

## 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

Thursday, November 28, 2017

### Members Present:

Annie Harala  
David Kirby  
Art Johnston  
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp  
Alanna Oswald  
Nora Sandstad (left at 7:10 p.m.)  
Harry Welty

### Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent  
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary  
Doug Hasler, Deputy Clerk

- Chair Kirby called the Special School Board meeting of November 28, 2017 to order at 5:01 p.m.

Member Oswald read the Eleven Tools of Civility.

Henry Helgen, 5422 Wyoming Street, spoke to the school board about compensatory education funding.

Tami Siebert, 2130 Bel Aire Avenue, PTSA President at East High School, spoke to the School Board about school funding and the distribution of this funding.

Stacey DeRoche, address not provided, spoke to the school about a comprehensive discussion of how funding is currently being spent so there is a better understanding of how to distribute this funding.

Kevin Skirwa-Brown, address not provided, spoke to the board about compensatory education funding and school equity.

Member Johnston requested that the Board be able to have a back and forth discussion with the public instead of a limited three minute presentation per person.

Chair Kirby denied Member Johnston's request.

### **M-Johnston, S-Oswald to appeal the decision of the chair.**

Discussion took place regarding this item.

Member Johnston was satisfied with the discussion and no vote was taken on his motion.

Mary Owen, address not presented, spoke to the School Board about the community-based school equity initiative.

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John Krumm, address not provided, spoke to the School Board about funding inequities in the district.

Tom Tusken, address not provided, a teacher at Denfeld, spoke to the School Board about the concept of scarcity and how this forces schools against each other.

Discussion took place regarding this item.

**M-Johnston, S-Welty, a motion “Be it resolved that the district will commit to align the compensatory education funding to stay at the school where it was generated by the 2019-2020 fiscal year”.**

Discussion took place regarding this item.

**M-Loeffler-Kemp to Call the Question. Upon a vote, the same failed 3-3 as follows:**

**Yea: Harala, Kirby, Loeffler-Kemp**

**Nay: Johnston, Oswald, Welty**

**Absent: Sandstad**

Discussion continued on this item.

**Upon a vote, the motion “Be it resolved that the district will commit to align the compensatory education funding to stay at the school where it was generated by the 2019-2020 fiscal year” failed 3-3 as follows:**

**Yea: Johnston, Oswald, Welty**

**Nay: Harala, Kirby, Loeffler-Kemp**

**Absent: Sandstad**

**M-Harala, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved 4-2 as follows:**

**Yea: Harala, Kirby, Loeffler-Kemp, Welty**

**Abstain: Johnston, Oswald**

- Chair Kirby adjourned the Special School Board meeting of November 28, 2017 at 7:51 p.m.