

## 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

Monday, September 30, 2019

### Members Present:

David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Jill Lofald  
Alanna Oswald  
Nora Sandstad  
Sally Trnka

### Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

### Members Absent:

None

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of September 30, 2019 to order at 4:47 p.m.

### School Board Vacancy:

Chair Loeffler-Kemp reviewed the interview and voting process and candidates were interviewed as follows:

Amber Sadowski  
Tracy Averill  
Kelly Durick Eder  
Bob Nygaard  
David Boe  
Jason Thorsell  
James Laumeyer  
Danielle (Dani) Dunphy  
Greg Gilbert

Jane Hoffman  
Sarah Blix  
Jeanne Nelson  
Karen St. George  
Thomas Jovanovich  
Sean Samuel Avery Moore  
Peter Spooner  
Art Johnston

Board members ranked the candidates and the top seven (three way tie for 5<sup>th</sup>) candidates were announced as follows:

1. Kelly Durick Eder
2. Jeanne Nelson
3. Amber Sadowski
4. Danielle (Dani) Dunphy
5. Greg Gilbert
6. Karen St. George
7. Thomas Jovanovich

Board members each spoke and were all impressed with the quality of the candidates.

Board members voted on the top seven candidates with the following results:

**Kelly Durick Eder received 3 votes as follows: Oswald, Lofald, Trnka**

**Karen St. George received 1 vote as follows: Loeffler-Kemp**

**Jeanne Nelson received 1 vote as follows: Kirby**

**Dani Dunphy received 1 vote as follows: Sandstad**

Board members voted again as follows:

**Kelly Durick Eder received 4 votes as follows: Oswald, Lofald, Sandstad, Trnka**

**Karen St. George received 1 vote as follows: Loeffler-Kemp**

**Jeanne Nelson received 1 vote as follows: Kirby**

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION FILLING SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of school board member with a term expiring the first Monday in January, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred less than ninety (90) days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the first or second year of the vacant term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, State of Minnesota, as follows:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b, Kelly Durick Eder is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy and to serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The appointment shall be effective thirty (30) days after the adoption of this resolution unless a valid petition to reject the appointee is filed with the school district clerk pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b(b) within that thirty (30) day time period.

SP-9-19-3681

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**M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Oswald, to approve Resolution SP-9-19-3681 Resolution Filling a School Board Vacancy by Appointment. Upon a vote, the same was approved 6-0.**

**M-Lofald, S-Sandstad, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved 6-0.**

Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of September 30, 2019 at 9:02 p.m.