The Approved Consent Agenda Items Follow:

B.F. 24721 Request for Permission to Submit an Application to Wells Fargo Foundation for a Playground Project at Crossroads Elementary

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) submit an application to the Wells Fargo Foundation for playground improvement funding at Crossroads Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24722 Contract Agreement with the University of Minnesota, Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI), for 21st Century Evaluation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to authorize the University of Minnesota, Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI) to conduct the remainder of the evaluation for the 21st Century Grant, Pathways to Progress, in an amount not to exceed \$161,438. This will complete the three-year contract agreement between the University of Minnesota, CAREI, and Saint Paul Public Schools Pathways to Progress program.

B.F. 24723 Authorization for Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement at Spruce Tree Centre for Project L.E.A.D. and CLC Programs

That the Board of Education authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute Amendment No. 1 to lease agreement for the district's lease of space at Spruce Tree Centre, 1600 University Avenue, St. Paul, to house the Project L.E.A.D. (Leadership Environment Adventure and Determination) and CLC (Community Learning Circle) programs for a term of five years commencing August 15, 2001 and terminating June 30, 2006.

B.F. 24724 Authorization for Amendment to Lease Agreement with Church of St. John for Program for Achieving Success (P.A.S.)

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of Amendment No. 1 to the district's Lease Agreement with the Church of St. John for lease of space at St. John's School for the Program for Achieving Success (P.A.S.)

B.F. 24725 Authorization for Amendment to Lease Agreement with Church of St. John for Safe Schools Healthy Students Program

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of Amendment No. 1 to the district's Lease Agreement with the Church of St. John for lease of space at St. John's School for the Safe Schools Healthy Students program.

B.F. 24726 Approval of an Employment Agreement with Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union No. 1 of Minnesota, to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2001-2004

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 Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union No. 1 of Minnesota is the exclusive representative; duration of said Agreement is for the period of May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2004.

B.F. 24727 Approval of an Employment Agreement with Minnesota Cement Masons, Plasterers and Shophands Local 633, to Establish Terms and Conditions of Employment for 2001-2004

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 Minnesota Cement Masons, Plasterers and Shophands Local 633 is the exclusive representative; duration of said Agreement is for the period of May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2004.

B.F. 24728 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Parking Lot Improvements at Roosevelt Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$6,410.25 to the district's contract with Daily & Son Blacktopping, Inc. for construction of playground/traffic/parking lot improvements at Roosevelt Elementary School.

B.F. 24729 Bid No. A8650-A Frozen Potatoes

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8650-A for the furnishing and delivery of frozen potatoes to the lowest conforming bidder, Sysco Minnesota, in the amount of \$55,560.00.

B.F. 24730 Bid No. A8655-A Dairy and Juice Products

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8655-A for the furnishing and delivery of dairy and juice products to the lowest responsible bidder, Schroeder Milk Company, in the amount of \$1,374,074.00.

B.F. 24731 Bid No. A8664-A Chicken Products

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8664-A for the furnishing and delivery of chicken products to the lowest conforming bidder, Upper Lakes Foods, Inc., in the amount of \$220,150.00.

B.F. 24732 Bid No. A8667-A Meat and Fish Items

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8667-A for the furnishing and delivery of meat and fish items to the lowest conforming bidder, Upper Lakes Foods, Inc., in the amount of \$158,478.00.

B.F. 24733 Bid No. A8668-C Tennis Courts/Landscaping at Como Park Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8668-C for the tennis court and landscape improvements at Como Park Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Bituminous Roadways, Inc. for \$142,705.00 the base bid "A" plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24734 Bid No. A8669-C Classroom Addition at Battle Creek Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8669-C for the classroom addition and related work at Battle Creek Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company, Inc. for \$357,138.00.

B.F. 24735 Deletion of Policy 102.00 Civil Rights/Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Parental Status

That the Board of Education approve deletion of Policy 102.00 Civil Rights/Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action-Parental Status.

B.F. 24736 Non-employee Attendance at Conferences and Workshops to Represent Saint Paul Public Schools

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee to use district funds to reimburse non-employees for expenses related to conference attendance when the attendance is at the request of the district, approved by a principal, site council or advisory council, and budget has been committed to cover the cost.

B.F. 24737 Permission to Enter into Contract with Saint Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative to provide Family Collaborative supported activities in the areas of Student Wellness, Special Education, School Readiness, and Early Childhood Family Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the Saint Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative in the amount of \$450,000.

