

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, January 22, 2019

Members Present:

Josh Gorham
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Nora Sandstad
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

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

Student Representatives:

Emma Natale (Denfeld)
Vanessa Farrell (East)

➤ Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Regular School Board meeting of January 22, 2019 to order at 6:31 p.m., the Community Vision and Priorities for Duluth's Schools was read and the pledge of allegiance to the American flag was given.

M-Sandstad, S-Lofald, to approve the agenda as presented.

M-Trnka, S-Lofald, to add the contract for The Costin Group, Inc. to the Business Committee agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Upon a vote, the agenda was approved as amended – unanimously.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 18, 2018.

M-Sandstad, S-Kirby, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Annual Organizational School Board Meeting of January 7, 2019.

M-Lofald, S-Sandstad, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 Annual Organizational School Board Meeting as presented.

Member Gorham requested that the Organizational Meeting minutes be updated to reflect that he voted against the selection of the Duluth News Tribune as the District's official newsletter.

Upon a vote, the same was approved as amended – unanimously.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp asked school board members if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of January 14, 2019.

M-Sandstad, S-Trnka, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

School and Community Recognition
January 2019

Members of the Board, this month we're recognizing Denfeld Clock Tower Café students and Chef Leah Bangs. Hospitality is a huge industry in the Northland. Our Career & Technical Education program provides hands-on classes in restaurant management. Courses prepare students for a career in the food service industry. They provide opportunities to earn certification in food safety. Students can take part in industry partnerships, internships, SkillsUSA teams and Prostart. Students can also earn post-secondary scholarships. Denfeld Clock Tower Café students recently conducted an amazing fundraising and learning project. They baked, decorated and boxed over 1,500 cookies, about 120 dozen, and sold all within a half day. They also baked and sold 25 pans of lasagna. Through the project, students learn how to order supplies and how to price what they create. They also learned how to work in a professional kitchen and raised \$720. The money raised will cover program costs and support educational field trips. Students will visit Ranchers Legacy, Little Angie's Cantina and Grill, and Hibbing Community College. Congratulations to Chef Leah Bangs and her students for this successful learning project.

Public Comments
January 2019

Member Gorham read the Eleven Tools of Civility.

Kevin Skwira-Brown, address not provided, spoke to the School Board about compensatory education funding.

Amanda Borling, address not provided, spoke to the School board about compensatory education funding.

Diane Fitzgerald, address not provided, spoke to the School Board about compensatory education funding.

Linda Puglisi, address not provided, spoke to the School Board about compensatory education funding.

Mary Owen, address not provided, spoke to the School Board about compensatory education funding.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

January 2019

Superintendent Gronseth stated that no communications had been received.

Superintendent's Report

January 2019

Today is the first day of the second semester so we are officially over half way through the school year already! Yesterday was Rev. Martin Luther King Day. There were several events throughout the weekend and many of our students were involved. Whether sharing inspiring words, songs, dances, or their support through their presence, ISD 709 was well represented. The messages of hope and unity are so important; especially with all the conflict we are seeing in our world. We thank everyone involved for their efforts in these meaningful experiences.

This is also the time of year when winter weather advisories are common; like last night. The forecast changed several times throughout the day and into the evening. We stay in contact with the national weather service, the city, the county, and other school districts to help make a decision on whether to cancel school or not. We usually make a decision by 5 a.m. If we decide to delay or cancel, we alert the media, post on social media, and use computerized calling or texting to let people know as soon as possible.

We would like to congratulate Diane Mozol, Kristin Bergerson, and Jane Juten for being nominated by their peers for Minnesota Teacher of the Year. We wish them well as they move forward in the process. We are proud of our amazing staff and welcome the opportunity to shine a light on their talents.

Registration time is right around the corner! If you know people getting ready to send their child to kindergarten or middle school, or high school, please let them know this is the time to sign up! There is a quick link on our website for registration. We recently held an open house for our Elementary immersion programs and there was a packed house! Information about these programs is also available on our website. Immersion classes are filling up quickly so we encourage people to sign up early.

