

Minutes of the School Board Annual Organizational Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held remotely via teleconference, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Monday, January 4, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Kelly Durick Eder
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Paul Sandholm
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Cathy Erickson, Deputy Clerk
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

- Temporary Chairperson Lofald called the Annual Organizational School Board meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Temporary Chairperson Lofald swore in Member Durick Eder and reviewed the voting process for the meeting.

M-Sandholm, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve the agenda. Upon a vote to approve the agenda as presented, the same was approved – unanimously.

Election of Chairperson:

- Temporary Chair Lofald opened the nominations for the office of Chairperson
- Member Loeffler-Kemp nominated Member Lofald for the office of Chairperson
- Temporary Chair Lofald closed the nominations for the office of Chairperson

Temporary Chair Lofald announced that Member Lofald was elected as Chair by acclamation.

Election of Vice Chairperson

- Chair Lofald opened the nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson
- Member Trnka nominated Member Durick Eder for the office of Vice Chairperson
- Chair Lofald closed the nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson

Chair Lofald announced that Member Durick Eder was elected as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

Election of Clerk:

- Chair Lofald opened the nominations for the office of Clerk
- Member Sandholm nominated Member Oswald for the office of Clerk
- Chair Lofald closed the nominations for the office of Clerk

Chair Lofald announced that Member Oswald was elected as Clerk by acclamation.

Election of Treasurer:

- Chair Lofald opened the nominations for the office of Treasurer
- Member Durick Eder nominated Member Trnka for the office of Treasurer
- Chair Lofald closed the nominations for the office of Treasurer

Chair Lofald announced that Member Trnka was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

Appointment of Deputy Clerk:

Chair Lofald appointed Cathy Erickson as Deputy Clerk.

Appointment of Board Secretaries:

Chair Lofald appointed Jackie Dolentz and Melinda Thibault as School Board Secretaries.

Member Trnka presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Selection of Meeting Dates/Times

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Regular meetings of the School Board shall be held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Historic Old Central High School unless otherwise scheduled by the School Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Regular meeting is cancelled and cannot be held on the regularly scheduled date listed above, due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, it will be held the very next day at the same time and location.

Resolution B-1-21-3777

January 4, 2021

M-Trnka, S-Sandholm, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3777, Selection of Meeting Dates/Times. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Sandholm presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Designation of Depositories and Acceptance of Collateral

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that Harbor Pointe Credit Union, North Shore Bank of Commerce, BMO Harris Bank, U.S. Bank, KeyBank, Wells Fargo, Park State Bank and Western Bank shall be depositories of the funds of this School District for up to a one year period commencing January 1, 2021, and said banks shall be required to deposit with said district collateral securities, subject to approval by the School Board, and kept in trust;

RESOLVED, That the collateral securities pledged by Harbor Pointe Credit Union and placed in trust at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; North Shore Bank of Commerce and placed in trust at U S Bank N. A.; Key Bank and placed in trust at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; all as provided by law and evidence by trust agreements executed by the Treasurer of the School Board, an officer of the depository bank, and acknowledged by an officer of the bank holding the securities in trust, shall be approved.

HARBOR POINTE CREDIT UNION –

\$500,000.00 FHOR, Cusip xxxxxxXA0, due 2/26/2024

\$250,000.00 FMNT, Cusip xxxxxxF70, due 1/06/2025

NORTH SHORE BANK OF COMMERCE –

\$200,000.00 Certificate of Deposit, Cusip xxxxxxVK9, due 11/28/2023

BMO HARRIS BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

U S BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

KEYBANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

WELLS FARGO BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

PARK STATE BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

WESTERN BANK –

Authorized up to maximum of \$250,000 on deposit at any one time

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer, Clerk, and/or CFO/Executive Director of Business Services shall be authorized to arrange for the exchange, release, or placing of additional collateral, provided that in all instances such exchange, releases, or placing of additional collateral shall be approved by the school board and all new collateral shall be placed in trust with the respective aforementioned institutions.

Resolution B-1-21-3778

January 4, 2021

M-Trnka, S-Sandholm, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3778 - Designation of Depositories and Acceptance of Collateral. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Kirby presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Designation of Authority to Perform Electronic Fund Transfers

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the CFO/Executive Director of Business Services has the authority to designate a district employee(s) to initiate electronic fund transfers, as required by MS 471.38.

Resolution B-1-21-3779

January 4, 2021

M-Kirby, S-Oswald, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3779 - Designation of Authority to Perform Electronic Fund Transfers. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Lofald presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools and the CFO / Executive Director of Business Services to Sign Contracts and Grants

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that to increase operational efficiency, it is requested that authorization to sign expenditure contracts for the lease, purchase, and contract for goods or services within budgetary and policy limits up to \$100,000 be granted to the Superintendent of Schools and CFO/Executive Director of Business Services. This delegation of authorization is allowable under Minnesota Statute 123B.52 subd. 2. The superintendent's designee will review each contract before execution.

