

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

Of the School Board of Independent School District No. 709 held at: East High School Media Center, 301 North Fortieth Avenue East, Duluth, Minnesota 55804, on

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Members Present:

Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Alanna Oswald
Amber Sadowski
Paul Sandholm

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Simone Zunich, Deputy Clerk
Patty Paquette, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Lauryn Molitor
Elsa Priest

Absent:

Kelly Durick Eder
David Kirby
Destiny Williams
Joniya Metcalf

Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting May 16, 2023 to order at 6:31 p.m.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Kirby, to approve the agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.

School and Community Recognition

May 2023

Chair Lofald stated that our recipient for this month has a conflict and will be recognized next month.

Public Comments

May 2023

Elizabeth Peterson spoke to the school board regarding digital innovation specialists position cuts.
Katie Cleveland spoke to the school board regarding digital innovation specialists position cuts.
Robin Ryme spoke to the school board regarding digital innovation specialists position cuts.
Jim Jubenville spoke to the school board regarding labor - management.
Julie Gontijes spoke to the school board regarding special education.
Marie Pank spoke to the school board regarding special education.
Betty Greene spoke to the school board regarding ojibwe language programs.
Michelle Riley spoke to the school board regarding personal electronic device use in class.
Cristine McManus & JJ McManus spoke to the school board regarding special education.

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Rebecca Priest spoke to the school board regarding combining the two student government organizations.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

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Chair Lofald stated no communication was received.

Superintendent's Report

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Student Representative Elsa Priest presented the East student report.

Student Representative Lauryn Molitor presented the Denfeld student report.

Superintendent Magas presented the Superintendent's Report. Topics included the following:

- Student Representative Reports
- Fred Hase Scholarship Drawing
- School Board Workshop Update
- Legislative Update
- Budget Update
- Strategic Roadmap Updates

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.

Human Resources/Business Services Committee Report

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

Discussion was had.

Policy Committee Report

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

Discussion was had.

General Board Committee Updates

May 2023

Chair Lofald shared updates regarding Assistant Commissioner's visit to Lincoln Park Middle School, Tribal Consultations & trainings, and the Board of School Administrators (BOSA).

Clerk Sadowski shared updates from Education Equity Advisory Committee (EEAC), and the Bike Rodeo at Congdon Park.

Vice Chair Loeffler-Kemp shared updates on upcoming Labor meetings and Head Start events.

Consent Agenda

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M-Sandholm, S-Oswald, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.

Resolutions from Committee Reports

May 2023

B-5-23-3958 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools

M-Sadowski, S-Loeffler-Kemp, to approve B-5-23-3958 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.

B-5-23-3959 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sadowski to approve B-5-23-3959 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.

B-5-23-3960 Designation of the Superintendent as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for MN Dept. of Education (MDE) SERVS Financial

M-Oswald, S-Sandholm to approve B-5-23-3960 Designation of the Superintendent as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for MN Dept. of Education (MDE) SERVS Financial. Upon a vote, the same was approved - 5-0.

B-5-23-3961 Authorized Bank Account Signer

M-Sandholm, S-Oswald, to approve B-5-23-3961 Authorized Bank Account Signer. Upon a vote, the same was approved - 5-0.

Special Resolutions/Other Action Items

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SP-5-23-3962 School Board Member Attendance at Tribal-State Relations Training

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sadowski to approve SP-5-23-3962 School Board Member Attendance at Tribal-State Relations Training. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.

SP-5-23-3963 School Board Member Attendance at Managing Difficult Conversations with Colleagues and Constituents Workshop

M-Sadowski, S-Sandholm to approve SP-5-23-3963 School Board Member Attendance at Managing Difficult Conversations with Colleagues and Constituents Workshop. Upon a vote, the same was approved - 5-0.

SP-5-23-3964 Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm to approve SP-5-23-3964 Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Upon a vote, the same was approved - 5-0.

Approval of Strategic Roadmap

M-Oswald, S-Loeffler-Kemp to approve the Strategic Roadmap. Upon a vote, the same was approved - 5-0.

Approval of Head Start Transportation Deficiency Corrective Action Plan

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Sandholm, to approve the Head Start Transportation Deficiency Corrective Action Plan. Upon a vote, the same was approved - 5-0.

Other

May 2023

None

M-Oswald, S-Loeffler-Kemp to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 5-0.

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of May 16, 2023 at 8:48 p.m.

Chair Lofald

Clerk Sadowski