

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 625
Saint Paul, Minnesota
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administration Building
360 Colborne Street
JUNE 26, 2001
5:45 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 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

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| By Dr. Harvey: | 1. Add new items No. 61, 62, 63 and 64 and replacement Pages No. 90, 94, 96. |
| By Mr. de la O: | 1. Pull No. 16 for separate consideration. |
| By Ms. Carroll: | 1. Pull No. 27 for separate consideration. |

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

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Order of the Main Agenda

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| By Dr. Harvey: | 1. Replacement Human Resources Pages 151-177 at places. |
| | 2. Under <u>Recognitions</u> , pull No. 2, to be brought back at a future meeting. |
| | 3. Under <u>Board of Education Reports</u> , add: a. Children's Initiative – Mr. Oertwig |

b. Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Mr. Oertwig

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. de la O, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the Order of the Main Agenda be approved as amended.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 15, 2001.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of May 15, 2001 be approved.

Mr. Oertwig amplified his comments on Page 11 of the minutes, regarding transportation costs. He noted that his point was not the percentage of the increases so much as comparing that with the amount of money the district is getting through the legislative process. He stated his point was that the cost increases for transportation are greater than the funding that will be coming from the State so that the district will have to find other places that this money can come from, not just transportation, but other areas as well.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 12, 2001.

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 12, 2001 be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. de la O - Yes

V. RECOGNITIONS

B.F. 24651 Recognition of Sylvia Perez for Receiving the National Association of State Title I Directors and the U.S. Department of Education Title I Distinguished Graduate Award

Ms. Linda Garrett, Assistant Director of Titled Programs, introduced Sylvia Perez and highlighted her career and her involvement with Title I programs in the district and at the national level. This award is given by the National Association of State Title I Directors, who annually recognize a person from each state for the Title I Distinguished Graduate Award. Ms. Perez was selected as the 2001 award recipient from Minnesota in recognition of her participation in the program as a student, parent, employee and volunteer. Ms. Perez thanked the district and Title I for this award. She received the congratulations of the Board and the Superintendent.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. de la O, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Board of Education recognizes Sylvia Perez for her outstanding success as a Title I graduate and for receiving the 2001 Title I Distinguished Graduate Award for the State of Minnesota.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24652 Minnesota Association of Secondary Principals, Capitol Division, Assistant Principal of the Year, 2001.

Audrey Bridgeford, Area A, introduced F. Michael McCollor as the recipient of the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, Capitol Division, Assistant Principal of the Year Award for 2001. She reviewed Dr. McCollor's background of service in the St. Paul schools for the past 16 years, and his contributions to student achievement. Dr. McCollor received a recognition certificate and the congratulations of the Board and the Superintendent.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Conlon, that the Board of Education recognize F. Michael McCollor as MASSP, Capitol Division, Assistant Principal of the Year 2001.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24653 Recognition of Volunteer Gardeners at 360 Colborne Street

Patrick Quinn, Executive Director, School Services, described the work that has been done by two dedicated volunteers (and employees of the school district) Bonnie Lawrence and Sherry Saxton, in creating a beautiful walking garden at the entrance to the district's Administration Building. Mr. Quinn noted that the garden was planted and is maintained by Bonnie and Sherry on their own time, and through their resourcefulness, many donations were received from the community. Recognition certificates were presented to Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Saxton, along with the thanks of the Board and the Superintendent, for initiating a very welcoming scene for employees and visitors to the Administration Building.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education recognize Bonnie Lawrence and Sherry Saxton for their volunteer work in developing gardens at 360 Colborne Street and their other extensive beautification efforts of district and city sites.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24654 Recognition of Denise Quinlan and Joan Rourke for their selection as Fullbright Exchange Administrators to Argentina

Tanya Martin Pekel, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, introduced the recipients of this recognition and gave a brief description of the importance of this exchange program with Argentina which consisted of 24 Argentina administrators and 13 United States administrators. Ms. Quinlan and Ms. Rourke gave brief highlights of their trip and expressed their appreciation for being chosen to participate in an excellent program of exchange of educational ideas

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Dr. Phillips, that the Board of Education recognize Denise Quinlan and Joan Rourke for their selection as Fullbright Exchange Administrators.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Due to a previous commitment, Mr. Conlon left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

1. Excel

Denise Quinlan, Director of Excel, announced that as of this date, there have been 861 students identified for the Excel Program, and 87 teachers. She reviewed the structure of the schools, the

grade levels involved, various components of the program, and the technology available for students in the 8.5 level. Teachers have started their home visits and each student will receive three visits during the year. Board members asked questions and made complimentary comments about this program. Ms. Quinlan will forward to Board members more information concerning the number of students attending summer school, and other questions, in response to their request.