B.F. 24738 Permission to modify the Saint Paul Public Schools Community Education Schedule of hourly pay rates

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve modification of the Community Education Department schedule of hourly rates from the Federal Minimum Wage to \$40.00, with \$.50 increments.

B.F. 24739 Permission to Enter into Contract with Saint Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative to Provide a Summer School Readiness Program

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the Saint Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative, to provide Summer School Readiness Programming, in the amount of \$150,000.

B.F. 24740 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Katherine B. Anderson Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation for a Reading Project

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant award from the Katherine B. Anderson Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation to the Indian Education Office for reading materials and videos, and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24741 Request for Permission to Submit an Application for a Multicultural Educators (formerly Teachers of Color) Grant to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families & Learning

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning for a Multicultural Educators (formerly Teachers of Color) Grant to provide financial and mentoring support for working adults in the district

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

B.F. 24742 Submission of Annual Plan and Transfer of Saint Paul Early Intervention Part H Funding to Mounds View Public Schools to Provide Service Coordination and Family Support Services

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit the 2001-2002 Interagency Early Intervention Part H annual plan and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mounds View Public Schools approving the transfer of \$251,505 of Part H federal funds to provide early intervention service coordination and purchase services for Saint Paul eligible children and their families from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

B.F. 24743 Consultant Contract for Mary Beth Blegen

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Mary Beth Blegen as consultant to coordinate the efforts of the seven high schools in establishing a plan to ensure that every student graduate with the knowledge and skills for success. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$65,000.00. Funds will be paid from budget number 01-005-105-000-6305-0000. Implementation will be from August 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

B.F. 24744 Appointments to the Latino Consent Decree Parent Advisory Committee

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve the following members to the Latino Consent Decree Parent Advisory Committee:

Nicha Coates	Latino community representative
Annabella Römer	La Oportunidad, Inc. community agency representative
Maria Teresa Vanegas	Parent from Harding High School
Aimee Ortiz	Parent from Monroe Community Achievement + School
Lidia Pérez	Parent from Roosevelt Magnet School
Ramón Lozano	Saint Paul Public Schools' staff member
Lisa Boehlke	Saint Paul Public Schools' staff member

Additionally, that Eustolio Pérez be appointed staff liaison and Yusef Mgeni be appointed administrator for the Latino Consent Decree Parent Advisory Committee.

B. F. 24745 Consultant Contract for Patrick Fitzgerald

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Patrick Fitzgerald as project coordinator to implement the Federal Magnet Assistance Program grant as per the specific directions of the grant. The total cost of the contract for Patrick Fitzgerald will not exceed \$70,000.00. Funds will be paid from #29-005-605-000-6110-4450 and will run from August 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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

None

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Sale of \$15,000,000 in Capital Bonds and \$5,000,000 in Alternative Bonds
Lois Rockney, Executive Director of Business & Financial Affairs, reported the sale of the above bonds and that information of the sale is at places. She introduced Dr. John Maas, Springsted, who stated that the bids came in this afternoon at 4.75% which is the best bid the district has had in nearly twenty years. The winning bid came from U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, Inc. with Wells Fargo Brokerage Services and Edward D. Jones & Company. Mr. Conlon asked about the alternative bonds and the

linkage between discussions with the Citizens' Budget & Finance Advisory Committee regarding long term debt. Ms. Rockney clarified the rationale behind the sale of \$5,000,000 in alternative bonds and the sale previously this year of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (interest free) and how this is tied to the commitment made to the CBFAC to lower the debt load of the district.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the sale of \$15,000,000 in Capital Bonds and \$5,000,000 in Alternative Bonds be approved. (B.F. 24746 and B.F. 24747)

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Montgomery noted that at the next meeting of the Board of Education, on August 28, 2001, appointments will be made to the Citizens's Budget and Finance Advisory Committee and the Citizens' Long Range Space Planning Advisory Committee.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, that Item g under Superintendent's Reports – Recommendation for the Appointment of Assistant Director of Educational Technology – be added to the agenda.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Kent Pikel, Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Implementation, announced that Sheldon Ramnarine will be the new Assistant Director of Educational Technology. He remarked on Mr. Ramnarine's background and experience and noted that this is one of the first steps that is going to be taken to make this district a technology empowered district. The new position will be responsible for getting data to the classrooms in ways that are useful in improving instruction. Mr. Pikel introduced Connie Feil, Director of Technology, who reviewed Mr. Ramnarine's past positions and background and introduced him to the Board and the Superintendent. Mr. Ramnarine commented that he is looking forward to the challenges and the opportunity this district has to offer.

