



South St. Paul School Board - Committee-of-the-Whole  
Monday, February 13, 2023 5:00 PM  
Location: CITY HALL  
125 THIRD AVENUE NORTH  
South St Paul, Minnesota 55075

## **Agenda**

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## SOUTH ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### School Board Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** Monday, February 13, 2023

**Place on Agenda:** Committee-of-the-Whole

**Action Requested:** None at this time - Review and Discussion Only

**Attachment:** N/A

**Topic:** American Indian Education Program

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Chad Schmidt and Lesly Gámez, Office of Equity & Learning

**Background:**

Director Schmidt and Assistant Director Gámez will provide background information about our SSPPS American Indian Education Program and the upcoming American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Vote of Concurrence. According to MN Statute 124D.78, the school board must annually submit a resolution of concurrence adopted by the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee prior to March 1.

**Recommendation:**

None at this time. For review and discussion only.

**Alternatives:**

N/A



# American Indian Education Program

**Office of Equity & Learning**

*February 13, 2023*



# American Indian Community Acknowledgement



# Land Acknowledgement

We would like to take this opportunity to respectfully acknowledge that our meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Dakota Indigenous people and we would like to pay our respect to them and their elders both past and present.



From: Chris Johnson, SSPPS American Indian  
Community Liaison (Mar 15, 2021)



# Kaposia

## Kaposia Village (leader: Little Crow)

- 1830s - 1851 (present day South St. Paul)

*Kaposia*: means light weight or travel lightly

- Kaposia Education Center
- Kaposia Landing
- Kaposia Park

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# American Indian Education Program



# AIEP: SSPPS

Community/Cultural Liaison: Chris Johnson

- **SSPPS K-12 Enrollment:**
  - 45 students, ~1.5%
- **Minnesota K-12 Enrollment:**
  - ~27,000 students, ~3.1%

American Indian Resource Center



# AIEP:

- (1) support postsecondary preparation for pupils;
- (2) support the academic achievement of American Indian students;
- (3) make the curriculum relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of American Indian pupils;
- (4) provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils;
- (5) develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff



# American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC)



# AIPAC: Establishment

Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, requires that all Minnesota districts and tribal schools with 10 or more American Indian students have an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC).

These committees serve in an advisory role to the district and help ensure that American Indian students are receiving culturally relevant and equitable educational opportunities.



# AIPAC: Membership

Chris Johnson - SSPPS American Indian Liaison & AIPAC Co-Chair

Renae Davis - AIPAC Co-Chair

Nicholas DeShaw - AIPAC member

Pam Gokey - AIPAC member



# AIPAC: Concurrence

The AIPAC must meet and vote on concurrence or non-concurrence, meaning that the AIPAC concurs/ does not concur that the school board and district are compliant with MN Statutes, Section 124D.78, and that the school board and district are meeting the needs of American Indian students.



# AIPAC: Resolution

- ❑ We, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, issue a Vote of Concurrence. We agree with the contents and implementation of the Indian Education Program Plan and commit to evaluating the IEPP at the end of school year to ensure that it is continuing to meet the needs of American Indian students, OR



# AIPAC: Resolution

- ❑ We, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, issue a Vote of Non-Concurrence. We attest that the school board and/or district are not compliant with Minnesota Statutes and that the school board and/or district are not meeting the needs of American Indian students. We have provided written recommendations for improvements to the school board, and we acknowledge that the school board has 60 days from the receipt of these recommendations in which to respond, in writing, to each recommendation.



# Next Steps

## February 27 COW & Business Meeting

- Chris Johnson, American Indian Community/Cultural Liaison
  - American Indian Education Programming
- AIPAC Vote of Concurrence

# Questions?

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# SOUTH ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Board Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** February 13, 2023

**Place on Agenda:** Committee-of-the-Whole and Business Agenda

**Action Requested:** Approval

**Attachment:** Intermediate District 917 Board Appointment

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| <b>Topic:</b> Intermediate District 917 Board Appointment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Presenter(s):</b> Dr. Brian Zambreno, Superintendent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>South St Paul Schools has been a long-standing member of Intermediate School District #917. The intermediate provides services and supports for students in special education across Dakota County who have low incidence disabilities and highly specialized needs. All districts in Dakota County are members of the intermediate with the exception of District #196, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan.</p> <p>As a member of the intermediate, the South St. Paul School Board has appointed one board member to represent our district on the Intermediate District 917 School Board. Inspector Wendy Felton has served in this role the last several years and her 917 term is scheduled to expire in June of 2023.</p> <p>District 917 recently changed their reorganization meeting from June to January so they are requesting districts extend their Board’s current liaison’s term from June 2023 through December 2023. This appointment would then be streamlined with our district’s reorganization meeting in January allowing our board to then reappoint Inspector Felton or appoint another Board member for a new three-year term.</p> |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Approve extending Wendy Felton’s appointment as a South St. Paul School Board representative on the Intermediate District 917 board from June 2023 through December 2023.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Alternatives:</b></p> <p>Do not approve Wendy Felton’s appointment extension and direct administration with next steps.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

*Note: Intermediate School District 917 has changed their organizational meeting to January (previously July). Due to this change, all Notices of Election for School Board Members must be changed with the correct start date of January 10, 2023. The last date of their term will also change from June to December (in the year which their term would end.)*

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

TO:

You are hereby notified that at a meeting of Special School District No. 6, SSP, MN, Dakota County, Minnesota, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, you were duly appointed a School Board Member of Intermediate School District 917, to represent Special School District No. 6, for a term which will end on December 31, 2023.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of Appointing Special School District

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**ACCEPTANCE**

TO \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Special School District No. 6, Dakota County, Minnesota:

I hereby signify my acceptance of the office of School Board Member of Intermediate School District 917, which your notice of appointment, dated February, 2023, informs me that I have been appointed.

Dated February 13, 2023

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Appointed for Intermediate School District 917

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**FORM OF OATH TO BE ADMINISTERED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS UPON QUALIFYING**

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and faithfully discharge the duties of my office according to law and the best of my ability and understanding, so help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Board Member  
Intermediate School District 917

Sworn and subscribed to, before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary

**Note: Prior start date for Wendy Felton was July 7, 2020, ending June 30, 2023.  
New start date is January 10, 2023, ending December 31, 2023.**



## SOUTH ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Place on Agenda:** Committee-of-the-Whole

**Action Requested:** None. Discussion Only.

**Attachment:** None

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| <b>Topic:</b> Committee Updates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Presenter(s):</b> School Board Members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Background:</b><br><br>School Board members will provide an update for the following committees that they serve on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District 917</li><li>• Association for Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD)</li><li>• Community Education</li><li>• SSP Educational Foundation</li><li>• Finance, Facilities and Long-Range Planning</li><li>• Local Issues</li><li>• SSP Open Foundation</li><li>• District Policy</li><li>• District Community Engagement and Public Relations</li><li>• District Superintendent/Executive</li></ul> |
| <b>Recommendation:</b><br><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Alternatives:</b><br><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |