

Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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, CFO
Melinda Thibault, Secretary

Members Absent:

Chair Lofald called the Special School Board meeting of March 16, 2021 to order at 5:33 p.m.

Chair Lofald 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 proceed in the lawsuit, including making strategy decisions and discussing a settlement conference scheduled for April 6. 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-Durick Eder, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to adjourn into closed session. Upon a vote, the same was approved – unanimously

Chair Lofald adjourned the Special School Board meeting of March 16, 2021 at 5:36 p.m.