

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Simone Zurich, Deputy Clerk
Patty Paquette, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Lauryn Molitor
Elsa Priest

Absent:

Kelly Durick Eder
Destiny Williams
Joniya Metcalf

- Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting February 28, 2023 to order at 6:30 p.m.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm, to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

School and Community Recognition

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Assistant Superintendent Bonds presented the School and Community Recognition

Public Comments

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Reagan Kern & Hannah Freberg spoke to the school board regarding U.S. History “Ancestry Project.”

Cassidy Welhouse spoke to the school board regarding mental health, para support, and caseloads.

Rebecca Manoppo spoke to the school board regarding paraprofessionals and mental health.

Kristin Paschen spoke to the school board regarding staffing and WIN.

Hailey Ribich spoke to the school board regarding wellbeing of staff and students.

Shane Johnson spoke to the school board regarding opportunity for our future.

Sophia Conley spoke to the school board regarding reflection and support.

Erica Drenkler spoke to the school board regarding physical education topics.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

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Chair Lofald stated that were no communications received.

Superintendent's Report

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Student Representative Elsa Priest presented the East student report.

Student Representative Lauryn Molitor presented the Denfeld student report.

Chair Lofald presented the ALC student report.

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

- School Board Appreciation
- Student Representative Reports
- Strategic Planning Update
- Legislative Update
- Career and Technical Education Month
- District Website Update
- District Services Center Update
- Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation
- Community and Schools Outreach Update

Monthly Committee of the Whole Report

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Anthony Bonds, Assistant Superintendent, 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 Kirby presented the Human Resources/Finance Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Discussion was had.

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

Discussion was had.

General Board Committee Updates
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None

Consent Agenda
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M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Upon a vote on the consent agenda as amended, the same was approved – 6-0.

Resolutions from Committee Reports
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B-2-23-3948 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools

M-Sandholm, S-Kirby to approve B-2-23-3948 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

B-2-23-3949 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm to approve B-2-23-3949 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Special Resolutions/Other Action Items
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SP-2-23-3947 School Board Members Attendance at MSBA Negotiations Seminars

M-Kirby, S-Sandholm to approve SP-2-23-3947 School Board Members Attendance at MSBA Negotiations Seminars. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

SP-2-23-3950 School Board Member Attendance at MSBA/MASA and AMSD Days at the Capitol

M-Lofald, S-Sadowski to approve SP-2-23-3950 School Board Member Attendance at MSBA/MASA and AMSD Days at the Capitol. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

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Approval of 23-24 School Year Calendar

M-Sadowski, S-Loeffler-Kemp to approve the 23-24 School Year Calendar. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Other
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M-Oswald, S-Sandholm to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of February 28, 2023 at 8:52 p.m.