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the Superintendent of Schools, or in his/her absence the CFO/Executive Director of Business Services, be designated the legal authorized representative to sign applications and execute grant documents for and on behalf of the school district in connection with federal and state laws and funding authorities and local, public, and private funding agencies that offer categorical financial support to this school district.

RESOLVED, By the School Board of ISD 709, St. Louis Country, Minnesota that a list of all the above contracts and grants hereby approved by the Superintendent or the CFO/Executive Director of Business Services will be provided as an informational item at the first possible regular school Board Meeting following the approval action.

Resolution B-1-21-3780

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M-Trnka, S-Durick Eder, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3780 - Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools and CFO/Executive Director of Business Services to Sign Contracts and Grants. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Durick Eder presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Selection of District's Legal Counsel

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the following firms have been selected as legal counsel for the District.

Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A.
302 West Superior Street, Suite 700
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 722-0861

Dryer & Overom (formerly known as
Dryer, Storaasli, Knutson & Pommerville)
212 West Superior Street, Suite 210
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 727-8451

Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney
730 Second Avenue South, Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 339-0600

Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A.
333 South Seventh Street, Suite 2800
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 436-4300 (office)

RESOLVED, that the authorized contact persons for the District are as follows:

Chair of the School Board
Superintendent of Schools
Executive Assistant to Superintendent of Schools
Assistant Superintendent
CFO/Executive Director of Business Services
Executive Assistant to the CFO/Executive Director of Business Services
Director of Special Education
Manager of Facilities
Finance Manager
Director of Human Resources
Human Resources Manager for Non-Certified Staff
Human Resources Benefits Coordinator

Resolution B-1-21-3781

January 4, 2021

M-Kirby, S-Durick Eder, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3781 – Selection of District's Legal Counsel. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Sandholm presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Selection of District's Official Newspaper

RESOLVED, By the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the District's official newspaper will continue to be the Duluth News Tribune.

Resolution B-1-21-3782

January 4, 2021

M-Sandholm, S-Oswald, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3782 – Selection of District's Newspaper. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Accepting the Eleven Tools of Civility

WHEREAS, The residents of Duluth Public Schools ISD 709 place a high value on respect and civility in their lives and they understand that these characteristics are essential to any healthy community; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Independent School District No. 709 supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion in the community and within the School District; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Independent School District No. 709 addresses sometimes controversial issues about which people often feel passionately and which at times leads to uncivil behavior; and

WHEREAS, An atmosphere of incivility and disrespect can have a damaging effect on the proceedings, on the quality of debate, and on the practice of democracy itself.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 recognizes eleven tools of civility as encouraged by Speak Your Peace: The Civility Project that will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issues that face our community. These tools include:

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| 1. Pay attention | 7. Apologize |
| 2. Listen | 8. Give constructive criticism |
| 3. Be inclusive | 9. Take responsibility |
| 4. Don't gossip | 10. Be honest and care for others |
| 5. Show respect | 11. Show your evidence; share your reasoning |
| 6. Be agreeable | |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 shall promote the use and adherence of these tools in conducting the business of the School Board.

Resolution B-1-21-3783

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M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Trnka, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3783 – Accepting the Eleven Tools of Civility. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

Approving the Continued Participation of Student School Board Representatives

WHEREAS, The School Board of Duluth Public Schools ISD 709 has included Student School Board Representatives since January 2105; and

WHEREAS, Student school board representatives provide the school board with a student voice and youth perspective; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota School Boards Association encourages school boards to develop a process to include student representatives; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent and high school principals have reviewed and revised where necessary the selection process for appointing student school board representatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the School Board of Independent School District 709 approves the continued participation of one Student School Board Representative from Denfeld, East and the Area Learning Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the term for the 2021 Student School Board Representatives will be January 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Resolution B-1-21-3784

January 4, 2021

M-Trnka, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3784 – Approving the Continued Participation of Student School Board Representatives.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Upon a vote, the same was approved - unanimously.

Member Lofald presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Columbus Day

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to M.S. 645.44, Subd. 5., the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 has determined that Columbus Day is not a legal holiday regarding conducting public school business.

B-1-21-3785

January 4, 2021

M-Kirby, S-Oswald, to approve Resolution B-1-21-3785 – Columbus Day. Upon a vote, the same was approved - unanimously.

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M-Oswald, S-Durick Eder, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

- Chair Lofald adjourned the Annual Organizational School Board meeting of January 4, 2021 at 5:28 p.m.