2. Summer School

Gene Janicke, Area Superintendent D, reported that summer school has started and listed the number of sites that are being used: 16 elementary sites, 5 secondary sites, 2 major special education sites and a variety of community education, early childhood and grant supported programs as well as partnerships with community providers. Over 10,000 students were in school on Monday and that number is expected to rise by the end of the week. He noted the focus of the elementary level is literacy and math, and the focus of the secondary summer school is preparing for success in the Minnesota Basic Standards. Mr. Janicke thanked all the staff for their work in giving this summer school session a great start. Board members asked questions and noted their appreciation for the well organized start of summer school. The last day of summer school is July 27th.

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

A Board member suggested that a Board recognition resolution be prepared for Mary K. Boyd, who is retiring, for all of her good work in the district. A second request is for a recognition resolution for the Assistants to the Area Superintendents for their work and commitment to the Saint Paul Schools. It was suggested that this be done at a future Board of Education meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, that the Board of Education show its appreciation at a Board Meeting for District Administrators who will be leaving positions at this level.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Topics for future Committee of the Board Meetings should be forwarded to Ms. Pekel so that a schedule can be created for the balance of the year.

A Board member would like the issue of community outreach by Board members be revisited.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Board

a. Meeting of May 21, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there were two topics on the agenda for this meeting: 1) 2001-2002 Budget, and 2) Work Session.

2001-2001 Budget Mr. Oertwig reviewed various aspects of the budget that were already in progress – schools were working on their 1.1% reductions, schools were working through the SCIP process – (several schools were present to explain their process) – reductions in the central administration were made.

Dr. Harvey announced that Museum Magnet Elementary School was selected as a Blue Ribbon school and congratulated staff for their hard work in creating educational excellence

b. Meeting of June 11, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there were three topics on the agenda for this meeting: 1) Charter Schools, 2) Student Achievement Update, and 3) Work Session. The Charter Schools topic was discussed and recommendations made at the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on June 12, 2001.

Student Achievement Update

Dr. Phillips reported that significant gains had been made by students in the 3rd, 5th and 8th grades. She noted that these gains were the result of focusing on students' academic growth plans, creating safety nets for students in need, as well as students being serious about their achievement. Dr. Phillips commented that there have been a number of changes in the district and they are now beginning to work and we are moving in the right direction.

c. Meeting of June 12, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there was a discussion about budget priorities. Discussion and priorities are detailed in the minutes of this meeting and appear in the Agenda Book on pages 43 through 46 for your information.

d. Meeting of June 19, 2001

Mr. Oertwig reported there were three items on the agenda: 1) School Improvement Reports, 2) East Metro Integration District 6067 Desegregation Plan, and 3) 2001-02 Budget: CBFAC Final Budget Report to the Board.

School Improvement Reports

Dr. Phillips reported that Dr. Harvey presented information on the district's School Improvement Reports and various indicators, such as graduation rates, drop out rates, and student attendance. This will serve as a guide for parents as they are looking for schools for their children. Dr. Phillips noted that this is not a report card, like students receive, but it is a set of data that is shared around individual schools that provides performance data that is the state wide testing as well as local assessment and outcomes of students. It provides information on demographics and indicators such as student attendance, graduation rates, drop out rates, listing of teachers in the buildings in terms of experience, background and education.

East Metro Integration District 6067 Desegregation Plan

Mr. Oertwig commented that the district has been involved in integration efforts for some time. The new desegregation requirement makes it necessary that districts develop a new plan – there are now 10 districts in this effort. He reviewed the process involved in the development of the following resolution:

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved that the Board of Education approve District 625 Board Resolution (Attachment A)

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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| Ms. Montgomery | - | Yes |
| Mr. Oertwig | - | Yes |
| Dr. Phillips | - | Yes |
| Mr. Thao | - | Yes |
| Ms. Carroll | - | Yes |
| Mr. de la o | - | Yes |

2001-02 Budget: CBFAC Final Budget Report to the Board

Mr. Oertwig noted that numerous meetings and discussions have been held, as well as meetings with the citizens' committee in preparation for the CBFAC final report to the Board. The presentation was made by the co-chairs of the CBFAC, David Evertz and Diane Raff, and the following four specific recommendations were reported:

1) Capital borrowing for deferred maintenance is a threat to long-term budget health, 2) a student weighted formula should be implemented by 2002-03, 3) the general unreserved fund balance of 5% must be maintained, 4) contract negotiations should be settled consistent with the adopted budget.

Mr. Oertwig stated that following this presentation, the administrative response was made, and noted that administration was able to work effectively with the citizens' committee and their recommendations were very consistent with those of the CBFAC.

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education approve the Administration's response to the Citizens' Budget and Finance Advisory Committee's report and recommendations.

