

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, January 18, 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)

Absent:

Sariyah Crawford (Denfeld)

➤ Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting January 18, 2022 to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Lofald asked school board members if there was any discussion on the agenda.

M-Durick Eder, S-Sadowski, to add a contract for Communication Officer to consent agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously.

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

School and Community Recognition

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Anthony Bonds:

Thank you, Community Partners, for your support during extended winter break and beyond! Board Members, this month it's my pleasure to present several of our distinguished community partners for recognition.

A few of these partners have representatives here tonight, I'd like to invite the following people to join us at the table:

Melissa Fanning, Duluth Family YMCA

Kelsey Gantzer, Duluth Community School Collaborative

Janet Kennedy, Salaam Witherspoon, Desire Singer, Health Equity Northland

- Recently, our school district took steps to extend the winter break by two days to ensure student, staff and family COVID safety, as well as operational safety due to staffing constraints.

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- To meet the needs of students and families, we worked with community partners to provide food and mental health support, as well as child care.
- Community partners also supported staff and student booster clinics prior to break and COVID testing for staff and students prior to the return.
- People are the power that drives public education. From our employees and volunteers to our community partners, we in Duluth are so fortunate to have incredible people supporting our schools.
- Through community partnerships, Duluth students and families receive a wealth of resources, opportunities and services.
- We recognize these organizations for their support throughout the year, and especially for their service to students and families during the extended winter break:

Duluth Area Family YMCA
Duluth Community School Collaborative
Health Equity Northland
American Indian Community Housing Organization
Asbury United Methodist Church
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northland & Lincoln Park Branch
Center City Housing
CHUM
City of Duluth
Damiano Center
Duluth Youth Agency Coalition
Education Equity Alliance
Essentia Health
Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
Head of the Lakes United Way
Life House
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Neighborhood Youth Services
Northland Childrens' Mental Health Collaborative
Northwood Children's Services
PAVSA
Resourceful
Safe Haven
St. Louis County Public Health
Steve O'Neil Apartments
Valley Youth Center

- We are proud to lift up and honor the incredible work of our community partners. Thank you for your leadership and support of Duluth students, staff and families.

Public Comments
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Courtney Carlson & Arielle Logan, address not provided, shared individual experiences at Denfeld.

Allan Netland, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

Jim Jubenville, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

Tanya Jackson, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

Cindy Jamar, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

Emily Bloomquist, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

Catherine Nachbar, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

Alison Hoffbauer, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding COVID leave.

Kristin Warmamen, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding COVID leave and teacher contract.

Ethan Fisher, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations

Cassie Letourneau, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding Special Ed.

Paraprofessionals shortages and teacher negotiations.

Cheryl Kurosky, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

Rich Updegrove, address not provided, spoke to the School Board regarding teacher negotiations.

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's (Denfeld) report was presented by Chair Lofald.

Student Representative Ailee Naus (East) presented her report.

Superintendent Magas report included the following:

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- Negotiations Update Presentation by John Edison
- Safe Learning Plan Updates Included:
 - Current COVID rates
 - Rationale for In-Person Learning
 - Determining Capacity for Safe In-Person Learning

Discussion was had regarding where to hold School Board Meetings and the Committee of the Whole Monthly meetings.

Monthly Committee of the Whole Report

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Anthony Bonds, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Committee of the Whole report which was available electronically to each school board member.

Discussion was had.

Human Resources/Finance Committee Report

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

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-Durick 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

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None

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

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of January 18, 2022 at 9:43 p.m.