At this time, I'm happy to introduce our Student School Board Representatives Emma Natale from Denfeld, and Vanessa Farrell from East. They will be providing us with monthly reports from our schools. Welcome! and here we go with their very first reports:

Emma Natale, Student Representative from Denfeld, introduced herself to the School Board and spoke about activities happening at Denfeld such as finals, the sweetheart dance, and that the robotics and math teams are doing well. The dance, hockey and debate teams are also having great seasons. The Fine Arts night will be held January 31st at Denfeld. All are welcome to attend!

Vanessa Farrell, Student Representative from Duluth East, introduced herself to the School Board and spoke about activities happening at Duluth East such as finals, the sweetheart dance, upcoming blood drive, and the success of the debate team. Evening of the Arts event is also coming up; all are invited!

Education Committee Report
January 2019

Member Lofald presented the Education Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Member Lofald presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

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 grants 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.

Organization	Author / Contact	Project Title	Award Amount	Terms
Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation	Sumair Sheikh	Pathways2Teaching Program	\$15,000	Funds will be used to support Pathways2Teaching Program staffing and curriculum development at Duluth East and Denfeld High Schools.
Lester Park Foundation	Nicki Seibert	Lester Park Foundation– Winter Cycle	\$6,260.12	Funds will be used to purchase misc. classroom/school supplies for Lester Park Elementary School.

Resolution E-1-19-3619

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M-Lofald, S-Trnka, to approve Resolution E-1-19-3619 – Acceptance of Grant Awards to the Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Lofald presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

**Resolution of School Board Supporting Form B Application to Minnesota
State High School League Foundation**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the District ISD 709 School Board recognizes the value of students participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts to providing seminars/training opportunities or support for specific school functions for students/faculty members/officials and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth School Board supports the District's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM B grant.

Resolution E-1-19-3620

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M-Lofald, S-Gorham, to approve Resolution E-1-19-3620 – Resolution of School Board Supporting Form B Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

M-Lofald, S-Gorham, to approve the remainder of the Education Committee Report. Upon a vote, the remainder of the Education Committee Report was approved – unanimously.

Human Resources Committee Report

January 2019

Member Kirby presented the Human Resources Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

M-Kirby, S-Lofald, to approve the Human Resource Committee report. Upon a vote, the Human Resources Committee report was approved – unanimously.

Business Committee Report
January 2019

Member Trnka presented the Business Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Member Trnka 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 individuals and organizations.

SCHOOL	DONOR	AMOUNT	RESTRICTION	COMMENTS
Area Learning Center (ALC)	Alex Breilein	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Boys clothes, girls clothes, toiletries, basketball, baby clothes, make-up and candy bars
ALC	Alex Breilien	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Two \$20 Target gift cards, 2 hats, 1 men's jacket, bluetooth speaker, fake eyelashes, 2 women's bath sets
ALC	Anonymous	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	2 bars of soap and necklace/earring set
ALC	Anton Kelekovich	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Football and two blankets
ALC	Bernie Burnham	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	\$100 worth of Super One gift cards
ALC	Bernie Burnham	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	21 reading books
ALC	Bill Gronseth	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	\$30 subway gift cards, \$15 Dominos gift card
ALC	Cheryl Krause	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	5 stockings, 2 blankets, candle and cheeseboard
ALC	Chris Vold	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	\$30 Kwik Trip gift cards and three 2-liters of Pop
ALC	Cindy Lindula	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	3 fleece tie blankets

