

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 55811, on

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Members Present:

Kelly Durick Eder
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Paul Sandholm
Sally Trnka (arrived at 6:45pm)

Others Present:

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

Student Representatives:

Aliyah Bartling (Denfeld)

Others Absent:

Student Rep. Stella Schutz (East)

➤ Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting October 19, 2021 to order at 6:39 p.m.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Oswald, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon a vote on the agenda as amended, the same was approved – 6-0.

School and Community Recognition

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Anthony Bonds:

Board Members, this month it's my pleasure to present for recognition the Duluth American Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee.

- The Parent Advisory Committee has been awarded Exemplary Program of the Year for our region by the National Johnson O'Malley Association.
- This award highlights the efforts of the parent committee and the Duluth American Indian Education Department to engage American Indian students in culturally relevant activities and events.
- The award recognizes the important work of the committee in supporting the mission of the Duluth American Indian Education program: to promote youth leadership, provide academic support, and encourage career development for American Indian students based on American Indian values, culture and language.
- Committee Chairperson Angela Buffalo recently accepted this award at the NJOMA conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- Congratulations on receiving this award, and thank you for your leadership and support of Duluth students and families.

Public Comments

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There was no public comment.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

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Chair Lofald stated that were no communications received.

Superintendent's Report

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Student Representative Aliyah Bartling (Denfeld): Boys' soccer is playing the section final tonight! Fall Ball was canceled but parents were able to organize a dance. Homecoming was fun with dress up days and a great football game. Math team started recently and the team is looking great! Their meets will be held virtually versus traveling to different sites. College scholarship application season is here and seniors are busy completing for next year's college experience. Cap and gown orders are happening soon for graduation! The Swim team has a meet in Aurora tonight and the Denfeld team did great. Cross country team is doing very well, with boys' team placing 6th in the conference.

Superintendent Magas gave updates on:

- District properties
 - ∂ The staff move from Historical Old Central High Schools (HOCHS) to UHG, Arvig and the Tech Village
 - ∂ Saturday Properties presented a quick update for their plans for Central on the Hill
- National Principals Appreciation Month
- New HR Director recommended for hire
- Focusing on positive behaviors as student faces challenges returning to school after 18 months away
- The Safe Learning Plan 2021-2022

Chair Lofald reviewed the schedule of 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.

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Policy Committee Report
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Member Loeffler-Kemp presented the Policy Committee report which was available electronically to each school board member.

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

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

Other
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None

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

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of October 19, 2021 at 8:59 p.m.