Ms. Carroll asked if timelines could be attached to some of the specific items so that the public is aware of the status of the agreements.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mr. Oertwig reported that Dr. Harvey reviewed some of the many good things that are occurring in the district, i.e. balanced literacy, integrated math, Achievement +, MAT7 scores, Excel Program, Principals' Institute, English Language Learner's Program, the Immersion Program, seven schools being taken off the probation list. Mr. Oertwig further stated that this year the district is facing the worst budget cycle in years. He added that In April the district had a 1.1% overall reduction, which were reductions made in central administration as well as throughout the system. At this meeting, additional proposed reductions were made in order to deal with the realities of the legislative process. The additional proposed reductions include reducing the budget by an additional \$7.7 million; \$4.5 of that coming from the central administrative level, and \$3.2 coming from the schools working through the site-based process. He stated that an expected \$21 million shortfall was anticipated and it was hoped that a portion of that would be restored during the legislative process, however at the present time, the outlook is that the district would get only \$5.8 million. Mr. Oertwig listed the positions in central administration that would be eliminated and the programs and some of the services being reduced.

Motion Recommended by Committee: That the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for further cuts in Fiscal Year 2001-02 budget.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Ms. Montgomery reported that a correction sheet is at Board member's places indicating a change in both revenue and expenditure figures because of an increase in the number of ELL students. The rules are waived to accept the corrected motion, as follows:

Motion Recommended by Committee: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Dr. Phillips, That the Board of Education approve the budget for fiscal year 2001-02 as detailed below. (Attachment B) And, further, that the Board of Education direct the administration to communicate this information in the adopted budget document for 2001-02.

Mr. Conlon thanked staff for their hard work, and how the process of cuts that had to be made were balanced out between administration and the schools. He congratulated the citizens' committee for coming up with good reforms and pointed out his agreement with their specific recommendations, such as maintaining the 5% fund balance. He agreed the district should reduce their dependence on the fund balance; this fund balance if reduced could impact bond ratings, increase borrowing costs and creates the problem of restoring the fund. He commented on the 2.5% versus 3.0% salary issue and indicated how this may allow the district to look at some of the services that have been cut in schools. He feels this is the start of a good process where issues identified will not get lost - such as the student weighted formula, and will create better ways to do things. He noted several areas that should be examined are: 1) look at the unfunded mandates, and 2) look at grant problems and what happens when the grant funding runs out. Mr. Conlon stated that he cannot agree with the numbers as presented.

Ms. Montgomery noted that one of Mr. Conlon's concerns was discussed at the June 19, 2001 meeting: the use of the fund balance and the impact on bond ratings. Lois Rockney, Executive Director of Business & Financial Affairs added comments concerning what is being done regarding this matter. She indicated that this year the district did sell some Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, an interest free bond, which will save the taxpayers of St. Paul some additional funds and will be selling less of alternative bonds to hold the debt load to a minimum. She added that a Blue Ribbon Task Force will be initiated to look at the debt load of the district, and that staff is working with Springsted, the district's financial consultants, as they do an analysis for the district to look at what the debt load should be. This information will be shared with the Task Force and also with CBFAC next year. This, she added, will give the district a baseline of what is an appropriate debt load. These things are being done to ensure that the debt load does not impact the district's bond rating in the future.

Continuation of the Amended Motion:

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

Work Session Mr. Oertwig reported that committee members listed a number of items that would possibly be discussed at future Committee of the Board meetings for the next six months.

Ms. Carroll made the following corrections to the minutes of the Committee of the Board meeting of June 19, 2001: 1) correction on Page 3 of the minutes, indicating the name of Lydia Midness was incorrectly recorded as Lydia Minds. 2) The comment made by Mr. Oertwig thanking the members of the CBFAC members who are at their maximum time to serve - - should read Mr. Oertwig recognized and thanked the CBFAC members for their years of service on the committee.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao , that items 1 through 64, save items No. 16 and 27 for separate consideration, with replacement pages No. 90, 94, 96 and 151 through 177 be approved as amended, and that the rules be waived to accept the replacement pages.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

The Approved Consent Agenda Items Follow:

B.F. 24655 Permission to Accept a Grant from Veritas Software Foundation to Purchase Instructional Materials at Saint Anthony Park Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a gift of \$6,000 from Veritas Software Foundation to be used for the purchase of non-individualized instructional materials to address SCIP components.