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ALC	Cindy McLeod	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Bag of little girls clothes
ALC	Dan Kolden	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	\$10 Kwik Trip gift card
ALC	Danyel Winklesky	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Fuzzy socks, water balloons, magazine rack, toss & score game
ALC	Deb Halver	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Body spray and body wash gift sets
ALC	Deb Halver	\$20.00	ALC Holiday Auction	
ALC	Ellen Dumancas	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	12 fleece blankets
ALC	Gayle Franckowiak	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	2 barbies, bake set, boggle game, hot wheels, splash racer, strawberry shortcake, minion
ALC	Gayle Franckowiak	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Star wars and three pair of gloves
ALC	Gayle Franckowiak	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Blanket, 2 turtle necks, Vikings' shirt, winter hat, beach towel, sweatshirt, 4 purses with hygiene products, art set, sling back purse and book bag
ALC	Hamilton Smith	\$20.00	ALC Holiday Auction	
ALC	Hamilton Smith	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	\$50 Caribou Coffee gift card, \$35 Grandma's gift card, winter hat, gloves and Christmas tree
ALC	Heidi Morris	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Two \$25 gift cards to Target
ALC	Jackie Ward	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Bag full of scarves and holiday centerpiece
ALC	Jamie Bennett	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	bear plaque, chess game, pingpong game
ALC	Janet Young	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Russell Stover chocolate box
ALC	Jen Ahern	\$20.00	ALC Holiday Auction	
ALC	Joan Lancour	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Ice cream dish set and 3 slippers
ALC	Joe Schingen	\$20.00	ALC Holiday Auction	
ALC	Karen Villeburn-Vranek	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	3 handmade infinity scarves
ALC	Katherine Elling	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Bag of snack foods

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ALC	Katie Kaufman	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	2 teddy bears, Harry Potter wand, 2 popcorn tins, 2 blanks, 4 cookie tins, black panther toy, 7 candy canes, wolf t-shirt and 2 craft kits
ALC	Kim Franckowiak	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	10 piece bed set, horse blanket, snowman blanket and flannel pants
ALC	Kim Ledoux	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	2 Barbie dolls
ALC	Maureen Olek	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Floor mat set and target game
ALC	Meg Weber	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Lime chips, case of popcorn, \$20 Sammy's gift card
ALC	Michael Zwak	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Household items
ALC	Michelle Porter	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	3 little kid stuffed animals
ALC	Michelle Porter	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Twin winter comforter
ALC	Michelle Porter	\$20.00	ALC Holiday Auction	
ALC	Michelle Porter	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Men's slippers, adult PJ'ss and coloring book
ALC	Pam Tolland	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Household items and baby boy clothes
ALC	Paula McGrew	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Puzzle, Christmas tins, 2 mugs and hand soap dispenser
ALC	Paula Williams	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Body care products
ALC	Peggy Blalock	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Fleece blanket
ALC	Roberta Evanson	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Little girls clothes, gloves and 2 picture frames
ALC	Scott Forbort	\$50.00	ALC Holiday Auction	
ALC	Shana Vesel	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Basket of fleece jackets and sweatshirts, 4 PJ pants, 2 sweatshirts, 4 kids shirts, 2 girls slippers, 6 socks
ALC	Shania Bush	\$20.00	ALC Holiday Auction	
ALC	Shaunna Wood	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Christmas figurines and Precious Moments figurines
ALC	Sheri Johns	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	2 men's bath wash sets, jewelry, water bottle, nail polish
ALC	Sue Wakefield	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Teddy bear and Strawberry Shortcake doll

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ALC	Susan Richards	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Dragon stuff animal, pen set and \$20 McDonalds gift cards
ALC	Wendy Braun	In Kind	ALC Holiday Auction	Ladies watch and water bottle
Curriculum	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	In Kind	Elementary schools	120 whiteboards (14" x 11") to be used with the Math Expressions Curriculum
Denfeld	Anonymous	\$60.00	Automotive Program	
Denfeld	Duluth Elks Lodge	\$50.00	Jazz Band	
Denfeld	Gary Lofald	\$600.00	Automotive Program	For Automotive Program improvements
Denfeld	Jerome Rouleau	\$50.00	Softball	
Denfeld	Karen McCormick	\$50.00	Softball	
Denfeld	Matthew Rannila	\$200.00	Duluth Automotive Program	
Denfeld	Thomas and Marilyn White	\$100.00	Softball	
Denfeld	Timothy Brandon	\$1,000.00	Automotive Program	
Denfeld	Tonya Sconiers	\$50.00	Automotive Program Improvements	
District-Wide	John & Linda Hinners	\$35.00	Families in Transition Program	
District-Wide	Joseph & Charlene Gallian	\$50.00	Families in Transition Program	
District-Wide	Carolyn Zanko	In Kind	To be used for students	Donated two handmade quilts to schools to be used for students.
District-Wide	Karen McTavish, Tavish Quilting Studio	In Kind	To be used for students	Karen donated the long-arm machine time (6 hours) that was used to quilt the quilts. She did not charge for use of the long arm machine.
East	Anonymous	\$52.50	Unpaid lunch debt at East	
East	Mary and Daniel Shaw	\$400.00	Exec Board	
Laura MacArthur	Lula Schlangen	In Kind	For students	Hats, mittens and snow pants for our students

