

Minutes of the Regular 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

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Members Present:

Annie Harala
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Alanna Oswald
Nora Sandstad
Harry Welty (6:33 p.m.)

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Doug Hasler, Deputy Clerk
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Benjamin Emmel
Cabrilla Francis

Members Absent:

Art Johnston

➤ Chair Kirby called the Regular School Board Meeting of August 22, 2017 to order at 6:30 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Sanstad, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve the agenda as presented.

Chair Kirby asked School Board members if there was any discussion on the agenda.

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

Chair Kirby asked School Board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of July 18, 2017.

M-Harala, S-Sandstad, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the minutes were approved as presented - 5-0.

Chair Kirby asked School Board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of August 14, 2017.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandstad, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the minutes were approved as presented - 5-0.

School and Community Recognition

August 2017

Members of the Board, this month I'm pleased to present the Duluth East Cheerleaders for recognition. In addition to their work as athletes inspiring school spirit, the cheerleaders made community involvement one of their goals. Throughout the year they provided volunteer support for community events including Grandma's Marathon, Strides Against Cancer Walk, Alzheimer's Walk and Wednesday Night at the Races. They volunteered once a month at Second Harvest Food Bank and in one month alone packed over 800 meals for the Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors. They conducted a donation campaign for St. Jude Children's Hospital and helped teach East Youth Football program cheerleaders. In addition to community involvement, the team had three members chosen for a

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significant honor. Each year the Universal Cheerleaders Association holds try-outs for their All-American Team. The team represents people who demonstrate leadership, skills, knowledge, and spirit. All three Duluth East seniors - Emily Scinocca, Aziza Houser, Haley Marble - tried out and made the All-American Team! In addition, the instructors recruited them to become staff once they graduate high school. Congratulations to these amazing young athletes and dedicated Duluth citizens!

Public Comments
August 2017

Josh Gorham, 4402 Pitt Street, spoke to the School Board to thank them for their work on the Wellness Policy.

Bogdana (Dana) Krivogorsky, no address provided, spoke to the School Board about the budget and the research she has done to look at options regarding financing, funding, etc.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.
August 2017

Superintendent Gronseth stated no communications had been received.

Superintendent's Report
August 2017

Things are ramping up as we prepare for the start of school. Summer breakfast and lunch programs continue through next Friday, August 25. There is a gap week as we do some deep cleaning before the start of school the following week. Our Facilities staff has been hard at work preparing the buildings for the start of the school year. As I visit schools, I see that the floors are gleaming and everything is almost ready. And although teachers are not officially back until next week, I can tell they have been spending time preparing their classrooms. Next week all staff will be involved with various trainings all around the District. Open Houses are also taking place next week. Check on school websites or on mailings to find out about dates and times for each school.

The first day of school for students is two weeks from today on September 5th. We encourage families who have not yet registered to do so as soon as possible. Each year we have a number of families arriving on the first day of school to sign their children up. We need a little bit of time to make sure students have a place ready for them and to ensure their first day is organized and welcoming. Registering ahead of time will ensure that students can start on the very first day and that their teachers have a place and materials ready for them. It also helps us to make sure we have adequate staff in place for the number of students we have!

Speaking of which, we still have employment opportunities available. Anyone interested in teaching positions, or working as bus drivers, food service providers, playground monitors, paraprofessionals, nurses, etc., should check out our website at www.isd709.org.

Duluth East High School: Student Representative Cabrilla Francis explained the collaboration between the school and soil water conservation to build an outdoor classroom in the school forest. Fund raising has started for fall sports. Robotics hosted the Gitchi Gummi Get Together and they won it. Four band

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members recently played in the All State Band. The Cheer team has been doing great work in the community. She is looking forward to the upcoming year and welcoming the new freshmen.

Denfeld High School: Student Representative Ben Emmel is gearing up for school. All students are registered. Thursday is the open house where students get their schedules, find out where lockers are, classrooms, teachers, etc. Fall sports are gearing up for the season. Link crew has met several times this summer to prep for incoming freshmen. Juniors and Seniors took a survey when registering on what the upper classmen would like to see to prepare for college.

Education Committee Report
August 2017

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the Education Committee Report, a copy of same being in the hands of each School Board member.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Welty, to approve the Education Committee Report.

Member Oswald withheld Item 1.B.1)

Member Oswald withheld Item 1.B.1) 2016-17 State Test Results to mention that although school scores are up in certain categories, some scores are not.

Discussion was held regarding this item.

Upon a vote, the remainder of the Education Committee Report was approved – 6-0.

Human Resources Committee Report
August 2017

Member Sandstad presented the Human Resources Committee report, a copy of same being in the hands of each School Board member.

