

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at: Historic Old Central High School, 215 North First Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55802, on

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Paul Sandholm

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Cathy Erickson, CFO
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Aliyah Bartling

Others Absent:

Student Rep. Stella Schutz

- Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting September 21, 2021 to order at 6:31 p.m.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Durick Eder, to approve the agenda as presented.

M-Oswald S-Trnka, to add Resolution SP-9-21-3482 under special resolutions and action items as item 11.D. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Upon a vote on the agenda as amended, the same was approved – 6-0.

School and Community Recognition

September 2021

Anthony Bonds:

Members of the Board, this month it's my pleasure to present for recognition Tracy Litman, Social Worker for Ordean East Middle School.

Ms. Litman was recently named Minnesota School Social Worker of the Year by the Minnesota School Social Workers Association.

She was nominated by Principal Gina Kleive and received numerous letters of support from her colleagues.

This Award recognizes individuals who reflect the highest professional standards, demonstrate creative leadership, and provide service within the professional and wider community.

Principal Kleive said this in the nomination. "I am honored to work alongside Tracy Litman. She has dedicated 30+ years to the students, families, staff and community of ISD709. When I say

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‘dedicated’ I mean given her all, day in and day out 24/7/365. Tracy’s genuine care for her students’ best interest is at the forefront of every interaction.”

Ms. Litman will be formally recognized by the MN School Social Workers Association during a virtual ceremony this fall.

Tracy Litman, thank you for your years of dedicated service to our students and families, and congratulations on receiving this award.

Public Comments
September 2021

Betty Green, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

Doris Malkmus, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

Tena Stromgren, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds

Dani Dunphy, no address provided, expressed her concern regarding the lack of tribal consultation for the use of ESSER funds, and the importance of fully funding the Ojibwe program. She also stated that the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee has been awarded Exemplary Program of the Year for our region by the National Johnson O’Mally Association.

Michelle DeFoe, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

Michelle Statz, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

Jeffrey Rop, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

Mary Owen, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

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Kevin Skwira Brown, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

Carl Sack, no address provided, spoke to the board regarding her concern with the decision not to have a 4/5 classroom in the Ojibwe Immersion Program this year, and the lack of consultation in the use of ESSER funds.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.
September 2021

Chair Lofald stated that were no communications received.

Superintendent's Report
September 2021

Student Representative Aliyah Barling (Denfeld): It's so nice being back at school. Both girls and boys soccer will go head to head with Duluth east this week. Leah Hamm is the new head girls soccer coach. All of the girls are loving the change in leadership. Girls soccer lost to the 6th ranked team, Visitation, only 3-1. It was a very good game and extremely fun to play. Boys soccer beat Bemidji 2-1 in overtime last week. The girls swim team got on the podium in the 3x200 (Addison Bartling, Leah Nelson, Cailyn Volkenant) and the 4x100 (Addison Bartling, Leah Nelson, Cailyn Volkenant, and Izzy Cullinluoma) in the Spartan Relay meet. That meet is usually super hard to get on the podium. It is looking like Addison Bartling will get the 200 IM record and the 100 breast record. Dance team captains have been teaching the girls the homecoming dance and man line. Xander Shroeder and Jacob Gelineau of the XC team have gotten medals in a couple meets. Overall the team is doing very well and it's looking like some runners will be going to state. NHS will begin tomorrow, 9-22. Rehearsals for Dancing at Lughnasa start next week. The show will be in the second week of November. Exec board is planning the hi-day assembly on September 24, the homecoming kickoff assembly on October 1, homecoming coronation on October 7, and a pep assembly on October 8. Fall league boys basketball has kicked off. They played at Concordia St. Paul. They won one and lost one. They are hoping to build the boys basketball program with their new coach, Phil Homere. Raymond Bandy of the football team committed division II at UMD. Human anatomy/Physiology and the medical occupations' students are working hard to remember hundreds of Latin and Greek root words. Steph Mickle's college comp wrote metaphoric essays. Students were partnered up and had to compare that person to something. Lastly, it has been awesome to finally be back in school 5 days a week. It's so nice to finally see everyone

Superintendent Magas gave a return to learn update, and discussed the safe learning and operational plans for the 2021-22 school year Ray Queener from TeamWorks joined and reviewed the operational plan and strategic planning. They answered questions from board members.