B.F. 24656 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant Award from the Deluxe Corporation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant award from the Deluxe Corporation for reading materials at Museum Magnet; and to implement the program as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24657 Request for Permission to Submit Continuation Grant Applications to the Partners: Arts and Schools for Students Grants to the Minnesota Center for Arts Education

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit continuation applications to the Minnesota Center Arts Education for Partners: Arts and Schools for Students (PASS) grants for classroom arts activities at Central High School, Highland Senior High School, and

Saint Paul Open School; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24658 Request for Permission to Submit an Application to the Deluxe Foundation for Reading Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications to the Deluxe Corporation for reading materials at Como Park Elementary and Frost Lake Magnet; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24659 Request for Permission to Submit an Application to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for an Education Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for environmental education projects at Battle Creek Elementary School; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24660 Request for Permission to Submit Applications for Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Residency Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications to the Minnesota State Arts Board for artist residency projects at Adams Spanish Immersion Magnet, James J. Hill Montessori Magnet, Linwood A+ School, Longfellow Humanities Magnet, Phalen Lake Elementary, Webster Enrichment Magnet, and World Cultures and Languages Magnet; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24661 Request for Permission to Submit Applications to AT&T Broadband for Emerging Technology Awards for Educators Grant

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications to AT&T Broadband for materials and technology for technology integration projects at Cherokee Heights Elementary, Hayden Heights Elementary, and Prosperity Heights Elementary; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24662 Request for Permission to Submit Applications to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning for Goals 2000 Grants

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit applications for Goals 2000 grants to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning to support districtwide learning readiness, site-level evaluation and accountability and professional development activities; to accept funds, if awarded, and to implement the project as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24663 Center for Employment and Training Combined Workforce Investment Act and Minnesota Youth Program 2001-2002 Contract

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County, Workforce Solutions Division, for Workforce Investment Act Youth Program and Minnesota Youth Program for the period beginning April 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, to provide employment related services to youth; and to establish a fully financed budget in the amount of \$783,000.

B.F. 24664 Center for Employment and Training Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Youth Program 2001-2002 Contract

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County, Workforce Solutions Division, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Youth Program for the period beginning June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2002, to provide employment related services to youth; and to establish a fully financed budget in the amount of \$343,665.

B.F. 24665 Center for Employment and Training Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) 2001-2002 Contract

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an agreement with Workforce Solutions, for the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) for the period beginning July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002, to provide job placement and case management services for public assistance recipients.

B.F. 24666 County of Ramsey through the Department of Public Health Contracts with Saint Paul Public Schools to Provide Services to Adolescent Parents

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the County of Ramsey through the Department of Public Health to provide public health nursing home visits from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

B.F. 24667 School Improvement Plans for Improving America's School Act (IASA) Title I

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit School Continuous Improvement Plans and applications for funding to the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning to fulfill Title I, School Improvement requirements under the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) for St. Paul Open School, Benjamin E. Mays Magnet School, Ames Elementary, Como Park Elementary, Dayton's Bluff Elementary, Bruce Vento Elementary, Eastern Heights Elementary, Highwood Hills Elementary, Jackson Magnet School, Linwood A+ Magnet School, Longfellow Magnet School, Maxfield Magnet School, and Mississippi Magnet School, North End Elementary, Saturn River/Front Academy, and American Indian Magnet School for the 2001-2002 school year, and if awarded to accept such funds.

B.F. 24668 Approval of an Employment Agreement with Lakes and Plains Regional Council of Carpenters and Joiners, 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 Lakes and Plains Regional Council of Carpenters and Joiners is the exclusive representative; duration of said Agreement is for the period of May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2004.

B.F. 24669 Letter of Agreement Between Saint Paul Public Schools, "Pathways to Progress", 21st Century Community Learning Centers and New Spirit Charter School

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a Letter of Agreement with New Spirit Charter School, 260 Edmund Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55103, for the purpose of using their facility, at no cost, to provide needed summer youth programs.

B.F. 24670 Master Lease Agreement with Apple Computer, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a five year master lease agreement with Apple Computer, Inc. and authorize the Executive Director of Business and Financial Affairs to execute the individual lease schedules for the purpose of providing financing for technology and computer equipment.

B.F. 24671 Authorization for Agreement to Lease Space at Spruce Tree Centre

That the Board of Education authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute an agreement for lease of space at Spruce Tree 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, in accordance with all terms and conditions of said agreement; and, further, authorize payment of any leasehold improvement costs exceeding the tenant improvement allowance included in the rent.

B.F. 24672 Settlement on Acquisition of Properties at 703 Wells and 733 Wells Street

That the Board of Education authorize payment of a settlement agreement in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Mr. Martin Evenson as stipulated in the final settlement of the district's acquisition of properties at 703 and 733 Wells Street for the John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School construction project.

B.F. 24673 County of Ramsey through the Human Services Department Contracts with Saint Paul Public Schools to Provide Childcare Services

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with the County of Ramsey through Community Human Services Department to provide childcare services from September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002.

B.F. 24674 Transfer of Charter School Sponsorship

That the Board of Education approve the agreement to transfer sponsorship of the Skills for Tomorrow Junior High School to Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seals Minnesota, effective February 22, 2001.