Member Sandstad presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Education Directors Association

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent School District 709 and Education Directors Association, a summary of which is in the hands of all School Board members, be approved and adopted for the periods July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019, and July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 inclusive, and that the Chairperson and Clerk of the School Board be hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the School District.

*Placeholder

Resolution HR-8-17-3470

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M-Sandstad, S-Welty, to approve Resolution HR-8-17-3470 – Education Directors Association. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

M-Sandstad, S-Oswald-Kemp, to approve the remainder of the Human Resource Committee Report. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Business Committee Report
August 2017

Member Harala presented the Business Committee Report, a copy of same being in the hands of each School Board member.

Member Harala presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 465.03 requires a school district to accept donations by resolution expressed in the terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the donations in accordance with the donor's terms is in the best interest of the Duluth Public Schools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools does accept the below-described donations from said organizations in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Duluth Public Schools wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to these organizations.

SCHOOL	DONOR	AMOUNT	RESTRICTION
Duluth East	Brian Konowalchuk	In Kind	None
ISD #709	Conservation Minnesota	\$4,953.37	Tire mulch removal and replacement at playgrounds
Lincoln Park	Campbell Lumber & Supply	\$364.15	Materials for Traverse Trail connection to LPMS
Lincoln Park	Minnesota Alliance With Youth	\$1,000.00	Academic Achievement
	Totals	\$6,317.52	

B-8-17-3473

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M-Harala, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve Resolution B-8-17-3473 – Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Member Harala presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorized Bank Account Signer – July 2017

RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that it hereby authorizes the following:

District Building	Banking Institution	Account Number	Addition of Authorized Signer	Removal of Authorized Signer
Area Learning Center (ALC)	DTCU	XXXX4	Michelle Porter	Kimberly LeDoux
Denfeld	DTCU	XXXX2	Krista Hill	Carolyn Graves
Denfeld	Western Nat'l Bank	XXXXX4	Krista Hill	Carolyn Graves
East	Northshore	XXXXXX2	Gail Campbell	Krista Hill
East	Northshore	XXXXXX9	Gail Campbell	Krista Hill
East	Northshore	XXXXXXXXX3	Gail Campbell	Krista Hill
East	Northshore	XXXXXXXXX4	Gail Campbell	Krista Hill
East	Northshore	XXXXXXXXX5	Gail Campbell	Krista Hill
East	DTCU	XXXX6	Gail Campbell	Krista Hill
Homecroft	DTCU	XXXX2	Maria Rinne	Sherry Holten
Lakewood	Northshore	XXXXXXXX7	Sandra Benson	Vivian Fromberg
Laura MacArthur	Western Nat'l Bank	XXXXXX2	Clayton Norman	Nathan Glockle
Lowell	DTCU	XXXX4	Cathy Holman	Gayle Hunger
Stowe	DTCU	XXXX0	Nathan Glockle	Cynthia Maldonado

Resolution B-8-17-3474

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M-Harala, S-Oswald, to approve Resolution B-8-17-3474 – Authorized Bank Account Signer. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Member Harala presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the
State of Minnesota/Perpich Center for Arts Education

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, State of Minnesota, that the Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota/Perpich Center for Arts Education and ISD 709 attached hereto is hereby approved.

Resolution B-8-17-3475

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M-Harala, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve Resolution B-8-17-3475 – Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota/Perpich Center for Arts Education. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

R E S O L U T I O N

Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling a Primary Election Thereon

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is necessary to elect four (4) school board members at the 2017 general election as follows:

At-Large: two (2) seats
District #1: one (1) seat
District #4: one (1) seat

If more than two candidates for a specified school board position or more than twice as many candidates as there are at-large school board positions available file affidavits of candidacy, Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.03 requires that nominees must be chosen at a primary election. If a primary election is so required, the clerk shall include the names of the individuals who file affidavits of candidacy during the filing period on the primary election ballot as though they had been included by name in this resolution.

2. The primary election is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.
3. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said primary election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, at least fifty-three (53) days before the date of said elections. The notice shall specify the date of said primary election and the question or questions to be voted on at said primary election.

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The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said primary election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said primary election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said primary election and to cause a sample ballot to be posted in each polling place or combined polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot. The sample ballot for a polling place must reflect the offices, candidates, and rotation sequence on the ballots used in that polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said primary election to be published in the official newspaper of the district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the offices to be filled set forth in the form of ballot, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this general election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date.

The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper city officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election.

Resolution B-8-17-3476

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M-Harala, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-8-17-3476 – Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling a Primary Election Thereon. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

RESOLUTION

Approval of Election Judges and Polling Sites

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth, Minnesota, County of St. Louis, that the following persons are hereby appointed as election judges for the primary election to be held September 12th, 2017 and the general election of the School District to be held November 7th, 2017 to act as such at the respective polling places listed and designated by the School Board in this Resolution, and if any person who is named on the list as a judge is unable to serve, the Clerk is empowered to substitute the name of a qualified legal voter for the one who is unable to serve.