Chair Lofald reviewed the schedule of meetings.

Monthly Committee of the Whole Report
September 2021

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

Policy Committee Report
September 2021

There was no Policy Committee held in September.

Human Resources/Finance Committee Report
September 2021

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

Consent Agenda
September 2021

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Trnka, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a vote on the consent agenda as presented, the same was approved – 6-0.

Special Resolutions/Other Action Items
September 2021

Member Lofald presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Storing ISD #709 School Board Minutes at Kathryn A. Martin Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Duluth

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that in accordance with the General Records Retention Schedule for School Districts, adopted by the school district in Resolution #B-5-91-1190 dated May 14, 1991, the minutes of Independent School District No. 709 school board meetings dating from June 1971 to October 2011 (Volumes 40 to 104) be stored permanently at the Kathryn A. Martin Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Duluth as interpreted as a State Archives by the Data and Records Management Division of the State of Minnesota Department of Administration.

Resolution B-9-21-3839

September 21, 2021

M-Trnka, S-Kirby, to approve Resolution SP-9-21-3839- Storing ISD #709 School Board Minutes at Kathryn A. Martin Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Upon a vote the same was approved – 6-0.

Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Storing ISD #709 Annual Audit Reports at Kathryn A. Martin Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Duluth

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, St. Louis County, Minnesota, that in accordance with the General Records Retention Schedule for School Districts, adopted by the school district in Resolution #B-5-91-1190 dated May 14, 1991, the annual audit reports of Independent School District No. 709 for the years 1884 through 1960 be stored permanently at the Kathryn A. Martin Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Duluth as interpreted as a State Archives by the Data and Records Management Division of the State of Minnesota Department of Administration.

Resolution SP-9-21-3840

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M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Trnka, to approve Resolution SP-9-21-3840- Storing ISD #709 Annual Audit Reports at Kathryn A. Martin Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Upon a vote the same was approved – 6-0.

Member Trnka presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Relating to The Polling Locations for the 2021 School District General Election

WHEREAS, the general election for four School Board seats on the Board of Independent School District No. 709 will be held on November 2, 2021;

WHEREAS, the City of Duluth, Minnesota, is holding a citywide election on November 2, 2021;

WHEREAS, because the City of Duluth's election is occurring on the same date as the District's general election, District voters residing within the City of Duluth shall use the polling places designated for the City of Duluth's election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 204B.175, if an emergency occurs after the deadline to designate a polling place but before polls close on election day, new polling places may be designated for that election; and

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has determined that an emergency exists, and that in order to ensure the safe, secure, and full operation of all polling places, all District voters residing outside of the City of Duluth shall use their regular polling place.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, Duluth Public Schools, State of Minnesota, as follows:

The polling locations for the District's November 2, 2021 general election are designated as follows:

