

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

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Members Present:

Josh Gorham (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

Members Absent:

Nora Sandstad
Sally Trnka

- Chair Kirby called the Special School Board meeting of June 14, 2018 to order at 5:04 p.m.

Chair Kirby 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 a pending arbitration action. The Board must consider a settlement offer received from an employee and how it would like to respond. 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. There is 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.

**M-Kirby, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to close the meeting pursuant to attorney-client privilege.
Upon a vote, the same passed 4-0.**

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION Executive (Closed) Session

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05 subd. 2.(b) a public body shall close a meeting for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Attorney-Client Privilege – To discuss settlement options and legal advice related to a pending arbitration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the School Board shall meet in Executive (Closed) Session on June 14, 2018 at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of Historic Old Central High School for the purpose of preliminary consideration of allegations or

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charges against an individual subject to its authority, and to discuss settlement options and legal advice related to a pending arbitration.

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M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Lofald, to approve Resolution HR-6-18-3557 - Executive Closed Session. Upon a vote the same passed 5-0.

Recessed at 5:08 p.m.

Reconvened at 5:43 p.m.

M-Kirby, S-Lofald, to approve the Extended Leave of Absence Agreement. Upon a vote, the same passed 4-1 as follows:

Yea: Kirby, Loeffler-Kemp, Lofald, Oswald

Nay: Gorham

M-Kirby, S-Gorham, to approve the Resignation Agreement. Upon a vote, the same passed – 5-0.

M-Gorham, S-Lofald, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same passed – 5-0.

- Chair Kirby adjourned the Special School Board meeting of June 14, 2018 at 5:46 p.m.