

## **Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting**

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at: Denfeld High School Media Center, 401 North Forty-Fourth Avenue West, Duluth, Minnesota 55807, on

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

John Magas, Superintendent  
Cathy Erickson, CFO  
Patty Paquette, Secretary

### **Student Representatives:**

Ailee Naus (East)  
Sariyah Crawford (Denfeld)

- Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting March 15, 2022 to order at 6:35 p.m.

**M-Eder, S-Sandholm, to approve the agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

### **School and Community Recognition**

**March 2022**

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Assistant Superintendent Anthony Bonds presented the School and Community Recognition

### **Public Comments**

**March 2022**

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Wendy Teresi, spoke to the school board regarding responsible use of funds.

Jim Olson, spoke to the school board regarding elementary preparatory time.

Kim LeDoux, spoke to the school board regarding clerical support.

### **Communications, Petitions, Etc.**

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Chair Lofald stated that were no communications received.

**Superintendent's Report**

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Student Representative Sariyah Crawford (Denfeld) presented her report.

Student Representative Ailee Naus (East) presented her report.

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

- Central on the Hill Update
- Negotiations Update
- Safe Learning Plan Updates
- Strategic Planning Update

Chair Lofald asked if there were any questions. Discussion was had.

**Monthly Committee of the Whole Report**

**March 2022**

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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**

**March 2022**

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Member Durick Eder presented the Human Resources/Finance Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

7:20 p.m. Member Sadowski left the room, returned at 7:22 p.m.

7:24 p.m. Chair Lofald left the room, returned at 7:26 p.m.

Discussion was had.

**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.

**Consent Agenda**

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**M-Oswald, S-Sadowski - to remove 1B Approvals of Resolutions from the Consent Agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

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

**Special Resolutions/Other Action Items**

**March 2022**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Education Minnesota Integration Specialist (ISPEC) St. Paul, Minnesota**

**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 the Education Minnesota Integration Specialist (ISPEC) Duluth, Minnesota, a summary of which has been provided electronically to all School Board members, be approved and adopted for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, inclusive, and that the Chairperson and Clerk of the School Board be hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the School District.

HR-3-22-3875

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**M-Eder, S-Sadowski to approve HR-3-22-3875 Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent School District #709 and Education Minnesota Duluth Integration Specialists (ISPEC). Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

**Food Service Employees**

**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 the Food Service Employees, a summary of which has been provided electronically to all School Board members, be approved and adopted for the periods of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, inclusive, and that the Chairperson and Clerk of the School Board be hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the School District.

HR-3-22-3873

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**M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm to approve HR-3-22-3873 Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Independent School District #709 Duluth MN and Food Service Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

Board Member Attendance at Duluth and St. Louis County Days at the Capitol

RESOLVED, that Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, pay costs incurred, as per District policy, for school board members to attend the Duluth and St. Louis County Days at the Capitol event held in 2022.

SP-3-22-3878

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**M-Sandholm, M-Eder to approve SP-3-22-3878 Resolution for Board Members to Attend Duluth Days at Capitol. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

Board Member Attendance at MSBA Phase III and Phase IV Workshops

RESOLVED, that Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, pay costs incurred, as per District policy, for school board members to attend the MSBA Phase III and Phase IV Workshops.

SP-3-22-3879

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**M-Lofald, S-Sadowski to approve SP-3-22-3879 Resolution for Board Members Attendance at MSBA Phase III and Phase IV Workshops. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

Board Member Attendance at Inclusive School Board Leadership Workshops

RESOLVED, that Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, pay costs incurred, as per District policy, for school board members to attend the Inclusive School Board Leadership Workshops.

SP-3-22-3880

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**M-Eder, S-Sadowski to approve SP-3-22-3880 Resolution for Board Members Attendance at Inclusive School Board Leadership Workshops. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**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 various individuals and organizations.

SCHOOL	DONOR	AMOUNT	RESTRICTION	COMMENTS
Denfeld	V.J. Stauber-Pufall	\$50.00	Family involvement	
Head Start	Janet Killough	\$50.00	None	
Lester Park	Pete & Heidi 'Esperance	In Kind	For Lester Park School	2000 kids sized masks and 2500 regular masks
Lincoln Park	Nicole Hopps and her team of Public Defenders for Southern St. Louis, Lake and Cook County	\$800.00	Student needs	
Lowell	Karen Hasler	In Kind	None	Winter clothing for the Kids Closet
Piedmont	Country Financial - CC Services, Inc.	\$1,500.00	PBIS	

B-3-22-3876

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**M-Kirby, S-Sandholm to approve B-3-22-3876 Resolution for Donations. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

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

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant 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 grant from said organization in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

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

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Authors or Contacts</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Terms</b>
Project Joy	Rachel Thapa	LPMS	\$1,000.00	Funds will be used to provide food for hungry children and families.
Project Joy	Tracy Litwin	OEMS	\$1,000.00	Provide food for children

B-3-22-3877

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**M-Sandholm, S-Kirby to approve B-3-22-3877 Resolution for Acceptance of Grants. Upon a vote, the same was approved unanimously.**

**M-Sandholm, S-Sadowski to approve the Extended Wolf Ridge Field Trip – Lowell. Upon a vote, the same was approved unanimously.**

**Other**  
**March 2022**  
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**M-Oswald, S-Sandholm to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.**

➤ Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of March 15, 2022 at 7:55 p.m.