

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 discussion at a settlement session scheduled for April 13. 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.