

## Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at: Duluth East High School Media Center, 301 North Fortieth Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55804, on

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

### Members Present

Kelly Durick Eder  
David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Jill Lofald  
Alanna Oswald  
Amber Sadowski  
Paul Sandholm

### Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent  
Patty Paquette, Secretary

### Student Representatives:

Ailee Naus (East)

### Absent:

Sariyah Crawford (Denfeld)

- Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting December 20, 2022 to order at 6:43 p.m.

**M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sadowski, to approve the agenda.**

**M-Durick Eder, S-Sandholm to add to the agenda under 13.G. B-12-22-3931 Establishing Combined Polling Places for the Duluth Public School District. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously**

**M-Durick Eder, S-Sandholm to add to the agenda under 14.C HR-12-22-3932 Firemen and Oilers Bargaining Agreement. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sadowski, to approve the agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

### School and Community Recognition

December 2022

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Assistant Superintendent Bonds presented the School and Community Recognition.

### Public Comments

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Carol Donahue spoke to the school board regarding the Denfeld organ project.

Mike Donahue spoke to the school board regarding the Denfeld organ project.

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Janet Blixt spoke to the school board regarding the Denfeld organ project.

Jenna Amundson spoke to the school board regarding the benefits of small class sizes and social/emotional supports.

Mae Sandberg spoke to the school board regarding the need of full-time librarians in our schools.

**Communications, Petitions, Etc.**

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Chair Lofald stated one communication was received.

**Superintendent's Report**

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Ailee Naus gave the East Student Representative report.

Chair Lofald gave Sariah Crawford's Denfeld Student Representative report.

Superintendent Magas presented the Superintendent's Report. Topics included the following:

- Strategic Planning Update
- Elementary and Secondary Scheduling Updates
- Community and Schools Outreach Update

**Monthly Committee of the Whole Report**

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Assistant Superintendent Bonds, presented the Committee of the Whole report which was available electronically to each school board member.

**Human Resources/Business Services Committee Report**

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Member Durick Eder presented the Human Resources/Business Services Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

**Policy Committee Report**

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Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the Policy Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

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**General Board Committee Updates**  
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None

**Consent Agenda**  
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**M-Durick Eder, S-Sadowski – to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a vote on the consent agenda, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**Resolutions from Committee Reports**  
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B-12-22-3925 Certified Tax Levy 2022 Payable 2023

**M-Sandholm, S-Durick Eder to approve B-12-22-3925 Certified Tax Levy 2022 Payable 2023. Upon a vote, the same was approved –unanimously.**

B-12-22-3926 Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places for the Duluth Public Schools District in 2023

**M-Sadowski, S-Loeffler-Kemp to approve B-12-22-3926 Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places for the Duluth Public Schools District in 2023. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

B-12-22-3927 Resolution of Support for the Transportation Alternative Grant for Campus Connector Segment Six to Provide Improvements to the intersection of E. Superior St. and Congdon Park Dr. in the City of Duluth

**M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm to approve B-12-22-3927 Resolution of Support for the Transportation Alternative Grant for Campus Connector Segment Six to Provide Improvements to the intersection of E. Superior St. and Congdon Park Dr. in the City of Duluth. Upon a vote, the same was approved –unanimously.**

B-12-22-3928 Authorized Bank Account Signer

**M-Kirby, S-Sadowski to approve B-12-22-3928 Authorized Bank Account Signer. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

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B-12-22-3929- Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools

**M-Durick Eder, S-Loeffler-Kemp to approve B-12-22-3929 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

B-12-22-3930 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

**M-Lofald, S-Durick Eder to approve B-12-22-3930 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved –unanimously.**

B-12-22-3931 Establishing Combined Polling Places for the Duluth Public School District

Discussion took place regarding this item.

**M-Lofald, S-Eder to approve B-12-22-3931 Establishing Combined Polling Places for the Duluth Public School District. Upon a vote, the same failed 6-1 as follows:**

**Yea: Durick Eder**

**Nay: Loeffler-Kemp, Lofald, Oswald, Sadowski, Sandholm**

**Abstain: Kirby**

**Special Resolutions/Other Action Items**

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SP-12-22-3924 Board Member Attendance at 2023 MSBA Leadership Conference

**M-Sandholm, S-Kirby to approve SP-12-22-3924 Board Member Attendance at 2023 MSBA Leadership Conference. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

Approval of FY22 Audit

**M-Durick Eder, S-Loeffler-Kemp to approve the FY22 Audit. Upon a vote, the same was approved –unanimously.**

HR-12-22-3932 Firemen and Oilers Employees Bargaining Agreement

**M-Lofald, S-Durick Eder to approve HR-12-22-3932 Firemen and Oilers Employees Bargaining Agreement. Upon a vote, the same was approved unanimously.**

**Other**

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None

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**M-Sandholm, S-Loeffler-Kemp to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved unanimously.**

➤ Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of December 20, 2022 at 9:20 p.m.