1. Human Resources

- a. Professional Staff
- b. Teaching Assistants
- c. Educational Assistants
- d. School and Community Service Professionals
- e. Special Needs Bus Drivers
- f. Classified/Unclassified Service Personnel
- g. Recommendation for Assistant Director of Educational Technology

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

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

None

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Thao commented that he would like to see a Blueprint project progress report at each Board meeting to keep the community informed as to the progress of this important program. Dr. Harvey reported that in September a video tape will be shown of various New York schools that have successfully implemented the project, along with some of the work being done in our district. Mr. Oertwig noted that this topic will be scheduled to be discussed at a Committee of the Board meeting. Ms. Carroll added that this topic may be one that could be discussed when Board members are out meeting with the public in connection with their outreach effort. Mr. Oertwig hopes to have some Board thought about what kind of topics they want to have in terms of meetings in the community. He also asked Board members, and staff, to prepare a list of the most crucial topics they feel should be discussed and that should get public attention, throughout the fall. He asked Board members and staff to be prepared, at the August 20th meeting, to schedule Committee of the Board meetings for the balance of the year, or have an idea of which topics are most important from Board and staff perspective.

Mr. de la O commented that last week the school community, West Side community and the St. Paul community lost a good friend: Phil Ravitsky passed away from complications of an auto accident. He reviewed some of Mr. Ravitsky's background in connection with the schools and his dedication to the students of St. Paul. He offered his condolences, and that of the Board and Superintendent, to Mr. Ravitsky's family and friends.

XVI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. de la O, that the following meetings be scheduled:

Special Meeting of the Board	September 25, 2001 (Proposed Tax Levy)
<u>Closed Meetings (Negotiations):</u>	
August 20, 2001	November 13, 2001
September 10, 2001	November 27, 2001
October 1, 2001	December 3, 2001
October 15, 2001	December 10, 2001
	December 17, 2001

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

Regular Meeting	August 28, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
Regular Meeting (Monday)	September 10, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
Special Meeting (Proposed Tax Levy)	September 25, 2001	6:15 p.m.	
Regular Meeting	October 16, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
Regular Meeting	November 20, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
Regular Meeting	December 18, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
Closed Meetings (Negotiations)	August 20, 2001	5:45 p.m.	Conference Room 5A
	September 10, 2001		(Following Board Meeting)
	October 1, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
	October 15, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
	November 13, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
	November 27, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
	December 3, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
	December 10, 2001	5:45 p.m.	
	December 17, 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>
	August 20, 2001	6:45 p.m.	1. Work Session (COB)
	September 25, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Proposed Tax Levy (Opr.)

	6:30 p.m.	2. Strategic Planning Update (COB)
October 15, 2001	6:45 p.m.	1. Annual Audit (Opr)
October 29, 2001	5:45 p.m.	1. Budget Revisions (Opr)
November 13, 2001	6:45 p.m.	1. Technology Update (Opr) 2. Superintendent's Work Plan (COB)
November 27, 2001	6:45 p.m.	1. Accountability Update: Multiple Measures (COB)

Discussion:

Mr. Oertwig read a list of topics that will be scheduled for discussion at a future Committee of the Board meeting and a list of topics for informational purposes.

Mr. Conlon suggested that at the scheduled negotiations meetings, that the Budget Department could be in attendance in the event questions may come up that affect the budget. Dr. Phillips asked about the timeline for the School Readiness Report in the fall and Dr. Harvey stated a preliminary report may be ready for the August 28th meeting or a more complete report at the September 10th meeting. Mr. Conlon requested Committee of the Board meetings be scheduled on Tuesdays when possible. Dr. Phillips stated it was her understanding that there would be a response to the questions and another meeting would be scheduled regarding the gifted and talented report, so that it would be an opportunity to look at the indicators and see if they measure up to the principles that have been set. She stated this should be done in the fall so that parents can understand the process and that every child have the opportunity to take advantage of these services. Dr. Harvey stated that decisions would be made within the timeframe required.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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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