

The next item on the agenda is a closed session that will allow the School Board to receive legal advice related to an employee's alleged claims. 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.

During the closed meeting, the School Board will discuss with its attorney a letter received from an employee's attorney that alleges legal claims against the District and proposes a settlement of the matter. The Board will discuss with its attorney the strengths and weaknesses of the parties' positions and how the District wishes to respond to the settlement proposal.

There is a 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 his 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.