

## 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

Monday, July 8, 2019

### Members Present:

Josh Gorham  
David Kirby  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Jill Lofald  
Alanna Oswald  
Nora Sandstad (arrived 4:45 p.m.)

### Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

### Members Absent:

Sally Trnka

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of July 8, 2019 to order at 4:15 p.m.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp 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 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.

**M-Lofald, S-Kirby, that this meeting be closed to receive legal advice related to an employee's alleged claims. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.**

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of July 8, 2019 at 4:18 p.m.