B.F. 24675 Authorization for Hourly Rate Increase: The Cuningham Group

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to obtain professional consultant architectural services provided by The Cuningham Group on the basis of an hourly rate fee schedule with a not-to-exceed a maximum hourly rate of \$120.00 per hour.

B.F. 24676 Permission to Attend LASER K-8 Science Education Institute

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to approve Tanya Martin Pekel, Renie Willard, Lolita Cox, Say Billy Chan and Russann Low attend the LASER K-8 Science Education Institute, July 22-27, 2001, in Washington, D.C. That registration and travel expenditures will be paid by the Curriculum budget.

B.F. 24677 Authorization for Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Roof Replacement at J. J. Hill Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 1 for an add amount of \$9,261.00 to the district's contract with John A. Dalsin & Son, Inc. for replacement of the roof at J. J. Hill Elementary School.

B.F. 24678 Authorization for Amendment No. 7 to Lease Agreement with Goodwill Industries, Inc. Easter Seal Society of Minnesota

That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of Amendment No. 7 to the district's agreement with Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seal Society of Minnesota for lease of 650 square feet of space at 2543 Como Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the period of August 30, 2001 through August 29, 2002, subject to all other terms and conditions of the lease agreement.

B.F. 24679 Authorization for Change Order No. 8 to Contract for General Construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 8 for an add amount of \$15,696.00 to the district's contract with Adolfson and Peterson, Inc. for general construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School.

B.F. 24680 Authorization for Change Order No. 9 to Contract for General Construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School.

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 9 for an add amount of \$17,315.00 to the district's contract with Adolfson and Peterson, Inc. for general construction of Crosswinds Interdistrict Arts and Science Middle School.

B.F. 24681 Authorization for Change Order No. 10 to Contract for General Construction of a Building Addition at Murray Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 10 for an add amount of \$69,644.30 to the district's contract with CM Construction Company, Inc. for construction of a building addition at Murray Junior High School.

B. F. 24682 Bid No. A8632-M District Copier Contract

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8632-M for a contract to furnish, deliver and service copiers and provide copier supplies for the entire district for a two year period to the lowest confirming bidder, IKON Office Solutions, with an evaluation total of \$3,577,576.60.

B.F. 24683 Bid No. A8642-C (Ratification) Air Conditioning/Re-lighting at Washington Technology Middle School

That the Board of Education ratify the administration's action awarding Bid No. A8642-C for the air conditioning, re-lighting and related work at Washington Technology Middle School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for \$520,221.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 3.

B.F. 24684 Bid No. A8644-C (Ratification) Remodeling at Rondo Education Center

That the Board of Education ratify the administration's action awarding Bid No. A8644-C for the Museum-on-the-Move remodeling at the Rondo Education Center to the lowest responsible Bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Co., Inc. for \$301,327.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternates no. 1,2, and 3.

B.F. 24685 Bid No. A8645-C (Ratification) Addition and Remodeling at Mississippi Elementary School

That the Board of Education ratify the administration's action awarding Bid No. A8645-C for the addition and remodeling at Mississippi Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for \$1,263,000.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 2.

B.F. 24686 Bid No. A8646-C (Ratification) Upgrades at Highland Park Junior and Senior High Schools

That the Board of Education ratify the administration's action awarding Bid No. A8646-C for miscellaneous upgrades at Highland Park Junior and Senior High Schools to the lowest responsible bidder, American Liberty Construction, Inc. for \$50,386.00, the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 1.

B.F. 24687 Bid No. A8647-C (Ratification) Asbestos Abatement at Washington Technology Middle School

That the Board of Education ratify the administration's action awarding Bid No. A8647-C for the asbestos abatement at Washington Technology Middle School to the lowest responsible bidder, Veit Environmental, Inc. for \$182,520.00, the lump sum base bid.

B.F. 24688 Bid No. A8649-A Frozen Breakfast Products

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8649-A for the furnishing and delivery of frozen breakfast products to the lowest confirming bidder, J. H. Food Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$68,640.00.

B.F. 24689 Bid No. A8652-A Assorted Snack Items

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8652-A for the furnishing and delivery of assorted snack items to the sole bidder, Diversified Snack Distribution, Inc. in the amount of \$140,000.00.

B.F. 24690 Bid No. A8653-A Little Debbie Snack Items

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8653-A for the furnishing and delivery of Little Debbie snack items to the sole bidder, McKee Foods Corporation in the amount of \$60,000.00.

B.F. 24691 Bid No. A8654-A Single Fold Paper Towels

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8654-A for the furnishing and delivery of single fold paper towels to Clark Products, the lowest conforming bidder, in the amount of \$102,018.00.

B.F. 24692 Bid No. A8657-A Ice Cream and Novelties

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8657-A for the furnishing and delivery of ice cream and novelties to the sole bidder, Brown's Ice Cream Company in the amount of \$139,953.00.

