

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at Historic Old Central High School, 215 North 1st Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Members Present:

Kelly Durick Eder
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Paul Sandholm
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Cathy Erickson, CFO
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Chair Lofald called the Special School Board meeting of May 18, 2021 to order at 5:40 p.m.

Chair Lofald read the following statement:

The next item on the agenda is a closed session that will allow the School Board to receive legal advice related to an employee's claims in the matter entitled "*Tonya M. Sconiers v. Duluth Public Schools, et. al.*". The Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statute section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), states that the School Board may close a meeting pursuant to the attorney-client privilege. During the closed meeting, the School Board will discuss with its attorney the lawsuit filed against the District. The Board will discuss with its attorney whether it wishes to enter into a negotiated settlement agreement. There is a need for absolute confidentiality because the District's position would be compromised if such discussions took place in public and could be overheard by the employee or her attorney. Accordingly, pursuant to the law I have cited, I will hereby entertain a motion that this meeting be closed pursuant to the attorney-client privilege.

Recessed to closed session at 5:45

Reconvened to open session at 7:15

M-Oswald, S-Kirby, to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Tonya Sconiers vs. Independent School District No. 709. Upon a vote, the same was approved – Unanimously

Amy Mace, the District's legal counsel, read a statement regarding the settlement.

M-Trnka, S-Sandholm, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – Unanimously.

Chair Lofald adjourned the Special School Board meeting of May 18, 2021 at 7:20 p.m.