

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

Monday, January 14, 2019

Members Present:

Josh Gorham
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald (arrived at 4:17 p.m.)
Alanna Oswald
Nora Sandstad
Sally Trnka

Others Present:

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent
Jackie Dolentz, Secretary

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp called the Special School Board meeting of January 14, 2019 to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Loeffler-Kemp read the following statement:

The Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), allows the School Board to close a meeting to engage in attorney-client privileged discussions. The District has been sued in State Court in the case of Johnston v. ISD 709, Court File Number 69DU-CV-18-2260. The Board seeks to meet with its attorney to discuss the status and possible resolution of this case. It would be detrimental to the District's interests for the Board to hold a public discussion with its attorney where any adverse party or their attorney could listen to or be made aware of the Attorney's advice related to the litigation. It is in the District's best interest for the Board to obtain legal advice in a confidential setting to maintain the attorney-client privilege. Accordingly, I will hereby entertain a motion that this meeting be closed pursuant to the attorney-client privilege for the reasons cited.

M-Sandstad, S-Trnka, that this meeting be closed pursuant to the attorney-client privilege. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Recessed at 4:04 p.m.

Reconvened at 4:58 p.m.

Attorney Trevors Helmers provided background on the lawsuit and explained the settlement agreement.

M-Oswald, S-Kirby, to accept the settlement agreement. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 7-0.

M-Sandstad, S-Trnka, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same passed – 7-0.

- Chair Loeffler-Kemp adjourned the Special School Board meeting of January 14, 2019 at 5:05 p.m.

Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Chair

Josh Gorham
Clerk