City of Rice Lake

Rice Lake City Hall

Election Judges:

Patricia Isaacson
Brenda Elberling
Kathleen Thompson
Bob Whitmeyer
Susan Dally
Sharon Twining
Bill Meyer
Patricia Altonen
Margaret Kolo
Kathy Meyer
Adele Hartwick
Claudia Christenson
Joan Jauss
Vicki Klein
Sheila Autio
Janet Stanaway
Kathy Kilby
Renee Lamoureux
Toni Blomdahl
Eileen Hagen

Town of Gnesen (including unorg. #2)

Gnesen Town Hall

Election Judges:

Lottie Haller
Kathy Johnson
Kathy Johnson
Sharon Carlson

Town of Lakewood

Lakewood Town Hall

Election Judges:

Amy Bishop
Tom Bacig
Gene Bromenshenkel
Lllen Hanson
Ron Johnson
Kim Luoto
Dianne Narum
Shirley Peak
Mary Shaw
Jan Simpson
John Susnik
Andy Wiemann
Blance Wilcox

Town of Normanna

Normanna Town Hall

Election Judges:

Susan Baker
Lone Cooke
Sandy Cooke
Ellen Hanson
Paul Hanson
Vivian Hanson
Andrew Kinnear
Kim Hiliman
Clark Peterson
Leslie Peterson

Town of North Star (including unorg. #23)

North Star Town Hall

Election Judges:

Ray Barnes
Sue Forbragd
Bill Taft

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the polling places and election judges designated by the City Council of the City of Duluth, copies of which are attached hereto, are hereby adopted and appointed as polling places and judges for the School District election precincts within the City of Duluth with the exception of Precinct 31 which lies within the Proctor School District.

The 2017 Election Judges for the City of Duluth are listed on the following page.

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First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Cynthia	Albright	Gayle	Franck	Alexis	Livadaros	Milton C	Somppi
Suzan	Allen	Jergen	Fuhr	Patsy	Lovshin	Scott	St. John
Claudia	Anick	Nancy	Gaida	Stephanie	Lundgren	Arden	Stabs
Diane	Antonich	Charles E	Gessert	Cynthia A	Macaulay	Janet	Stanley
Julie	Arnt	Jane M	Gilley	Janet	Magree	June	Stanley
Mark	Arseneau	John	Glendenning Jr.	Barbara	Maki	Ken	Stanley Jr.
Amber	Beck	Betty	Goman	Paul	Malzac	Margery	Stanley-Meyer
Sharon	Bergquist	Beverly	Green	Bridgit	Maruska	Mary	Stepanek
Mary	Berntson	Wendy	Grethen	Beverly	Massie	Janet	Stone
Judy	Blanck	Donna	Griffin	Angie	Meyer	Deborah	Strange
Suzanne	Boley	Carol	Groves	Kristelle	Miller	Patricia	Stromgren
Thomas	Borich	Charles	Grubb	Peggy Ann	Minor	Patricia	Sundin
Debra	Branley	Rosemary	Guttormsson	Sam	Miscevich	Shirley	Swanson
Jodi L	Broadwell	Barbara J	Hakala	Julie	Mockler	Theresa	Teich
Andrea	Buck	Ronald	Hanson	Judi	Mosher	Callie	Thompson
Lawrence	Burda	Linda	Harper	Janet	Nelson	Nancy	Thompson
Lorna	Burda	Colleen	Hasforth	Judy	Nelson	Patricia	Timo
Caroline	Burley	Thomas	Haynes	Skylar	Nelson	Donna	Trostad
Kay	Bushey	Stephen	Hedman	Susan	Nelson	Kathleen	Trotta
Sue	Cannon	Tim	Howard	Denise	Nord	Lynn	Turcotte
Beverly	Carlson	Carol	Hughes	Gwendolyn	Nordenstrom	Carol	Udd
Dorothy	Carlson	Joyce	Jasper	Ione	Olson	Thomas D	Vaughn
Jerome	Challman	Bryan	Johnson	Betty	Opland	Janet	Ward
Gail	Christensen	Jerry Lee	Johnson	Martha	Oswald	Lynn	Weatherstone
Gerald	Cleveland	Marcia	Johnson	Judith	Palen	Margaret	Wiita
Margaret	Cleveland	Portia B	Johnson	Fern	Penick	Betty	Wing
Marian	Collins	Connie	Joppa	Carol	Perkins	Joanne	Yoki
Jeffrey	Cox	Virginia	Katz	Geraldine	Peterson	Alice	Zimpel
Joann	Cox	Allan	Kehr Ii	Leslie	Peterson		
Francis	Crain	Carl	Keller	Roberta	Pirkola		
Marlis	Cran	Kim	Keller-Mahlberg	Floyd	Ralph		
Robin	Davis	Julia	Ketola	Doris	Sampson		
Bonnie	Dunphy	Ronald	Klehr	Jon	Sampson		
Dolores	Dutmer	Marilyn	Korby	Joseph	Sayers		
John	Edwards Jr	June	Kreutzkampf	Gail	Schoenfelder		
Ann	Eid	Mary Lou	Ladean	Margaret	Seitz		
Susan	Ellefson	Genevieve	Larson	Charlene	Shimmin		
Joan D	Ferdon	Martin	Lee	Martha	Simmons		
Marilyn	Fleming	Donald	Lemmerman	Wendy	Sjoblom		
David	Flemming	Janice	Lenes	Arlene	Smith		
Annette	Foucault	Randis	Lessard	David	Somppi		
Jan	Fournier	Patricia	Lilleberg	Mary	Somppi		

