Special School Board Meeting - Canvass Election
Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709
Agenda
Thursday, November 12, 2026
District Services Center
709 Portia Johnson Dr.
Duluth, MN 55811
5:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Resolution SP-11-26-4191 Canvassing Returns of Votes for the School District Special Election of November 3, 2026** **2**
4. **Adjournment**

RESOLUTION

Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election of November 3, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District 709, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the Special Election of the voters of this District, held on November 3, 2026 was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. **Ballot Question No. 1:**

"The School Board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase its general education revenue by the following amounts for taxes payable in the years specified:

- $438.00 per pupil for taxes payable in 2027; and

- $933.00 per pupil, which will replace the $438.00 per pupil for taxes payable in 2028 through 2036, and that amount would increase annually by the rate of inflation commencing with taxes payable in 2029.

The proposed new referendum revenue authorizations would be applicable for a total of ten years, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The additional revenue will be used to fund school operations.

Shall the increase in general education revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth Public Schools) for each year be approved?"

YES 29,311

NO 16,640

3. The Ballot Question No. 1 was passed.

4. **Ballot Question No. 2:**

"The School Board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase its general education revenue by an additional $382.00 per pupil, contingent upon Ballot Question No. 1 being approved. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2026 for taxes payable in 2027, would be applicable for ten (10) years and would be subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation, unless otherwise revoked or reduced by law. The additional revenue will be used to fund school operations.

If Ballot Question No. 1 is approved, shall the additional new increase in general education revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth Public Schools) for each year also be approved?"

YES 27,420

NO 18,238

5. The Ballot Question No. 2 was passed.

6. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the County Auditor of each County in which the School District is located in whole or in part.

SPECIAL ELECTION
November 3, 2026

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REGISTERED AT 7:00 O'CLOCK A.M. 64,086

B. TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW REGISTRATIONS ON ELECTION DAY: 4,582

C. TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE POLLING PLACE ROSTER *

D. TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCEPTED REGULAR, MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS *

E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS VOTING IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION 47,799

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F. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY BLANK BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX *

G. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLETELY DEFECTIVE BALLOTS IN THE BALLOT BOX: *

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H. TOTAL NUMBER OF SPOILED BALLOTS IN THE SPOILED BALLOT ENVELOPE *

I. TOTAL NUMBER OF UNUSED BALLOTS RETURNED TO THE CLERK *

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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall the increase in general education revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth Public Schools) for each year be approved?"

YES	29,311
NO	16,640
Completely Blank Ballots	*
Completely Defective Ballots	*
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS QUESTION	45,951

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SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION NO. 2

"If Ballot Question No. 1 is approved, shall the additional new increase in general education revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 709 (Duluth Public Schools) for each year also be approved?"

YES	27,420
NO	18,238
Completely Blank Ballots	*
Completely Defective Ballots	*
TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED FOR THIS QUESTION	45,658

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*The Municipalities' System does not generate blank or defective ballot information, which could be used for this abstract.