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Duluth P-2	Lakeside Presbyterian Church (lower level)	4430 McCulloch St., Duluth, MN 55804
Duluth P-3	Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd	1325 N. 45 th Ave. E., Duluth, MN 55804
Duluth P-4	Faith Lutheran Church Building	1814 N. 51 st Ave. E., Duluth, MN 55804
Duluth P-5	Lakeview Covenant Church (lower level)	1001 Jean Duluth Rd., Duluth, MN 55804
Duluth P-6	Woodland Community Recreation Center	3211 Allendale Ave., Duluth, MN 55803
Duluth P-7	Glen Avon Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)	2105 Woodland Ave., Duluth, MN 55803
Duluth P-8	Duluth Congregational Church (lower level)	3833 E. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55804
Duluth P-9	Pilgrim Congregational Church (lower level)	2310 E. 4 th St., Duluth, MN 55812
Duluth P-10	U.M.D. – Kirby, Marshall Performing Arts	1120 Kirby Dr, Duluth, MN 55812
Duluth P-11	Vineyard Christian Fellowship	1533 W. Arrowhead Rd., Duluth, MN 55811
Duluth P-12	Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth	835 W. College St., Duluth, MN 55811
Duluth P-13	Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (lower level)	2012 E. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55812
Duluth P-14	First Lutheran Church (London Road Entr.)	1100 E. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802
Duluth P-15	Peace United Church (10 th Ave. Entr.)	1111 N. 11 th Ave. E., Duluth, MN 55805
Duluth P-16	First United Methodist Church (Lakeview Social Hall)	230 E. Skyline Pkwy., Duluth, MN 55811
Duluth P-17	Washington Center	310 N. 1 st Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55806
Duluth P-18	Lafayette Square (upper level)	3026 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, MN 55802
Duluth P-19	Duluth Public Library (Green Room)	520 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802
Duluth P-20	Duluth Gospel Tabernacle	1515 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55806
Duluth P-21	Lincoln Park Senior Center	2014 W. 3 rd St., Duluth, MN 55806
Duluth P-22	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	410 N. Arlington Ave., Duluth, MN 55811
Duluth P-23	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church	802 Maple Grove Rd., Duluth, MN 55811
Duluth P-24	Christ Lutheran Church (lower level)	2415 Ensign St., Duluth, MN 55811
Duluth P-25	St. Lawrence Church	2410 Morris Thomas Rd., Duluth, MN 55811
Duluth P-26	Holy Family Catholic Church	2430 West 3 rd St., Duluth, MN 55806
Duluth P-27	Harrison Community Club	3002 W. 3 rd St., Duluth, MN 55806
Duluth P-28	City Center West	5830 Grand Ave., Duluth, MN 55807
Duluth P-29	Our Savior Lutheran Church	4831 Grand Ave., Duluth, MN 55807
Duluth P-30	Elim Lutheran Church (Social Hall)	6101 Cody St., Duluth, MN 55807
Duluth P-32	Asbury United Methodist Church	6822 Grand Ave., Duluth, MN 55807
Duluth P-33	Goodfellowship Community Center	1242 – 88 th Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55808
Duluth P-34	Gary New Duluth Community Rec Center	801 - 101 st Ave. W., Duluth, MN 55808
Town of Gnesen (including Unorg.Precinct 2)	Gnesen Community Center	6356 Howard Gnesen Rd., Duluth, MN 55803
Town of Lakewood	Lakewood Town Hall	3110 Strand Rd., Duluth, MN 55803
Town of Normanna	Normanna Town Hall	6472 French River Rd., Duluth, MN 55804

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Town of North Star (and Unorganized Precinct 23)	North Star Town Hall	7700 Pequaywan Lake Rd., Duluth, MN 55803
City of Rice Lake	Rice Lake City Hall	4107 W. Beyer Road, Rice Lake, Duluth, MN 55803

Resolution SP-9-21-3841

September 21, 2021

M-Trnka, S-Kirby, to approve Resolution SP-9-21-3841- Relating to the Polling Locations for the 2021 School District General Election. Upon a vote the same was approved – 6-0.

Member Lofald presented the resolution:

RESOLUTION

Lease Temporary Administrative Space

WHEREAS, Duluth Public Schools received special legislation to create new building space in the District set to be completed in the summer of 2023; and

WHEREAS, after moving some administrative staff into available spaces within our existing buildings but still needing space to operate our district effectively; and

WHEREAS, moving and disrupting instructional spaces for only a temporary period of time to accommodate dislocated administrative space would have disjointed and disconnected well established elementary and secondary spaces; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth School Board supports the lease of temporary administrative space with lease costs no greater than market rates for instructional spaces within the community.

Resolution SP-9-21-3842

September 21, 2021

M-Oswald, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve Resolution SP-9-21-3842 Lease Temporary Administrative Space. Upon a vote the same was approved – 6-0.

Other
September 2021

Member Trnka noted the opportunity to give feedback on the School Resource Officer at Denfeld and East High Schools.

M-Oswald, S-Kirby, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of September 21, 2021 at 9:04 p.m.