

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

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

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Members Present:

David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Paul Sandholm

Others Present:

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

Student Representatives:

Absent

Members Absent:

Kelly Durick Eder
Sally Trnka

- Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting July 20, 2021 to order at 6:31 p.m.

M-Loeffler Kemp, S-Sandholm, to approve the agenda.

M-Lofald S-Oswald to remove Item 1.I.1)b. Employment of a School Board Member by the District because not all board members are present Upon a vote, the same was approved 5-0.

Upon a vote on the agenda as amended, the same was approved – 5-0.

School and Community Recognition

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Anthony Bonds:

Members of the Board, this month I'm pleased to announce that the Duluth Public Schools "We Can Northland" COVID campaign received a *2021 Golden Achievement Award from the National School Public Relations Association*.

The award recognizes exemplary work in all aspects of school public relations, communication, marketing and engagement.

Many people worked together to support this project, which included TV PSAs, social media PSAs, posters, newsletter articles and local press coverage.

Superintendent John Magas had the initial idea to bring city, county and school leaders together in a campaign to lower school & community COVID numbers.

Katie Kaufman, Communications, worked to coordinate the creation and implementation of the campaign.

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The following people contributed to the production of materials:

- John Engelking, Proctor Public Schools Superintendent
- Kelly Cohen, Superior Public Schools Executive Assistant
- Jim Ficken, Duluth Public Schools Graphic Artist
- Jack Rendulich, Videographer
- Andrew Coons, Captivate Media
- Laurie O’Neill, Hailey Sault Agency

Participants in the campaign included:

- Students, Teachers, Coaches and Administrators from Duluth East, Denfeld, Superior and Proctor High Schools
- Duluth Superintendent John Magas
- Superior Superintendent Amy Starzecki
- Duluth Mayor Emily Larson
- Superior Mayor Jim Paine
- Christina Trok, Duluth NAACP Health and Environmental Equity Committee
- Sarah Miller, St. Louis County Public Health
- Elena Foshay, Duluth Workforce Development Director
- Edey Binesikwe Washington, American Indian Education Coordinator
- Pam Kramer, LISC Duluth Executive Director
- College of St. Scholastica students
- I also had the privilege of participating in the campaign.

This is the 5th National Golden Achievement Award for Duluth Public Schools. The district also holds a National Gold Medallion Award, the highest award presented by the NSPRA.

Public Comments

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David Chura, 915 Ridgewood Road, spoke to the school board regarding the districts plans for the upcoming school year.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

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Chair Lofald stated that were no communications received.

Superintendent's Report

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Student Representative Aliyah Bartling (Denfeld): Blake Eaton is a state champion in both the 100M and 200M boy’s wheelchair division. Ms. Olson, Denfeld’s medical occupation teacher, worked with two students at the 13.1-mile marker for Grandmas. Denfeld Girls soccer picked up the beer tents and the entire race course the Sunday after Grandmas. The girls and boy’s soccer

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teams have been scrimmaging each other. Hartley Bauer competed in the regional rock climbing meet last weekend. The girls' basketball team has been playing ball with a lot of younger girls lately. The goal is to help develop the program. Talent search students have been working on a summer assignment that prepare them for their upcoming year of high school. It is a stipend program and you can earn up to \$350 if you are going to be a senior. Denfeld alum and current Viking football player–CJ Hamm–hosted a summer football camp at PSS on the DHS campus last Saturday. Over 200+ 5-13 years old's were able to attend!

Superintendent Magas gave a return to learn update and answered questions.

Chair Lofald reviewed the schedule of meetings.

Monthly Committee of the Whole Report

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

Policy Committee Report

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No policy committee in July.

Human Resources/Finance Committee Report

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Member Kirby presented the Human Resources Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Consent Agenda

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M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Upon a vote on the consent agenda as presented, the same was approved – 5-0.

Special Resolutions/Other Action Items

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Board members offered congratulations to the graduates listed on the consent agenda.

Other

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M-Oswald, S-Kirby, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of July 20, 2021 at 7:58 p.m.