B.F. 24693 Bid No. A8659-C Remodeling and Addition at Johnson Senior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8659-C for the remodeling and addition at Johnson Senior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Oakwood Builders, Inc. for \$793,881.00 the lump sum base bid plus alternate no. 10 and unit prices #1 through 5.

B.F. 24694 Bid No. A8660-M Auditorium Construction Upgrades at Humboldt Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8660-M for auditorium construction upgrades at Humboldt Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Schreiber Mullaney Construction Company, Inc. for \$307,256.00.

B.F. 24695 Bid No. A8662-M Auditorium Audio-Visual Equipment at Humboldt Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8662-M for auditorium audio-visual equipment at Humboldt Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Impulse Group for \$97,538.00.

B.F. 24696 Bid No. A8663-M Auditorium Seating at Humboldt Junior High School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8663-M for auditorium seating upgrades at Humboldt Junior High School to the lowest responsible bidder, Arch Spec, Inc. for \$53,391.00.

B.F. 24697 Bid No. A8665-C Moisture Remediation at North End Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize award of Bid No. A8665-C for moisture penetration remediation at North End Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, L.S. Black Constructors, Inc. for the lump sum base bid of \$128,169.00.

B.F. 24698 Monthly Operating Authority

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

| | | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| (a) General Account | #227574-230641 | \$39,817,656.13 |
| | #3002895-3003004 | |
| (b) Debt Service | -0- | 17,546.18 |
| (c) Construction | -0- | <u>1,173,520.89</u> |
| | | <u>\$41,008,723.20</u> |

Included in the above disbursements are payrolls in the amount of \$14,881,870.81 and overtime of \$63,738.15.

(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 September 10, 2001.

B.F. 24699 Revision of Policy 604.00 Graduation Standards

That the Board of Education approve revisions to Policy 604.00 Graduation Standards.

B.F. 24700 Deletion of Policy 101.00 School District Legal Status

That the Board of Education approve deletions of: Policy 101.00 School District Legal Status, Policy 102.00 Civil Rights/Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action-Student Assignment, Placement and Transfer, Policy 104.00 School District Organization

B.F. 24701 Approval of Settlement Agreement Between Independent School District No. 625, Saint Paul Public Schools, and Professional Employees Association, Inc.

That the Board of Education approve the settlement of grievance and compensate employee for sixteen (16) days of lost wages.

B.F. 24702 Permission to Enter into a Contract with TIES for Licensure of TIES Student Information System (TSIS)

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with TIES to collect health and special education student data for state reporting. The dates of this contract are from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 and are supported from the technology budget #01-005-141-302-6305-0000 at a total cost not to exceed \$462,000.00.

B.F. 24703 Contract Services with Mark Jankus

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Mark Jankus from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, to provide programming and integration services at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00.

B.F. 24704 Request for Permission to Submit an Application to the Robbins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi Foundation

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Robbins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi Foundation for funding for leadership training initiatives in the district to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24705 Request for Permission to Submit a Teacher Mentor Implementation Grant to the Minnesota Board of Teaching

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit an application to the Minnesota Board of Teaching for a Teacher Mentor Program Implementation Grant for professional development and mentoring programs for teachers in the district; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24706 Contract for Services with Community Learning Circle

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Community Learning Circle to provide educational services to Area Learning Center at risk youth for the 2001-02 school year, at a cost of \$45,000.

B.F. 24707 Permission to Enter into a Contract with Seward Learning Systems

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Seward Learning Systems for the purpose of developing a best practices database and e-learning site for Saint Paul Schools. The dates of this contract are from July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002 at

a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be paid from the Technology Literacy Challenge Grant and Technology budgets.

B.F. 24708 Request for Permission to Accept a Grant from the Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation for Fresh Force

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to accept a grant award from the Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation for the Fresh Force Program; and to implement the program as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24709 Contract Services with Twin Cities Public Television

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Twin Cities Public Television to provide consulting, programming and integration services at a total cost not to exceed \$120,000.00. Funding for these services will be provided from the Technology Literacy Challenge Grant.

B.F. 24710 Contract with Summit-University Education Consortium

That the Saint Paul Public Schools Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with the Summit University Education Consortium for services to ALC Summer School at a cost of \$25,000 for the period of June 25-July 27, 2001. If revenues exceed \$25,000 the consultant will receive one additional payment at 78% of the formula allowance.

B.F. 24711 Request for Permission to Submit Grant Applications to the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to submit grant applications to the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative gardening and adaptive education materials at Washington Middle School and for student wellness materials at Randolph Heights; to accept funds, if awarded; and to implement the projects as specified in the award documents.

