

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

Friday, September 13, 2019

Members Present:

David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Alanna Oswald
Nora Sandstad

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Cathy Erickson, CFO
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Members Absent:

Jill Lofald
Sally Trnka

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of September 13, 2019 to order at 5:17 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 claims in the matter entitled "Tonya M. Sconiers v. Duluth Public Schools, et. al.". 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 the lawsuit filed against the District. The Board will discuss with its attorney how it wishes to respond to the lawsuit, including making strategy decisions. 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 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-Kirby, S-Sandstad, that this meeting be closed to receive an update on a pending lawsuit. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 4-0.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of September 13, 2019 at 5:20 p.m.