2017 City of Duluth Polling Place List (polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.):

1. St. Michael's Catholic Church (lower level) at 4901 E. Superior St.
2. Lakeside Presbyterian Church (lower level) at 4430 McCulloch St.
3. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 1325 N. 45th Ave. E. (lower level)
4. Faith Lutheran Church at 1814 N. 51st Ave. E.
5. Lakeview Covenant Church (lower level) at 1001 Jean Duluth Rd.
6. Woodland Community Club at 3211 Allendale Ave.
7. Glen Avon Presbyterian Church at 2105 Woodland Avenue (Fellowship Hall)
8. Duluth Congregational Church (lower level) at 3833 E. Superior St.
9. Pilgrim Congregational Church (lower level) at 2310 E. 4th St.
10. U.M.D. (Kirby Student Center) at 1120 Kirby Dr.
11. Vineyard Christian Fellowship at 1533 W. Arrowhead Rd.
12. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of at 835 W. College St.
13. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (lower level) at 2010 E. Superior St.
14. First Lutheran Church (London Road Entrance) at 1100 E. Superior St.
15. Peace Church (10th Ave. Entrance) at 1015 E. 11th St.
16. First United Methodist Church at 230 E. Skyline Pkwy (Lakeview Social Hall)
17. Rainbow Senior Center at 211 N. 3rd Avenue E.
18. Lafayette Square (upper level) at 3026 Minnesota Ave.
19. Duluth Public Library (Green Room) at 520 W. Superior St.
20. Duluth Gospel Tabernacle at 1515 W. Superior St.
21. Lincoln Park Senior Center (lower level) at 2014 W. 3rd St.
22. Duluth Heights Community Club at 33 W. Mulberry St.
23. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at 802 Maple Grove Rd.
24. Christ Lutheran Church (lower level) at 2415 Ensign St.
25. St. Lawrence Church at 2410 Morris Thomas Rd
26. Holy Family Catholic Church at 2430 West 3rd St.
27. Harrison Community Club at 3002 W. 3rd St.
28. City Center West at 5830 Grand Ave.
29. Faith Haven (Recreation Room) at 4901 Grand Ave.
30. Elim Lutheran Church (social hall) at 6101 Cody St.
31. Bayview Heights School (gym) at 8702 Vinland St.
32. Asbury United Methodist Church at 6822 Grand Ave.
33. Good Fellowship Community Center at 1242 - 88th Ave. W.
34. Gary New Duluth Community Recreation Center at 801 - 101st Ave. W. (New)

The following polling places have been designated as that part of Independent School District #709 lying outside the corporate limits of the City of Duluth for School Board elections only:

- Town of Gnesen (including Unorg. #2) at Gnesen Town Hall at 4011 W. Pioneer Rd.
Town of Lakewood at Lakewood Town Hall at 3110 Strand Rd.
Town of Normanna at Normanna Town Hall at 6472 French River Rd.

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Town of North Star (including Unorg. #23) at Star Town Hall at 7700 Pequaywan Lake Rd.
City of Rice Lake at Homecroft Elementary at 4784 Howard Gnesen Rd.

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M-Harala, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-8-17-3477 – Approval of Election Judges and Polling Sites. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

M-Harala, S-Sandstad, to approve the remainder of the Business Committee Report. Upon a vote, the remainder of the Business Committee Report was approved – 6-0.

Other
August 2017

Student Representative Benjamin Emmel asked if there is any research happening to support other fundraising options for the Special Services department now that the Wellness Policy has been passed.

M-Sandstad, S-Harala, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same passed – 6-0.

➤ Chair Kirby adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of August 22, 2017 at 7:44 p.m.