B.F. 24712 Appointment to the Special Education Council

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) approve the following members to the Special Education Council: Parent: Elizabeth (Missy) Bruber
680 Montcalm Place
St. Paul, MN 55116

B.F. 24713 Contract for Services with Health Start, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Health Start, Inc. to provide health education services to Area Learning Center students for the 2001-02 school year. The contract cost up to \$25,750 will be funded from Area Learning Center budget #21-710-720-317-6305-0000.

B.F. 24714 Contract Services with Education Initiatives, Ltd.

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to enter into a contract with Education Initiatives, Ltd. from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 to provide consultant services at a cost not to exceed \$172,000 being charged to budget code 29-005-640-000-6305-3110.

B.F. 24715 Permission to Enter into an Agreement with Lightspan Incorporated

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent (designee) to enter into an Agreement with Lightspan, Incorporated from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, provide EduTest Online Assessment and The Lightspan Network (TLN) at the cost not to exceed \$81,000.00.

B.F. 24716 Resolution to Dissolve Metro II, a Joint Powers Entity

That the Board of Education exercise its authority to dissolve Metro II as a joint powers entity. Any remaining assets and liabilities of Metro II shall be apportioned as provided in Article VII of the joint powers agreement.

SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

B.F. 24717 Authorization for Lease Agreement with Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Transition Plus Program

Mr. de la O will be voting to Abstain on this item due to his business connection with Mr. Bolander and to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Dr. Phillips, That the Board of Education authorize execution by the Chair and Clerk of a lease agreement between the district and Carl Bolander and Sons Company for Suite 128 at 251 Starkey Street for the term of August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2004 for the Transition Plus Program and subject to all other terms and conditions of said agreement.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

B.F. 24718 Bid No. A8634-C Pupil Transportation for 2001-2002 School Year

Ms. Carroll asked what the total percentage of increase was in the transportation budget. Kent Pekel, Executive Director, Strategic Planning & Implementation, reviewed the bids for the 2001-2002 school year for routes, field and athletic trips, and other transportation service. He reported that the total percentage of increase is slightly over 10%. Mr. Oertwig noted that the district's state funding increases are under 3%, therefore if we have a 10% increase in one item, services must be cut in other areas and staff layoffs occur. He stated that the district is unable to control these rising costs and does not get appropriate compensation for them.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. Oertwig, That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent (designee) to award basic routes to the indicated low available bidders conforming to the specifications for Bid and accept the rates for Additional Service, Hourly Rate Service, and Field Trip Service as bid with the utilization to be made based upon the availability of equipment.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

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

1. Phil Ravitzky spoke about parent involvement..
2. Sheronda Watkins spoke about an incident of harassment at an elementary school involving two six-year-olds. She asked for a policy or guidelines be established to handle this type of issue for children at such an early age. Dr. Harvey referred Ms. Watkins to Dan Rodriguez, Ombudsperson, who will gather more information.
3. Marcella Menchaca spoke of changes in the Eisenmenger Program. Dr. Harvey asked the group of parents to meet with Pat Fernandez, Director of Special Education, to learn about the changes and how the program is to be continued.
4. Ora Lee Patterson spoke of an incident concerning an honor student at a middle school. Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Udo-Essien, were asked to meet with Mr. Rodriguez to work out this issue.
5. Vicki Davis thanked Neal Thao for supporting the issue of holding full discussions regarding concerns expressed by the African American community. She also raised a concern regarding a situation that arose out of a meeting in which an African American teacher was denied having her, as a representative of NAACP, accompany her to a meeting.

Dr. Phillips suggested that teachers who have complaints or concerns in the district come forward to discuss those issues without the fear of losing their jobs or receiving a negative rating. She stated that the district should look for a systemic way of gathering this type of information and determine a way to address the issues being raised. Dr. Harvey suggested administration develop a way of handling this issue and she will meet with them to ensure that this is done. Ms. Montgomery asked for a timeline as to when this will occur. Ms. Carroll suggested that the Board, staff and community think of additional ways of having public conversations about this topic.

6. Eleanor Davis Sims – discussed her work with Great Expectations and various issues that have been resolved over the last few years, i.e. The African American Parent Academy.
7. Rossie Anderson Howze – asked how the district documents and tracks teachers – suggested teachers should receive report cards the same as students, and they should be filled out by students.
8. Sharon Allen – discussed the number of special education students in various schools and invited the Board and Superintendent to their school's upcoming fundraiser.
9. Faith Mrutu – Legislative Chair for Great Expectations. Talked about parents attending these meetings and how they learn something at each meeting. Thanked the district for their support.
10. Mary Reis – spoke about Great Expectations and how things get done when parents work together.

Dr. Harvey left the meeting and Tanya Martin Pikel, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, facilitated the remainder of the meeting.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Indian Education Act Resolution of Non-Concurrence 2000-2001 (6:30 p.m.)

