

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

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

Friday, March 20, 2020

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Melinda Thibault, Secretary
Tim Sworsky, Human Resources Manager

Members Absent:

➤ Chair Lofald called the Special School Board meeting of March 20, 2020 to order at 8:07 a.m.

Interviews were conducted with:

1. Dr. Michael Funk, Superintendent of Schools
Albert Lea Area Schools - Albert Lea, Minnesota
2. Ron Wagner, Associate Superintendent
Minneapolis Public Schools - Minneapolis, Minnesota
3. Dr. Fabby Williams, School Support Officer/Area Superintendent
Guilford County Schools - Greensboro, North Carolina

Recess: noon

Reconvene: 12:30

The School Board picked their top three candidates.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Durick Eder, to accept the three finalists: Michael Funk, and John Magas, Ron Wagner. Upon a vote, the same was approved by acclimation.

Discussion took place regarding the finalist interviews.

M-Trnka, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to hold all three interviews on Monday, March 23, 2020 – withdrawn.

Discussion continued regarding the finalist interviews.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Kirby, to hold all three finalist interviews on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Upon a vote, the same was approved 5-2 as follows:

Yea: Durick Eder, Lofald, Oswald, Sandholm, Trnka

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Nay: Kirby, Loeffler-

Discussion regarding the preparations for the finalist interviews took place.

- How to hold community forums
 - Google Meet
- Hold Monday meeting time for a preparation meeting
- Alanna and Jill will work on setting up focus groups
- Google form for stakeholder groups and community to submit questions for the candidates
- Google feedback form to collect community/focus group feedback
- Make decision at end of day on Friday and inform candidate
- Let candidates participate remotely if necessary

M-Trnka, S-Durick Eder, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote the same was approved – unanimously.

- Chair Lofald adjourned the Special School Board meeting of March 20, 2020 at 2:44 p.m.