

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, April 25, 2023

Members Present:

Kelly Durick Eder
David Kirby
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp
Jill Lofald
Amber Sadowski
Paul Sandholm

Others Present:

John Magas, Superintendent
Brett Mensing, Secretary

Student Representatives:

Lauryn Molitor
Elsa Priest

Absent:

Alanna Oswald
Destiny Williams
Joniya Metcalf

Chair Lofald called the Regular School Board meeting April 25, 2023 to order at 6:32 p.m.

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Kirby, to approve the agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

School and Community Recognition

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Assistant Superintendent Bonds presented the School and Community Recognition

Public Comments

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Bob Bayless spoke to the school board regarding renaming of Public School Stadium.
Parker Huber spoke to the school board regarding Digital Innovation Specialist cuts.
Eddy Peloquin spoke to the school board regarding Digital Innovation Specialist cuts.
Robin Ryme spoke to the school board regarding Digital Innovation Specialist cuts.
Julie Gontjes spoke to the school board regarding deaf and hard of hearing.
Marie Paull spoke to the school board regarding deaf and hard of hearing.
Aaron O’Leary spoke to the school board regarding Digital Innovation Specialist cuts.
Jim Olson spoke to the school board regarding labor management.
Mary Ann Harala spoke to the school board regarding Digital Innovation Specialist cuts.
Thea Hantz spoke to the school board regarding Digital Innovation Specialist cuts.
Cindy Miller spoke to the school board regarding media specialists.
Brian Schilling spoke to the school board regarding media specialists.

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Amy Broadmore spoke to the school board regarding media specialists.
Tim Doyle spoke to the school board regarding renaming of Public School Stadium.
Rieger Viche spoke to the school board regarding Digital Innovation Specialist cuts.
Jill Ellison spoke to the school board regarding MTSS success.

Communications, Petitions, Etc.

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Chair Lofald stated there was one communication received.

Superintendent's Report

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Student Representative Lauryn Molitor presented the Denfeld student report.

Student Representative Elsa Priest presented the East student report.

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

- Student Representative Reports
- Strategic Planning Update
- Legislative Update
- Bond Rating Update
- District-Wide Graduation Rate Update

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.

Discussion was had.

Human Resources/Business Services Committee Report

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

Discussion was had.

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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.

Discussion was had.

General Board Committee Updates

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None

Consent Agenda

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M-Durick Eder, S-Kirby, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Resolutions from Committee Reports

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B-4-23-3955 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools

M-Sadowski, S-Sandholm, to approve B-4-23-3955 Acceptance of Donations to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

B-4-23-3954 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools

M-Loeffler-Kemp, S-Durick Eder to approve B-4-23-3954 Acceptance of Grant Awards to Duluth Public Schools. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Special Resolutions/Other Action Items

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SP-4-23-3957 Resolution for School Board Member Attendance for Lobbying at the State Capitol

M-Lofald, S-Sadowski to approve SP-4-23-3957 Resolution for School Board Member Attendance for Lobbying at the State Capitol. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

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Head Start Presentation and Approval of Head Start Items

M-Durick Eder, S -Loeffler-Kemp to approve the following Head Start Items: Head Start Enrollment Reduction, COLA and OI Grant, Self Assessment Report for 2022, State Grant, Federal Grant, Governing Board Approval of Amended Extension Request. Upon a vote the same was approved - 6-0.

Other
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None

M-Durick Eder, S-Sandholm to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the same was approved – 6-0.

Chair Lofald adjourned the Regular School Board Meeting of April 25, 2023 at 9:02 p.m.

Chair Lofald

Clerk Sadowski