Presentation was made by Elona Street-Stewart, Chair, Indian Education Program Parent Committee, Kathy Wilke, Supervisor, Indian Education and Yusel Mgeni, Director of Educational Equity. Ms. Street-Stewart stated that the responsibilities of the Parent Committee are very specific and one of these is to present to the Board on the satisfaction of the education of Indian students. She reviewed background information on the concerns of the Parent Committee for the appropriate education of American Indian students, what has worked and what needs to be done. The Resolution consists of seven requests, along with administrative responses.

1. Increase American Indian Student Achievement through Academic Support.
2. Increase American Indian Student Attendance.
3. Increase American Indian Staff at all Levels in the District.
4. American Indian Program Stability.
5. Increase percentage of American Indian Students at the American Indian Magnet School.
6. The District's Curriculum shall be more inclusive of American Indian history, language, people, and cultures.
7. Increase Accountability to American Indian Programs.

Ms. Street-Stewart spoke to each request and administrative response. She added there were two current issues that have occurred that reflect the cooperation between the Parent Committee and the district: space relocation for their offices has been determined, and the American Indian Magnet School has moved out of probation status. Mr. Yusef Mgeni, Director of Educational Equity, noted there were two critical issues: 1) clear and consistent communication and, 2) follow through. He stated that his responsibility, and that of the Supervisor of the American Indian Education Program, will be to keep open the lines of communication and be held accountable for making sure the next report will be one of concurrence. Dr. Harvey added her name to the list of people to be held accountable for focusing on high levels of achievement of all students in the district.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Mr. Thao, that the Board of Education accept the Indian Education Act Resolution and Administrative Response.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

2. Resolution Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$15,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2001B (B.F. 24719)
3. Resolution Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$5,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2001C (B.F. 24720)

Lois Rockney, Executive Director of Business & Financial Affairs, reported that two resolutions were being presented for approval for the sale of \$15,000,000 in capital bonds and \$5,000,000 in alternative bonds. She introduced John Maas of Springsted to review the sale. Dr. Maas indicated a sale date of July 24th and stated he felt the cost to be relatively low in terms of interest rate (5%).

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that the above resolutions be approved.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

4. Proposed Policy: 903.00 Firearms – First Reading

Ms. Pekel and Board members reviewed the process followed for policy adoption. This is the first of three readings. Any changes or modifications may be accomplished at the third reading.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

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 the Appointment of Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment (material under separate cover)

Margo Baines, Chief Accountability Officer, announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas Watkins to the position of Director of Research, Evaluation and Assessment in the Office of Accountability. She briefly reviewed Dr. Watkins' background and highlighted some of the areas for which he will be responsible.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Oertwig, seconded by Ms. Carroll, that items a through g be approved and that the rules be waived to accept replacement pages 151 through 177.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Children's Initiative – Mr. Oertwig reported that this initiative is a City, County and School District joint effort which is established in legislation and is an on-going activity. Mr. Oertwig stated the Initiative has currently gone through some transition and has posted the position of Executive Director. Applications are due on July 3rd.

Council of Urban Boards of Education – Mr. Oertwig has recently returned from a meeting of this organization and was named Co-Chair of the Urban Student Achievement Task Force. He said they

will be doing a best practices survey of member districts which will be used for informational purposes and for lobbying at the congressional level. Information gathered from this meeting will be available in the Board Room for review.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Montgomery received a letter from the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals thanking Aaron Rupert, Principal of Cleveland Middle School, for serving on their committee. Copies of the letter will be forwarded to Board members.

XVI. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Thao, seconded by Mr. de la O, that a Closed Meeting of the Board of Education, for the purpose of expulsions, be scheduled for July 10, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

The motion carried with the roll call vote as follows:

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|----------------|---|-----|
| Ms. Montgomery | - | Yes |
| Mr. Oertwig | - | Yes |
| Dr. Phillips | - | Yes |
| Mr. Thao | - | Yes |
| Ms. Carroll | - | Yes |
| Mr. de la O | - | 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 Cleburne Street
 Auditoriums A-B - Unless Otherwise Indicated

Regular Board Meetings

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Closed Meeting (Expulsions) | July 10, 2001 | 5:00 p.m. | Conference Room 5A |
| Regular Meeting | July 24, 2001 | 5:45 p.m. | |
| Regular Meeting | August 28, 2001 | 5:45 p.m. | |
| Regular Meeting (Monday) | September 10, 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 Cleburne Street
 Conference Room 5A - Unless Otherwise Indicated

| <u>Committee of the Board</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Topics</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| | July 2, 2001 | 5:45 p.m. | 1. Gifted and talented Administration Update And Advisory Council Report (T&L) 2. Charter School Application (T&L) |

July 16, 2001

5:45 p.m.

1. Expulsion Process (COB)
2. To be determined.
3. Work Session

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. de la O, that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. with the roll call vote as follows:

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