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Laura MacArthur	Salem Covenant Church	In Kind	For students	School supplies and socks and underwear for our students-1 bag of each
Lester Park	Duluth Heritage Sports Center Foundation	\$144.00	3rd grades	Ice skating for LPES all third grade classes
Lester Park	Keller Williams Classic Realty NW	In Kind	For students	Part of the Mitten Mission Project - a couple dozen hats and mittens
Lester Park	Lee Ann Bowman	\$25.00	None	This was given to the McCall family in memory of Janet Petersen, their grandmother/great-grandmother
Lincoln Park	Action for Healthy Kids	\$325.00	Healthy Kids	
Lowell	Mightycause Charitable Foundation	\$20.00	None	Unknown supporters of Lowell donated through GiveMN/Mightycause; Mightycause operates and provides an online fundraising platform dedicated to serving nonprofits
Lowell	Keller Williams Classic Realty NW, Darcie Novak & Kayla Vang	In Kind	No	This company conducted "Mitten Mission Project 2018". They asked local businesses and community members to donate hats and mittens to be distributed to area schools.
Myers-Wilkins	Courtney Cornelius	In Kind	Students	A large tote of supplies for students
Myers-Wilkins	Maurices	\$40.00	None	
Myers-Wilkins	Michael Goettel/Sara Zimmer	\$200.00	Classroom supplies	Parent donation
Myers-Wilkins	Anonymous	\$129.00	Unpaid lunch balances at Myers	Anonymous donation made on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rauvola
Myers-Wilkins	Anonymous	\$250.00	Unpaid lunch balances at Myers	
Myers-Wilkins	Tom/Theresa Pearson	\$195.00	None	Building Use (Volleyball Group) Donation

M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-1-19-3623 – Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Trnka presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
Authorized Bank Account Signer – January 2019

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
Stowe	HPCU	XXXX0		Brian Gunderson

Resolution B-1-19-3624

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M-Trnka, S-Lofald, to approve Resolution B-1-19-3624 – Authorized Bank Account Signer.
Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

Member Trnka presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION
2019 Legislative Platform

RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that the attached 2019 Duluth School District Legislative Platform be adopted.

Resolution B-1-19-3625

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M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to approve Resolution B-1-19-3625 – 2019 Legislative Platform.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Upon a vote, the same was approved - unanimously.

M-Trnka, S-Kirby, to approve the remainder of the Business Committee report.

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Member Sandstad withheld Item 4.A.1)
Member Trnka withheld Item 3.A.

Member Trnka withheld Item 3.A. New Policy 714 - Fund Balance to verify how the fund balance will be monitored to ensure we reach our goal.

Member Sandstad withheld Item 4.A.1) The Costin Group contract to verify the district had funding to pay for this contract, and to consider using a request for proposal for these types of services.

Member Sandstad requested a separate vote on item 4.A.1).

Discussion took place on this item.

Upon a separate vote on Item 4.A.1) The Costin Group, the same was approved 4-3 as follows:

Yay: Gorham, Kirby, Loeffler-Kemp, Lofald

Nay: Oswald, Sandstad, Trnka

Upon a vote, the remainder of the Business Committee report was approved – unanimously.

Special Resolutions

January 2019

Member Oswald presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing School Board Members' Attendance
at the 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 2019.

Resolution SP-1-19-3622

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M-Oswald, S-Lofald, to approve Resolution SP-1-19-3622 – Authorizing School Board Members' Attendance at the Duluth and St. Louis County Days at the Capitol. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

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Other
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**M-Trnka, S-Sandstad, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved –
unanimously.**

➤ Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of January 22, 2019 at 8:04 p.m.