

**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, September 17, 2015

**Members Present:**

Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Mike Miernicki  
Judy Seliga Punyko  
Bill Westholm  
Harry Welty

**Others Present:**

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Melinda Thibault, Secretary  
Bill Hanson, Deputy Clerk

**Members Absent:**

Annie Harala  
Art Johnston

- Chair Seliga Punyko called the special school board meeting of September 17, 2015 to order at 12:30 p.m.

Member Miernicki presented the resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Primary Election of September 15, 2015**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District 709, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the primary election of the voters of this district, held on September 15, 2015, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. At Large:  
As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 8,264 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for one four year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 4, 2016 next following the general election as follows:  

Alanna Oswald	<u>2,437</u>
Jim H. Unden	<u>1,708</u>
Renee K. Van Nett	<u>3,351</u>
3. Candidates Oswald and Van Nett, having received the highest number of votes, are nominees for the At-Large school board seat and their names shall be placed on the school district general election ballot.

4. District Two:

As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 1,945 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of nominees for election as school board member for one four year term vacancy on the school board caused by expiration of term on January 4, 2016 next following the general election as follows:

Jane Hammerstrom Hoffman	<u>275</u>
David Kirby	<u>1,044</u>
Charles Obije	<u>461</u>

5. Candidates Kirby and Obije having received the highest number of votes, are nominees for the District Two school board seat and their names shall be placed on the school district general election ballot.
6. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the County Auditor of each County in which the School District is located in whole or in part.
7. 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 said general November 2015 election (including District Three Candidates Martell and Sandstad, which did not have a primary 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 general elections.

**ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST  
 FOR PRIMARY ELECTION  
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH)  
 STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST  
 PRIMARY ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. AT LARGE  
 September 15, 2015**

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A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED: AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.		<u>53,040</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:		<u>238</u>
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C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER		<u>8,264</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS		<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION (add C plus D equals E):		<u>8,264</u>

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F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX		<u>*</u>
G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX:		<u>*</u>
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H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT ENVELOPE		<u>*</u>
I. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS RETURNED TO THE CLERK		<u>*</u>

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
 DISTRICT NO. AT LARGE**

CANDIDATE <b>Alanna Oswald</b>		<u>2,437</u>
CANDIDATE <b>Jim H. Uden</b>		<u>1,708</u>
CANDIDATE <b>Renee K. Van Nett</b>		<u>3,351</u>

Total number of Write In votes for this office:		<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)		<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)		<u>*</u>
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:		<u>7,496</u>

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\*City Clerk's System does not generate blank or defective ballot information, which could be used for this abstract.

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FOR PRIMARY ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 709 (DULUTH)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ABSTRACT AND RETURN OF VOTES CAST  
PRIMARY ELECTION, DISTRICT NO. TWO  
September 15, 2015**

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A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED: AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A. M.	<u>12,227</u>
B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY:	<u>61</u>
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C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER	<u>1,945</u>
D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS	<u>*</u>
E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION (add C plus D equals E):	<u>1,945</u>
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F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX	<u>*</u>
G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX:	<u>*</u>
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H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT ENVELOPE	<u>*</u>
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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
DISTRICT NO. TWO**

<b>CANDIDATE Jane Hammerstrom Hoffman</b>	<u>275</u>
<b>CANDIDATE David Kirby</b>	<u>1,044</u>
<b>CANDIDATE Charles Obije</b>	<u>461</u>

Total number of Write In votes for this office:	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots defective for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
Total number of ballots blank for this office: (Overvotes)	<u>*</u>
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS OFFICE:</b>	<u>1,780</u>

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**M-Miernicki, S-Welty, to approve Resolution B-9-15-3302 - Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Primary Election of September 15, 2015 Upon a vote the same passed – 5-0.**

- Chair Seliga Punyko adjourned the Special School Board meeting of September 17, 2015 at 12:35 p.m.